



# **F&B NEWSLETTER**

Summer Term: Wednesday 19th July 2023

This week is **2** of the dinner menu

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was really lovely to see so many of you at events during the last few weeks of term. A huge amount of effort and preparation went into making those events successful, with all our children across the school taking part and joyfully finishing the year alongside their friends. The abiding sense from the joint Summer BBQ was of a community coming together to celebrate two vibrant schools, full of energetic and happy children. This feeling was then enhanced by the Year 2 Leavers Production and disco, further demonstrating that our fantastic pupils demonstrate a diverse range of talents and skills. It was a day to feel immense gratitude and pride in the school. Our pupils throughout the year have demonstrated in abundance the school values of respect, ambition and perseverance.

The pupils have gathered such a range of achievements this year working hard to demonstrate their ambitions, from Headteacher Awards, awards focused on personal development, positive behaviour, academia, sport, music, drama and art. They have also achieved so many things collectively, showing respect for each other, from great music performances to wonderful plays and sporting opportunities. I mentioned collaboration as a major theme and I wanted to repeat my admiration for the many examples of where we have worked successfully with Reedings locally. This is something we will continue to do and enhance in the future.

This year all of the staff at F&B have worked tirelessly and with dedication to ensure that your children are supported along their educational journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely each and every staff member at F&B for their commitment and solid work ethic. A great has been enhanced over the year: as we continuously ensure we are meeting and succeeding the governments expectations set upon schools. Yet the staff at F&B have taken on the challenge, found it hard at times but shown resilience and dedication to push through. I am certain that we will reap the rewards moving forwards.

As I watched the events from across the year, I felt both a great sense of satisfaction and hope for the future. We challenge our pupils over the year and they persevere, learn and take on these challenges with determination. It has been wonderful to see our pupils have been challenged to do things that they never thought they would be capable of and they have grown in confidence as a result. I know that the school will continue to thrive as we turn our thoughts to the new academic year. Having the opportunity to lead a school is an extraordinary privilege, but to lead F&B is an ongoing honour and a joy. But, before we start the new academic year, I hope we all, staff, pupils and families, have a summer to: enjoy, create memories in and to recharge for our next adventure.

Keep Well and Stay Safe,

Mr Lee Wells

Headteacher

## **Chair of Governors' Goodbye**

After a long-time serving as a governor at F&B, and then as Chair of Governors for 15 years, I wish to let you all know that I am going to be standing down next term. My first child started school at F&B in 2001 so I have a long and very happy association with the school and have seen many staff come and go. What has always struck me is that in spite of personnel changes and changes in government policy and ways doing things, the school has a life of its own and has always retained its character as a caring, tight-knit community that has achieving best outcomes for our children at its heart.

I will miss being a governor at F&B greatly, but with a new business and caring commitments now is the right time for me to move on, although my experience has been a positive one and I won't rule out returning to governorship at some time in the future! I'd like to thank all of the governors, staff, parents, carers and children at the school for their support and wanted to say to the staff in particular that they never fail to impress me with their dedication, professionalism and seeing how much they care for the children in their care.

With me moving on alongside another long standing governor, Lesley Hines, there will be vacancies for co-opted governors at the school: these governors are not current parents, but could (like myself) be former parents, or anyone local with an interest in the school and education. If you can know someone who might be interested in joining the governing body, please let the school office know and I can get in touch.

I won't be disappearing from school completely and will be returning to give some more training around menopause and I will be running a session on menopause awareness for interested parents in conjunction with the PTA next term. I look forward to seeing some of you there!

Mrs Sarah Evans

## Dates for the New term September 2023

<b>Autumn Term 2023/24</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Scooter Ability: Panda Class
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle – all day
13 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Election Presentations
14 <sup>th</sup> September	SCARF (PSHE) children and parent session
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Mayor to visit F&B to announce new School Councillors
15 September	Year 2 Scooter Ability: Kangaroo Class
16 <sup>th</sup> September	National Teacher Assistant Appreciation day.
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Road Safety – Year R and 1
<b>TBC</b>	New Reception Pupil Press Photo
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Introduction to RWI – Bookable on ARBOR at 19:30
25 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Break the Rules Day
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonic Screening Meeting Year 1 parents: Book Via Arbor
27 <sup>th</sup> September	The F&B way Parent workshop by Mr Wells – in person, book on ARBOR
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Read, Write Inc. Development day
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTA AGM
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photo Day
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Workshop: Self-Regulation and STEPS
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social – In school hall
10 <sup>th</sup> October	I Feel Better When... Mental health and Wealth Week
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Menopause Information Session: Open to the Community
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception End of Topic – 14:30 arrival
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 End of Topic – 14:30 arrival
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery End of Topic – 14:30 arrival
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Fred Talk : Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @ 19:30
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Houses of Parliament Trip for school councillors
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 End of Topic – 14:30 arrival
<b>October Half Term – 23<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Special Event: Planetarium
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	PTA: Break the Rules Day

<b>TBC</b>	<b>NEW reception and Year 3 parent applications OPEN for county council</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Joint Readings and F&B Memorial Event for Year 2. Year 1 and R to be held at F&B
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lantern Material Request to parents for Church
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Joint Event: Readings and F&B Friendship week
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception Special Visitors: Owl Visit
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Optional Flu Jabs –PM
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Set 1 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children In Need
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA: Film Night
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Geography week
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent Workshop 2: Speech, Language & Communication bookable on ARBOR
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Special Magical Visitors for all pupils! Shhh!
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Non-Pupil Day
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	External Panto coming to F&B
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2: to visit Readings to see Christmas Show
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social 14:00 to 15:00– Hall in use.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 09:30
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 14:00
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Set 2 and 3 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	RockSteady Concert – Year 1 and 2
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Donkey Visit for all pupils
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Special Festive Visitor
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School ends at 14:00
<b>Christmas Holidays 21<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	

# Trips and Extra-Curricular Activities 2022 2023

## Trips and Enrichment Opportunities:

We have a number of wonderful trips, visitors, special events planned across the year. Some will be familiar to you because they continue to provide excellent learning opportunities but other will be new. This is to allow our curriculum to evolve and develop along with our pupils. We will always be mindful of cost to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to attend. We will be using Arbor for payments of trips. As always, we ask all families to pay for the trips but if there are ever any challenges around this, to contact the school.

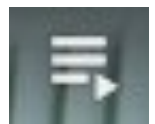
Club	Year Group (s)	Dates/Times	To book please contact
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Tuesdays, 15:15 to 16:00	<a href="mailto:rachelpovey560@btinternet.com">rachelpovey560@btinternet.com</a>
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 08:00 to 08:45	<a href="mailto:rachelpovey560@btinternet.com">rachelpovey560@btinternet.com</a>
Spanish	R and Year 1	Monday 15:15 to 16:00	<a href="mailto:sylviadiazmar@gmail.com">sylviadiazmar@gmail.com</a>
Spanish	Year 2	Monday 08:00 to 08:45	<a href="mailto:sylviadiazmar@gmail.com">sylviadiazmar@gmail.com</a>
Choir	Year 2 (Currently)	Thursday 08:15 to 08:45	Bookable via ARBOR
Gardening	All years	Monday Lunch Times	Self selected: Free choice during Lunch time
Happy Hearts	Year 1 and 2	Lunch Times	Self selected: Free choice during Lunch time
Numbots Times Tables Rock Stars	R, Year 1 and 2	Lunch Times	Self selected: Free choice during Lunch time
Football	R and Year 1	Monday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: <a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
Tennis	R, Year 1 and 2	Tuesday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: <a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
Multi-Sports	R, Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: <a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
Gymnastics	R, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: <a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>
Football	Year 1 and 2	Friday 15:15 to 16: 15	By clicking the link: <a href="http://www.premier-education.com">www.premier-education.com</a>

## F&B Curriculum

To find out more about what you child will be learning next year: [please click here and scroll down to the bottom to see the topic web for each term. It will share the key learning, skills and vocabulary.](#)

To enhance any learning and discussions at home about your child's learning you can have access to all key vocabulary flash cards that directly link to the learning by clicking on any [subject page](#) on the website and selecting the Vocabulary Cards page (found at the side on a website or at the bottom on the page from a mobile phone)

Over the last year we have organised a number of [parent workshops](#) all of which can be found [here](#). To choose a video you just need to click on the symbol with three lines and a triangle. Please see image bottom right hand side as an example.



Dear parents/carers,

The Coram Life Education & **SCARF** team will be visiting F&B this term with their pop-up inflatable classroom – **LifeSpace!**

Part of the Coram children's charity group, Coram Life Education provides support for Health and Wellbeing Education in schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the **SCARF** resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

We will be holding a **WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY ADULTS** (parents, carers, etc.) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from **8:50am to 9:15am** in the school hall.

This is a chance for you to experience and discuss some key elements of the programmes that the children will take part in during the visit. **Please sign up via Arbor as soon as possible.**

If you can have younger children or babies looked after for the time, that is best, but don't let childcare concerns stop you coming – little ones are welcome.

If you are not able to come to the workshop, there will be a Meet the Educator drop-in session at the end of the day from 15:15-15:30 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Pop in to say hello and speak to the Educator, have a look around **LifeSpace** and you might even meet Harold the Giraffe if he's not too busy with his homework! You can come to the drop-in with children, but we ask that children not come on their own during this time.

### **Workshops**

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.

### **Wider PSHE education and SCARF**

Over 45,000 teachers across the UK are now subscribers – here are some reasons why we have chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially.
- Supports learning from Nursery – Year 6
- Timetabled lessons to support mental health & wellbeing
- Covers all the DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Regularly updated online curriculum
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations
- UK's leading charity provider – not for profit

Click [here](#) to find out more about Coram Life Education & **SCARF** and be sure to visit our [Parents area](#) for ideas to support health and wellbeing at home.

We are looking forward to see you at Fawbert and Barnard Infants' School!



# Year 2 going up to Readings, Year 3.



# Culture Day: Europe

**Supporting our...Local Community:** Over the last year we have developed a wonderful link with AllSorts Dementia Group, and have been fortunate that all of our Year 2 children have had the opportunity to join the members to take part in arts and crafts activities.

Mrs Jones has now had the pleasure of attending lots of the sessions, and every single time is amazed by the level of maturity shown by the children. The sessions are always calm and focused, but still manage to have an element of 'cheekiness' (coming from both the children and the grown ups!) to them.

When considering the concepts of inclusion and community, something we pride ourselves on at F&B, there is nothing that encompasses this better than our trips to Allsorts, and we feel so fortunate to be a part of this.

This link will continue into next year where our current Year 1s (new Years 2s) will have the opportunity to attend as well.



# RockSteady Concerts



## Secret Reader



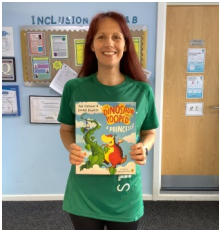
Mr Dickens

It was lovely to get the change to read to Willow again today! At home, we often have a poem before bed, so I decided to read two poems! Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' and, 'Holiday Memories' by June Crebbin. It was great to see the children so engaged and listening carefully. Well Done Willow!



Mrs Brown

What a privilege to be able to read to Willow class today! The Children were so attentive and listened beautifully to the story. And the look of surprise and pride on Theo's face was wonderful! Thank you so much F&B for a fantastic opportunity and a lovely memory for us all!



Mrs Stretton-Emerson

I loved reading to Oak class again. They listened beautifully to the story and through it was very funny when the dinosaur pooped!



Mrs Dumphreys,

It was lovely to read to Apple Class today. They were really well behaved and enjoyed joining in with the animals noises.

## All Sorts



# WIN A £500 LEGO GIFT CARD



Dear Parents/Carers,

Win an amazing £500 Lego E-Gift Card when you support your school this July. This fantastic prize is great for all the family – for fans of Star Wars, Harry Potter, Marvel, and so much more! Build Hogwarts, the Colosseum, Rivendell, or a Ferrari – the choice is yours! Get tickets for Your School Lottery [here](#) before Saturday **29th July** to be in with a chance to win this awesome prize!

Tickets cost just £1 per ticket per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to the school.

Choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes with a **jackpot prize of up to £25,000!** There is a **cash prize** to somebody supporting our lottery **every week!**

Don't forget to tell your family and friends too - they need to be in it to win it!

Many thanks and good luck!

Friends of Fawbert and Barnard and Reedings Junior school



# Term Dates 2023/2024

[Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates](#)



## Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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School days	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>