

F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: 1st September 2023

This week is 1 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We look forward to welcoming all of you on Monday! The teachers are excited to see the pupils and hear about any of the adventures they have been on over the summer holidays. I am sure they will all settle into school life, routine and learning exceptionally smoothly. Thank you to all parents/carers who have promoted and been excited about the return. As we all know that the first few weeks back at school can be worrying for pupils.

A huge welcome to all Reception and Nursey pupils for starting their learning journey. I hope that the pupils, just like on their stay and play session will show us their joyful smiles and sustained engagement. We will have the odd set of tears but that is to be expected, even more so this coming week as pupils firstly realise that is this an 'everyday' thing and secondly, as they become tired by the new routine being established.

You may have seen a new story about concrete in school buildings: I can confirm that this **does not** impact F&B in any way.

I would like to share a warm welcome to two new staff members: Mrs E Duggen who will be working as an Inclusion Teaching Assistant in EYFS and Mrs K Smith who will be class teacher in Gecko Year 1.

Reminder: pupils only need their book bags—we can not house rucksacks or large bags. Pupils are welcome to have **one** key ring only. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Please ensure that pupils are at school on time and in the class room before 08:45: Please remember to always speak with your class teacher first regarding any questions or celebrations before coming to the office or myself.

Mr Lee Wells

Playtime Communication Boards

















As part of our offer to ensure our whole school environment is as inclusive as possible, we have recently been focusing on communication friendly environments. As a result of this work we are excited to share that we have purchased our very own playtime communication boards.

Tailored to our own F&B environment, these boards offer opportunities for all children, regardless of their level of communicative confidence, the opportunity to further develop their own communication style, ensuring they are confident in accessing all areas of the school, particularly during the less structured times of the school day.

We have one board located in the Early Years Outside area, accessible for our Nursery and Reception children, and another on the main playground outside Year 1.

Over the coming weeks adults will model to the children how these can be used during the more informal learning and playtimes, but we have no doubt the children themselves will very quickly each develop their own unique way of using them to communicate!

If you do wish to talk to your child about the boards at home, or use some of the symbols, a smaller version of the board can be seen

Playtime Communication Board				
 I / me / my	 you / your	 turn	 go	 stop
 help	 more	 finished	 want	 wait
 hurt	 drink	 toilet	 friend	 sit
 adventure playground	 canteen	 inside	 play	 tidy up

Dates for the New term September 2023

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

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

Trips and Extra-Curricular Activities 2023—2024

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.

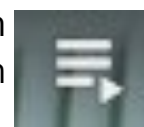
Club	Year Group (s)	Dates/Times	To book please contact
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Tuesdays, 15:15 to 16:00	rachelpovey560@btinternet.com
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 08:00 to 08:45	rachelpovey560@btinternet.com
Spanish	R and Year 1	Monday 15:15 to 16:00	sylviadiazmar@gmail.com
Spanish	Year 2	Monday 08:00 to 08:45	sylviadiazmar@gmail.com
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: www.premier-education.com
Tennis	R, Year 1 and 2	Tuesday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: www.premier-education.com
Multi-Sports	R, Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: www.premier-education.com
Gymnastics	R, Year 1 and 2	Thursday 15:15 to 16:15	By clicking the link: www.premier-education.com
Football	Year 1 and 2	Friday 15:15 to 16: 15	By clicking the link: www.premier-education.com

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 14th 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 14th 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!



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.

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