



F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: 11th September 2023

This week is 2 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous start to the term we have all had! All pupils have spent the week settling, establishing new routines and building the important relationships with each other and staff. It has been a great joy for everyone to share their summer adventures during the first week back.

Please note that a Break The Rules Day was published with the incorrect date it is: 3rd November.

For families who were with us last year you would have been aware that Mrs Sarjeant (EYFS Lead) was pregnant. She and her new family are delighted to share that George was born on 31st August. Both are doing very well and enjoying those special first few weeks. I am sure you will all join me in sending them our congratulations and wishful thoughts for a happy future.

Choir: We are delighted that we have so many children who have signed up for the Year 2 F&B Choir! You must sign up before attending. Our first practice will be Thursday morning. Please bring your child to the main office where I will come to collect them at 8:15am. Please do not leave your child until Mrs Jones has signed them in.

FAWBERT AND BARNARD INFANTS' SCHOOL

KNIGHT STREET, SAWBRIDGEWORTH
CM21 9AT

Midday Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to fill the post below:

On-call - Zero hour contract

Hours required when needed—1.25 hours, term time only

Pay Spine: HB1 - £20,258

If you enjoy playing games, interacting with children & supporting them with their lunches, why not join our team of Midday Assistants in supporting our pupils to have healthy, fun filled lunch sessions.

For further information and an application form contact:

Mr Lee Wells - Head teacher,
Fawbert & Barnard Infants' School,
Tel 01279 722357

Email: head@fandb.herts.sch.uk

Closing date: 29/09/2023

Interviews W/c 02/10/2023

We hold the right to hold interviews early and on a rolling basis

Governors

Nomination forms for Parent Governors are being sent to all parents/carers and the closing date for nominations is 19th September with ballots sent out for election the next day and closing 22nd September in time for our first meeting in October 2023.

We are still awaiting an inspection from OFSTED and have guidance which indicates that the visit will occur this academic year. Governors will be an integral part of that inspection and consequently anyone wishing to stand for this role will need to commit to around 20 hours per term and be able to undertake visits to the school on a half-termly basis. This is to enable us to be fully prepared for the inspection as any new governor will be assigned a role relating to a curriculum area. We are also looking for someone able to commit to joining our Resources committee, which will involve additional meetings.

We currently have an experienced candidate already in place. Should anyone still be interested in standing for the role, or might have an interest in standing for any future roles, then please speak to Mr Wells, as the Governing Body would welcome associate members at this time.

What do governors do?

- help the school or college with its strategy
- hold the headteacher to account for a school or college's performance
- make sure the school budget is properly managed

The role is often described as that of "critical friend" to the school: supporting the Head and staff whilst presenting an element of challenge, predominantly around strategic areas rather than the day-to-day running of the school, which is the responsibility of the Head.

What types of Governor are there?

Our Governing Body consists of the Headteacher, 1 staff Governor, 5 Parent Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor (usually appointed by the County Council) and 7 Co-opted Governors, representative of the local community. In order to have a good mix of skills, the Governing Body conduct skills audits and when Co-opted vacancies arise, we may advertise for new Governors with a certain skill such as HR or finance.

Parent/ carer governors are recruited via a nomination and election process (if there are more nominations than vacancies). No particular skills are required other than an interest in the school and local community and the required amount of time to dedicate to the role. Please bear in mind that this role is not about being a class/year representative for parents to bring issues to the Head and more about understanding how the school runs, reviewing policies and considering matters such as budget management for the short and long-term.

What is the time commitment?

We have 2 Committees:

The Full Governing Body, which meets twice a term for around 2 hours in the evening for all Governors.

Resources Committee, consisting of 6 Governors plus the Headteacher, which meets half-termly.

There is no commitment to join this committee, although it does give a good understanding of the school operations and we currently have vacancies on this committee that need to be filled.

A commitment to visit the school and undertake the role of a subject lead or lead in another area such as safeguarding or health and safety. Such visits should be at least termly, and half-termly visits are welcomed to attend specific events

New Governors will need to attend ½ day induction training and complete training on safeguarding and other specific areas. These are generally done remotely in the evenings.



Introducing...



DEXTER!



Hello, my name is Dexter. I am your IQM bear.

I was born on 28th September and my star sign is Libra. I am one of a set of triplets. I have travelled all the way from Ireland to your school which is a long, long way for little paws.

IQM has sent me to your school so that I can make new friends and have lots of fun and adventures with you.

I will be looked after by lots of different children, both in school & at home.

I like to spend time with children who are following the school values of **Respect** (*accepting yourself & others for who they are*), **Ambition** (*a desire to achieve your best*) & **Perseverance** (*to keep going in spite of obstacles*).

If I come home with you please send Mrs Jones (inco@fandb.herts.sch.uk) some photos of our adventures together, so they can be added to my special travel journal & I can let my IQM family know about everything I have been up to.

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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
14 th September	Year 2 Scooter Ability: Kangaroo Class
15 th September	Mayor to visit F&B to announce new School Councillors
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	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.

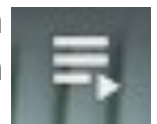
Club	Year Group (s)	Dates/Times	To book please contact
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Tuesdays, 15:15 to 16:00	rachelpovey560@btinternet.com
French	R, Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 08:00 to 08:45	rachelpovey560@btinternet.com
Spanish	R and Year 1	Monday 15:15 to 16:00	sylviadiazmar@gmail.com
Spanish	Year 2	Monday 08:00 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>

