



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 9th January 2024

This week is week 1 of the dinner menu

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy new year! This is the first full week back at school. We hope you all have had a enjoyable break and managed to enjoy spending time with family and friends. A few reminders: If your child has any medication please ensure that it comes into the main office and not via the classrooms, as there is a medical form you must complete.

Memorial Hall Parking: **Please remember that "We are informing you that from 1 January 2024, our car park will be run by Creative Parking. If anyone that parks there does not sign in as being in a hall class/event/activity on a terminal within the hall, then they will be subject to a fine. This will also apply to the disabled parking spaces. In agreement with Creative Parking there is TEN minutes free. There will be new signage all around the car park but we would be grateful if you would please inform your parents."**

If your child is going to be off due to illness, please ensure you email [admin@fandb.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fandb.herts.sch.uk) or call in. Please do not just email the class teacher.

Leave of absence request forms **MUST** be completed for all holidays or exams e.g. dance, piano, drama etc. Forms can be collected from the school office or we can email a copy upon request.

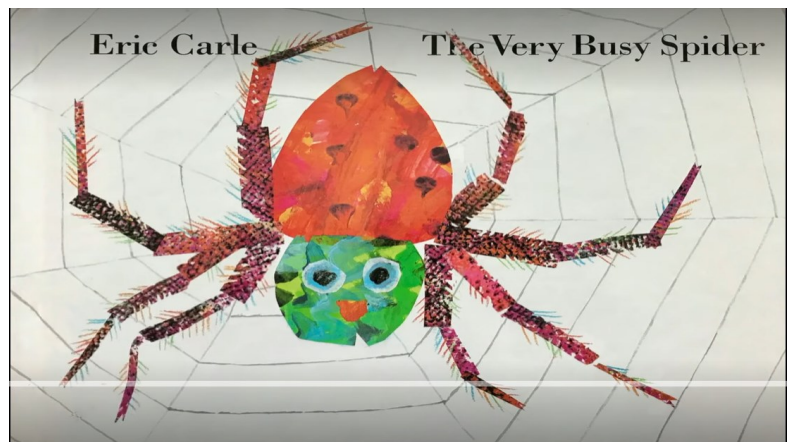
If you sign your child up for a club on the day of the club itself, please can you email or call the school to let us know. This ensures any last minute changes are captured and printed as registers are printed before.

**Parent Workshop for Read Write Inc. with Mrs Brooker on Tuesday 9th at 7:30pm focusing on set 2 and 3 sounds**

**Please remember if you provide grapes in pupils lunch boxes that these are cut in half to avoid a choking risk.**

## Behaviour at F&B: Our Spiders

As you will know in Year 1 and 2, we have a large spider web in each classroom. Each pupil has a spider and when seen doing the right thing: building those positive learning behaviours, they move their spiders one rung, heading into the middle. When in the middle they come to see Mr Wells, we celebrated the reasons for this and a certificate is presented in Mr Wells' next assembly.



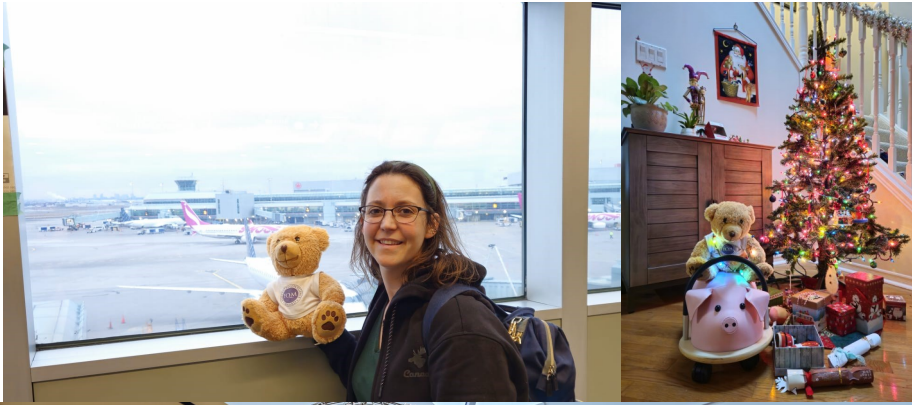
But where does the spider web come from: It is based on the story of [The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle](#). This story has an emphasis on how resilient the spider is, managing his distractions, being absorbed in what he is doing, and persevering despite the challenges he faces. The web might get broken or damaged but it can be fixed, repaired and learnt from.

This busy spider helps illustrate the learning behaviours and values of F&B. Thus, the spider webs remind the children of these behaviours.

Please click [here](#) to watch a video of the story, this video is on YouTube so we advise always watching it with your child.

# Dexter

What an adventure Dexter had with Mrs Smith and her family over the Christmas break! Dexter enjoyed nightly storytime with Mrs Smith's daughter and travelling on 2 different planes to spend Christmas and New Years in Canada. Did you know there is a city called London in Canada too? While out shopping, Dexter spotted a massive twinkling reindeer and a moose named Timmy (after the famous Canadian coffee shop - Tim Hortons)! We hope everyone had a lovely holiday - even Dexter found some toys under our Christmas tree to play with.



THE FRIENDS OF REEDINGS AND F&B



**F&B**  
**WEAR**  
your own  
**CLOTHES**  
day

**Fri 16th Feb**

F&B - Wear your own clothes day in exchange for a JAZZY JAR to support the Sawbridgeworth Town May Fayre.

Please fill your jar with wrapped/sealed sweets (no nuts please) and ask your child to jazz up your jar with decorations.



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

## Poetry recital

It has been lovely that so many of the children have been so enthusiastic about learning and reciting the poems each fortnight. I can't walk around the school without a child stopping me to recite what they've learnt—it's been delightful! This fortnight's poem is more of a challenge but I'm sure the children will rise to it!. I thought it was very seasonal with today's weather. The children were buzzing when they saw the snowflakes at lunchtime!

To hear the author of the poem reading it herself, please see this link:  
<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/frost/>

## **Frost** by Valerie Bloom

Overnight, a giant spilt icing sugar on the ground,  
He spilt it in the hedgerows, and the trees without a sound,  
He made a wedding-cake of the haystack in the field,  
He dredged the countryside and the grass was all concealed,  
He sprinkled sugar on the roofs, in patches not too neat,  
And in the morning when we woke, the world around was sweet.

## Year 1 Tea Party with the Mayor

Year 1 children had a wonderful afternoon tea party to begin their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic. They were joined by the Mayor of Sawbrideworth who read 'The Queen's Knickers'!



# 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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<b>School days</b>	<b>School holidays</b>	<b>5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
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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>