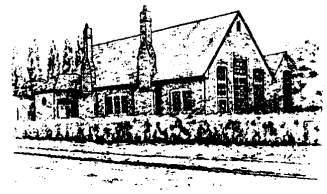


F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 6th February 2024

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

Dear parents,

Oh how time flies, we are now in our penultimate week of this half term! Please see the End of Topic dates at the bottom of the page.

Can I please ask that when leaving the school gates that parents step a few steps away to keep the gates free to allow others past. Thank you.

HOUSEKEEPING MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

- Please let the office know by either calling, leaving a voicemail, emailing or by sending an in-app message to let us know if your child will be off sick that day or if your child will be late into school e.g. due to an appointment or traffic.
- If your child is off sick—in your message/email - please state a specific reason (not just "unwell"). Please let us know by 9am so we can adjust registers and lunch numbers.
- We are seeing an increasing amount of lost property - please name your childs belongings (including lunch boxes), we will try to reunite any named items in lost property with your child.

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. At F&B, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

End of Topic dates are as follows at 2.30pm, please remember we ask that only one adult attends for each child and no prams or siblings attend, as we can not fit everyone in the classrooms:

Nursery: Tuesday 13th February 2024

Reception: Monday 12th February 2024

Year 1: Thursday 15th February 2024

Yea 2: Friday 16th February 2024

We have a PTA non-uniform for Jazzy Jars: Friday 16th February - please see the poster further down the newsletter.

Governor Newsletter:

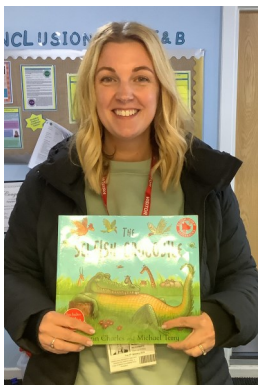
Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board here.

Name: **Role:** **How long have you been a governor?**	Andrew Dongworth Maths Lead Governor and member of Resources Committee Since October 2022
When were you last in the school and what were you doing?	I visit the school regularly as a parent of a child in Reception, but my most recent visit in connection with my role as a governor was on 8 November to meet with the Maths lead teacher in order to review the progress being made in that subject across Key Stage 1 classes.
What did you learn during your visit?	The school's commitment to the effective teaching of maths is evident from the enthusiasm shown by all pupils in all aspects of their learning, whether it be working in pairs to discuss ideas, working in groups or problem solving at their tables. The teachers are confident in presenting the lessons in ways which engage the children and allow them to make progress at their own pace and in the ways which work best for each individual.
What challenges do you see for the future?	A clear priority of the school is to address any challenges which arise from the desire to ensure a smooth transition for children from the Montessori led approach in early years classes as they move into key stage 1.
When is your next visit to the school?	I will be carrying out another Maths monitoring visit later in the Spring term, when I hope to look at the Montessori teaching of maths in the early years classes.

Times Table Rockstars

Year 2 children enjoyed our TTRS lunchtime club and persevered when answering multiplication questions. They used a range of resources to support their learning and received a certificate for being ambitious learners.

Secret Reader / Poetry recital

	"What an amazing experience. The class were so engrossed and Hugo's face was a picture when he saw it was me. Thank you Koala class" **Alison K-P**		"Such a special experience reading to Squirrel class. I loved seeing all their happy faces, especially Theodore's. It was an absolute pleasure" **Flora M**
		"It was an amazing experience reading to Kangaroo class. The children were really good listeners . It was wonderful to see Eloise's face light up when she saw me. Thank you very much for having me, Kangaroo Class." **Sin H**	

Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Learning poetry is something we are focussing on this year at F&B. Through enjoying rhymes, poems and songs, and reciting poems or parts of longer poems together as a class, we can build children's strong emotional connection to language. The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

We were lucky enough a couple of weeks ago to have Ria Dongworth (from Diverse Performing Arts and one of our lovely parents) lead a staff training session on how to teach poetry for performance. The teaching staff found it very helpful with lots of useful tips that they have already started implementing. I will share one of these tips with you each week in case you want to use it at home.

Top tip: When your child is saying the title and author of the poem, ask them to pause and count to three in their head before reading the body of the poem. This allows them to compose themselves and keep a steady pace.

This fortnight's poem has been chosen by Ria and is one that she uses as part of her LAMDA teaching. Please encourage your child to add expression and actions!

Mix a Pancake by Christina Rossetti

Mix a pancake,
Stir a pancake,
Pop it in the pan:
Fry the pancake,
Toss the pancake—Catch it if you can!

Special Visitors

As a school, we are always seeking and looking to welcome special guests and speakers to specific year groups or the whole school. These could be athletes, musicians, authors or anyone with job or story that can inspire our young pupils. If you know of anyone please do contact Mr Wells via the office. **admin@fandb.herts.sch.uk**

Dexter

Freddie and Dexter had a fun weekend together. Dexter watched football training where he saw lots of familiar faces from F&B, he tested his strength out whilst watching Gladiators and enjoyed roller skating at the park. He also enjoyed celebrating Freddie's Dad's birthday by eating lots of chocolate cake!

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.

The Friends of Reedings and F&B

Parentkind Member Association

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

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 ***Half Term 23 October – 27 October*** *School Occasional Day 01/12/2023*
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 ***Half Term 19 February - 23 February***
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 *Half Term 27 May – 31 May* *May Bank Holiday - 6 May*

Hertfordshire Music Service Inclusive Choir
(Soundabout associate member choir)

An inclusive contemporary style choir in association with the music charity Soundabout.

- For anyone Year 5, 6 and secondary age, with a focus on giving a voice to those with SEN and complex needs.
- Sessions are twice a month, online, with an end of term, in-person, get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts.
- Starting April 2024 with a **free taster session** on Friday 15 March 2024 (5.00pm - 6.00pm).

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Starts Friday 19 April 2024 (March taster session)

5.00pm - 6.00pm

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Snowdrop Sundays 2024

18 February & 25 February 2024

Opening times: 11.00 to 4.00 (last entry 3pm)
Adults £6.50 (£5.50 if booked in advance)
Children free, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available

Snowdrop Thursdays 2024

22 February & 29 February 2024

Opening times: 11.00 to 3.00 (last entry 2pm)
Adults £5.00 , children free, dogs on leads welcome
Refreshments available
Warwick House Gardens not open on Thursdays

Tickets for both Sundays and Thursdays will be limited and bookable in advance: **www.eastonlodge.co.uk** or direct through **www.Trybooking.com**.

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