F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 12th February 2024

This week is week **3** of the dinner menu

Dear Parents,

Please can I draw your attention to the Health Newsletter sent from the School Nursing team regarding healthy lifestyles, general illness and temperatures. This was sent on 09/02/2024.

Year 2 over the coming week will be launching on a rotation basis: Player Leaders. This responsibility will be to be supportive and helpful to mid-day staff, supporting games, and being a friend to anyone who is unsure what to do, can't find their friends etc. The Play Leaders will of course continue to play, run and have fun themselves but may at times help others and staff. One aspect of their role will be to aid in the tidying up of activities at the end of lunch.

Jazzy Jars: Dress Down Friday is on the 16th February! Please fill your jar with wrapped/sealed sweets (no nut products) and ask your child to jazz the jar with decorations.

Every day at lunch time our fabulous Mid-day assistants support our pupils in the dinning hall. They have music playing, Harold the Giraffe (ask the pupils) watching to see who is being respectful, eating sensibly, helping their friends and talking at an appropriate level! Each day one table from each class is deemed to have modelled this the best and wins a point. At the end of the month the winning table is awarded the Lunchtime certificate in assembly!

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: Wednesday 28th February 2024

Year 1: Thursday 15th February 2024

Year 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.

Also we have upgraded our telephone systems and calls now may be recorded for training and quality assurance purposes: this includes in and our coming calls.

Governor Newsletter:

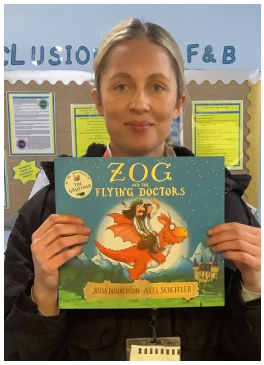
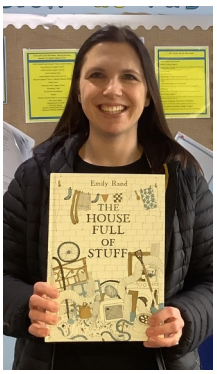
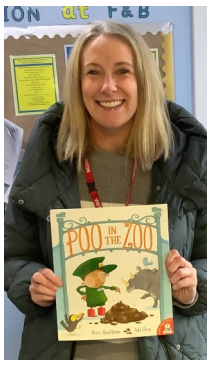
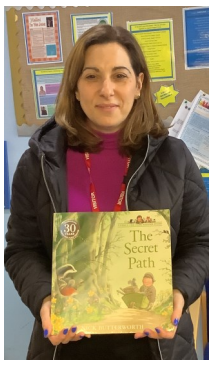
Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board here.

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.

SCARF—Valentines Day

Valentine's Day provides schools and families with the opportunity to celebrate friendship and kindness. Beyond the traditional exchange of cards and treats, it offers an opportunity to emphasise the importance of healthy friendships. Please help us to encouraging our F&B children to express their appreciation for friends, for example, fosters a sense of camaraderie and inclusivity. Teaching children the value of kindness, empathy, and mutual respect lays the foundations for positive relationships. Valentine's Day can then be a joyful occasion to celebrate the bonds of friendship, teaching children that love comes in various forms, and that valuing these connections is key to good mental health and life satisfaction.

Secret Reader / Poetry recital

	"It was such an amazing experience to read to Otter class. The children all sat so well and listened. Thank you for having me" **Ellen F**		"It was such a lovely experience reading to Squirrel class today! They thought the story was funny and it made them hungry" **Louisa C**
	"It was so lovely to see Emmeline's face when she opened her eyes. She has been asking when I would be a Secret Reader for ages. Koala class were very attentive and a great audience" **Michelle S**		"A lovely chance to read to the class. So quiet and attentive" **Sarah W**
	"It was great fun reading to Panda class today—they got really involved" **Claire M**		"It was lovely to read to Kangaroo class and to surprise Daisy. They all listened really well" **Alix B**

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!

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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Scan the QR code to see Soundabout's music videos.

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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SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

Make Lunch

Come and join us for fun, games, crafts and a hot lunch!

We are here to support families needing a helping hand throughout the school holidays.

FREE OF CHARGE!
ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday 21st February 2024
11:30 - 13:00

To book please email: **makelunch@secchurch.org.uk** or phone/text: **07936 771081**

Premier

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Premier Education are very excited to be working in partnership with Fawbert and Barnard Infant School to deliver Extra-Curricular opportunities to the children of the School again moving into the 2024 Spring term. With over 20 years' experience in the field our Activity Professionals will deliver a safe, exciting and fun learning experience for all children who attend. Our Sport Active Clubs are a fantastic way for children to develop new skills, keep fit and healthy, whilst also having fun with their friends. The clubs will be available for reception, year 1 and year 2 children.

Details of our upcoming clubs are listed below:

After School

Monday **Football** Club (15.15-16.15)
Year groups: Reception & Year 1
Start date: Monday 8th January 2024 / Last session: Monday 25th March 2024
Price: £71.50 for 11 Sessions

Tuesday **Tennis** Club (15.15-16.15)
Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Start date: Tuesday 9th January 2024 Last session: / Tuesday 26th March 2024
Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions (No session on 19th March)

Wednesday **Multi-Sports** Club (15.15-16.15)
Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Start date: Wednesday 10th January 2024 / Last session: Wednesday 27th March 2024
Price: £71.50 for 11 Sessions

Thursday **Gymnastics** Club (15.15-16.15)
Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Start date: Thursday 11th January 2024 / Last session: Thursday 28th March 2024
Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions (No session on 21st March)

Friday **Football** Club (15.15-16.15)
Year groups: Year 1 & Year 2
Start date: Friday 12th January 2024 / Last session: Friday 22nd March 2024
Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions

To book please visit www.premier-education.com and click on book a course, please type in postcode CM21 9AX. Please, note that we only accept online bookings. The online booking system is limited to 20 places, so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. Please note the school office will not accept payments. Please contact aemmerson@premier-education.com with any questions.

Kind regards
Premier Education