



F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 4th March

This week is week 2 of the lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are very proud to share that over the last year, F&B have been enhancing and refining our teacher practise in relation to Religious Education (RE). We have drawn on the expert knowledge of the RE Quality Mark to ensure our provision is rigorous and of high quality.

As a result we have been awarded the Bronze award, as we are new to the accreditation and shall continue our development following the constructive feedback.

Thank you to all staff but especially our RE Subject Lead, Mrs Jones (INCO) who has worked tirelessly to ensure RE has a secure presence across the school.

Through religious education, children will learn about different religions and their traditions, practices and beliefs. Religious education also **promotes children's tolerance and mutual respect in a diverse society**

RE is the opportunity to explore a major and distinctive dimension of what it means to be a person: the search for meaning, purpose and value in a wondrous but also often confusing and sometimes threatening world. RE offers pupils the chance to raise and reflect on perennial questions about life. In doing this, it draws on the rich history of the major religious traditions and other worldviews in Britain.

RE contributes to Personal Development both in terms of **character education** and the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC) of pupils of all ages.

REMINDERS : Thursday 7th March - World Book Day, Friday 8th March - Bags2School, Friday 15th March - Comic Relief, Friday 22nd March - Break The Rules Day

Gymnastics Competition



On Wednesday 28th February Mrs Ogle and Mrs Jones took 6 Year 2 children to a KS1 Gymnastics Competition, held at Stortford Gymnastics Club. The children had to perform an individual routine, which included a number of different rolls, jumps and balances as well as a springboard jump or bench walk. There were 10 other local schools also competing. For most of our Year 2 children, it was the first time performing individually in front of a large audience and they absolutely blew us away! Each of them performed with amazing

composure, despite some natural nerves, and they even managed to perform with smiles throughout! It was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed the competition, both the performing part and getting to watch performances from other schools. They were a real credit to the school!

Well done to our Year 2 team!

Dexter



Lottie thoroughly enjoyed having Dexter spend the weekend with us. Dexter met Bobby the tortoise before putting on he's skates and joining Lottie at a roller disco. He practiced he's balancing skills on the beam when he went to Lottie gymnastic class with her, then came to a special party to celebrate Lottie's Nan's 90th birthday. He joint in with a family game of hide and seek which he and Lottie won as they had a great hiding spot in the wardrobe. Dexter then finished the weekend watching the quarter final of gladiator with us. We hope Dexter had had lots of fun with us.

Year R End of topic and Engage

Reception welcomed their grown ups on Wednesday for their end of topic celebration. They sang 'The wheels on the bus' and played different percussion instruments to make some of the sounds in the song. They performed their Poem called 'We go go go!' After this, the children made boats out of different materials. They really enjoyed putting them into water to test their buoyancy. This gave the opportunity to consolidate their understanding of floating and sinking. Thank you for joining us!



Secret Reader / Poetry recital

	<p>Penny had such a lovely surprise to see Mummy again. I loved reading to the children and they were all so beautifully behaved, There were lots of questions about the book. What a lovely experience!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nikki G</p>		<p>"Today I read 'The Beastly Bunch' to Koala class. They all seemed to really enjoy it and asked lots of questions! Thank you for letting me take part in this lovely experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Caroline S</p>
	<p>"The children loved the book so much that I had to read it twice and leave the book in the class for a week! Love this idea!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joan H</p>		<p>"It was lovely to read to Gecko class. They all listened really well and asked loads of questions."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Barbara D</p>
		<p>"Fantastic experience to read to Kangaroo class. The children were all well behaved and great fun"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John C</p>	

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.

Top tip: When your child is saying the last line of the poem, it can help to signify that it's the end by a slight pause before the last word and then lowering the tone of their voice for the last word. This way, everyone knows when to clap!

This fortnight's poem has been chosen by Mrs Jones and is one that uses British Sign Language. Here is a link to an online video on Cbeebies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1w9eq0IRIM>
Please encourage your child to add expression and actions!

I wish I was a pirate (by Tony Bradman)

I wish I was a pirate
With a long beard hanging down
A cutlass dangling from my belt
My teeth all black and brown

A parrot on my shoulder
A patch upon one eye
A pirate ship to sail on
A pirate flag to fly

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>

THE FRIENDS OF REEDINGS AND F&B PRESENTS

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Bring one small treat snack
2. Bring in a named soft toy
3. Wear non-uniform
4. Wear nail varnish
5. Have wacky hair e.g. dyed hair/gelled up hair

All profits will go towards the PTA

Here's how it works:

When?

Fri 22nd March
2024

Parentkind
Member Association

Rules cost £1
each,
payable via
Arbor.