

NEWSLETTER Thursday 11th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term! I can hardly believe the holidays are over and we are back into the swing of school life. Another busy and exciting term lies ahead.

CLASS INFORMATION

Please keep an eye on the school website for information about what your children will be learning in each class. Staff have uploaded topic webs and class newsletters to ensure you have all the necessary information about the term ahead.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are really pleased to let you know that we have booked a forest school provider alongside Broadhempston to enable classes 2, 3 & 4 to experience a full-on day in the woodland at Broadhempston this term.

Dates are:

- **Class 3 23rd February**
- **Class 4 8th March**
- **Class 2 22nd March**



Details will follow regarding drop off and pick up times etc.

We are beginning the job of sorting out our Wild Woodland Learning area at the bottom of the field, but this will take a little time and thought before we can have this up and running as our own version of Forest School once more.

ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Our value currently being explored is Hope. The value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something. It's great to listen to the children discuss their hopes for the future!

Please follow this link for things that you can do at home linked to our value.

https://www.landscove.thelink.academy/web/our_values_collective_worship/388266

In our Reflection Space the children have been invited to write prayers, thoughts and reflections on key points made in the King's Christmas Day Speech. The focus is on caring for the world, supporting each other and empathising with others. We look forward to seeing their responses which will make strong links to our core Christian values.



PE UPDATES

There's lots happening this term, here's what's starting 2024:

- Lessons will involve Volley ball, Multi skills and for EYFS - Throw, catch, pass & receive lessons.
- KS2 are swimming on Monday afternoons for this half term.
- Mondays 3:30-4:30 Mr Tanner's Rugby Club
- Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 Sporty Stars Club
- Thursdays 3:30-4:30 Saints Southwest Football club
- Events this term include Badminton, Inclusion games and Hockey. Details will be sent to classes in due course.



Class One are enjoying their new topic - 'Space and Our World', and during this half term the children will be answering our big question: 'Why is Planet Earth special?' We have already had some wonderfully imaginative adventures in the 'space' role-play area and we have seen some super space-station creations using Lego in the tuff-tray. I'm sure many more adventures await our little astronauts!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE



Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues. Just like teaching a child to ride a bike or cross the road, digital resilience is another way to highlight the need to help children cope with whatever the online world throws at them. The following may be of interest... Digital Resilience Toolkit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/>

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	98.1%
Class 1	95.9%
Class 2	98.1%
Class 3	98.3%
Class 4	98.4%
Well done to Class 4!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please, contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

ATTENDANCE: This week the Government has launched a national campaign surrounding improving school attendance. As a Trust, we support this campaign and understand that attendance is everyone's responsibility. Attendance matters, not only because of the importance of learning but for the wider, holistic benefits for children's wellbeing and happiness.



- That moment they found a new best friend queuing up for pudding.
- That time fractions suddenly clicked.
- That day cavemen came to live in the playground.
- That science lesson when a mento and cola 'rocket' sprayed everywhere.
- Breaking a school record on sports day.
- Helping to build props for the school play.
- When they baked cupcakes that were actually edible (just).
- Performing that encore at the school concert.
- From the first day of term to the last, each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child's wellbeing.
- Positive, real, life-changing moments.
- And in a school year there are hundreds of them.

What a difference a school day makes! (DfE attendance campaign guidelines 2024)

A message from our CEO, Attendance and Last day of term finish time.

As you are probably aware the government have been highly concerned about the continued falling attendance rates this year and in schools year on year since the Covid pandemic. The DfE are mounting a campaign through schools to ensure parents are aware of the implications of missing learning time in school. We at the Link, are supporting that initiative by reviewing our approach. An initial action will be to ensure that pupils are in school to the very end of the school day at the end of each term, pupils will not be leaving earlier than the published end of the school day. We felt it was only fair that we made this clear to parents early in the term to avoid any problems nearer the time.

Attendance concerns will continue to be dealt with robustly and in support of the campaign we will be sending DfE generated/ suggested reminders out to ensure you are all kept well informed. Many thanks for your understanding regarding this national drive.

Kind regards,
Nicky

Nicky Dunford
Chief Executive Officer
Link Academy Trust

FOLS – A message from Michelle

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all.

Secondly, it's good for everyone to be aware of the difference FOLS makes to our children's school days so this is what we have already funded this year and what we have agreed to fund in the coming terms:-

- £250 – Picture News
- £350 – Class 2 rug replacement after damage from flooding
- £150 – Contribution to class 4 Lyme Regis trip
- £425 – Arts week
- £90 – Contribution to class 3 Stone age workshop
- £50 – Contribution to class 4 Harrowbeer trip
- £450 – Contribution to KS2 swimming transport

These would all be a big stretch without FOLS funds. The school would simply have to make do with what they have, as the budget cannot stretch. Every FOLS event and the money raised has a direct impact on the opportunities our children are given in school so thank you for all your support so far and look forward to seeing you all at the next set of events.

Thank you to Danielle for taking over the 100 club. Please join if you can. £3000 has gone straight to school for new books, all from the 100 club.

Big thank you to Katherine for organising our shiny new bench on the school field. This has been kindly donated by Howard & Over solicitors.

And here is what we have coming up so please make a note in your diaries:-

- 2nd February ~ 3:30pm ~ 5:30pm Movie Night & Mufti Day. The film will be Trolls 'Band Together'. £8 to include mufti, hotdog, popcorn & a drink. Please e-mail fols@outlook.com to reserve a place
- 17th May ~ Bags2school

Please do get involved with any FOLS events you can and make a difference for your children! We are hoping to improve the forest school area and have some more exciting events in the pipeline, but also welcome any fundraising ideas and indeed any ideas of ways you would like the FOLS monies spent. Do get in touch fols@outlook.com.

Many thanks, Michelle.



COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd January	Class 4 educational visit to RAF Harrowbeer
5th – 11th February	Mental health week: The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.
6th February	Safer internet day Parent workshop at 3pm in school hall with Mr Ansermoz
7th February	Class 1 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
9th February	Break up for half term. Back to school Monday 19th Feb
27th & 29th February	Parent consultations – booking info will be sent in due course
23rd February	Class 3 Forest school day
1st March	Class 2 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
5th March	Class 3 Mosque educational visit
8th March	Mothering Friday
8th March	Class 4 Forest school day
11th March	Jewish speaker visiting Class 2 & Class 4
12th March	Class 3 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
13th March	Class 4 educational visit: Occombe Farm
19th March	Class 4 class assembly for parents 3pm school hall
22nd March	Class 2 Forest School day
25th March	Y5/6 Hockey tournament
26th March	Easter in a day & Easter collective with Rev Gina
28th March	Break up – 2pm finish

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend.

Jill Ryder.