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INFORMATION LETTER NO.3 FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

This half term the children at Fountains Primary School have continued to take part in a wide variety of learning activities. The forthcoming Housepoint Day on Thursday 14th February will provide another wonderful opportunity for all children (regardless of their age and class they are in) to work together, in their house coloured teams, to undertake a wide range of learning tasks.

Please continue to keep an eye out for any adverse weather. So far we have been lucky enough to miss any days of education due to snow/ice. As a school we always try our best to remain open and do not take the decision to close lightly. Many thanks for your ongoing support with this.

After the February half term break we will be supporting Comic Relief (Friday 15th March). All children will be invited to wear pyjamas for a £1.00 donation to Comic Relief on this day. The school will also be holding a talent show for all children in the afternoon, as part of a bigger assembly. We would also like to thank The Lions Clubs of North Staffordshire who are once again funding entry to Waterworld in Stoke-on-Trent for all KS2 children.

I hope you all have a happy and safe half term break and look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Nicola Price
Head of School

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Many thanks to The Royal Harris (Burton upon Trent) for providing a Chinese New Year experience for our children in KS2. The children enjoyed eating and trying new foods at the Chinese buffet which was followed by a traditional Chinese New Year dragon dance.

A good time was had by all!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

For your information,
School photographs will be
taken on the Primary Site on
Monday 29th April 2019.
This will be the only date.



**This is the first day back to
school after the Easter holidays**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2019

We will, once again be celebrating World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please send in a photo of your child reading a book in their favourite place i.e. in bed, in the garden, in the car for our celebration of reading display.



Sign2Sing 2019



We participated in Sign2Sing on Thursday 7th February 2019 to help raise money for the 8th year running and to raise much needed funds for the Deaf Health Charity SIGNHEALTH.

We sang and signed the song "Greatest Day" in our assembly. The pupils all enjoyed this event.

Thank you for all of your kind donations.

Many thanks

Ange Lenaghan
Speech & Language Assistant



Watch our
community video
online now at fountainsfederation.co.uk
or search 'Fountains Sign2Sing' on YouTube



FRIENDS OF FOUNTAINS PTA

The Friends of Fountains continue to meet on the Primary Site half termly. All new members are welcome. The next meeting will be on:
Tuesday 5th March 2019 (7.30pm-9.00pm).



Unwanted Presents: If you have any unwanted gifts lying around your house, please feel free to donate them to the Friends of Fountains. These presents can be used as raffle prizes for the Summer Fayre.

Match Funding: If you know of anyone who works for an organisation, why not ask them about match funding schemes – some companies offer this as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. Companies may be able to match fund a stall at our Fayres, please make our Treasurer (Amy Dunne) aware on: adunne@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

Forthcoming Events:

- Valentine's Bingo on 12.02.19 at Fountains Primary (doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down for 7.00pm)
- Easter Bingo on 11.04.19 at Fountains Primary (doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down for 7.00pm)
- Fashion Show on 22.05.19 at Fountains High (doors open at 6.30pm to start at 7.00pm)
- Sponsored Walk on 25.06.19.
- Summer Fayre on 07.07.19 at Fountains High



FOREST SCHOOL

KIND REMINDER: All Forest School lessons will continue after the half term break. Please make sure your child has a change of old warm clothes including a jumper and some wellies. Many thanks



MOBILE PHONES



Please remember we do not allow the use of mobile phones in school under any circumstances. Therefore, please **DO NOT** use them to take photographs of your child within the setting.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

A reminder about our school Child Protection procedures. Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow County Child Protection Procedures and inform Social Services of their concern.

AUTHORISATION OF HOLIDAY

Due to changes made by the Government, all schools have been advised not to authorise holidays during term time. Therefore, parents may still request a holiday by filling in the exceptional circumstances part of the form and this holiday will then be considered by Mrs Sarah Gilraine (Executive Headteacher).

Should the school decide not to grant leave of absence, and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which may be subject to a Penalty Notice fine of £60 per parent per child. The fine will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the fine in the correct timescales may lead to Court proceedings.

STANDON BOWERS

All Year 6 children will, once again, have the opportunity to go on the residential trip. This year the trip will be at Standon Bowers in the Summer Term. The dates are 19th, 20th and 21st June 2019. Please contact Sally Millman-Jones if you have any queries.



BAD WEATHER



If the High School or the Primary School are likely to be closed due to weather conditions, please listen to BBC Radio Derby (104.5/95.3/96 FM) or log onto the Radio Derby website or listen to Centre/Touch FM (101.6/102.4 FM) where all information will be broadcast. Up-to-date information is also on our website and:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx>

The Fountains Primary School can be found under the 'T' section for The Fountains Primary School

CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to keep your contact details up-to-date. This is essential for us to be able to contact you in an emergency and for you to receive messages from our text

Messaging service.



ABSENCES

It is the schools statutory requirement to record all absences by 9.15am, therefore the school has to record an absence as unauthorised, if no absence reason is given. If your child is off school for whatever reason, please inform the school office **(and not escorts) by 8.30am, by calling 01283 247600.**

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents must bring in appointment cards for all medical/hospital appointments. If possible, please arrange for these appointments to take place out of school hours.

AIMING HIGH

Please follow the link below for activities offered by Aiming High in Staffordshire for the school holidays.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/childrenandfamilycare/childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/Aiminghigh.aspx>

PARENTAL VIEWS

Thank you for your responses in our most recent questionnaire. Please can you return any questionnaires not already received. We will publish the statistics from this information in our next newsletter.

We always take the views of our parents/carers seriously; if you would like to discuss any matters in more detail please call the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Alison Revill (SENCO) or Mrs Nicola Price (Head of School).

You can also record your views about our school via the Parent View website, a link for this can be found on our school website which is www.fountainsfederation.co.uk. This link can be found within the parent dropdown menu.

POLITE REMINDER: PARKING

The safety of our children is top priority. However, the school car park can be very busy especially during the hours of 8.45am–9.15am and 2.45pm-3.15pm. Monitoring the traffic outside of school can be a very difficult job, please ensure that the staff are listened to and respected at all times.

Please can all parents be mindful when parking their vehicles and walking their children across the car park.

Wherever possible, please try and avoid parking directly outside the Early Years Centre.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



FIRE PROCEDURES

We hold a fire drill every half term in school and the children are extremely good at getting out of school quickly and in an orderly manner.

Would you know what to do if there was a fire drill when you are on school premises?

1. If you are helping in school, please follow the class teacher's instructions.
2. If you are visiting school, the member of staff you are with will direct you where to go.

Please remember never to block any exits or entrances on the car park in case we need to get emergency vehicles on to the premises.



SIXTH FORM ENTERPRISE

Our High School Sixth Form students currently run various enterprise projects. These projects are really important for our young people as it provides them with valuable work experience, which is essential for them moving into adult life.

The Enterprise Projects are as follows:



The Coffee Bean Café is open on a Tuesday & Wednesday at The Pavillion, Clays Lane, Branston, Burton upon Trent **(term time only)** from 10.00am – 2.00pm.



The Potting Shed Horticultural Centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's – The Potting Shed is located at the Greenhouse Centre, Stapenhill Cemetery, Burton upon Trent **(term time only)** from 9.30am – 2.00pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

13.02.19	Play & Stay (Penguins Class)
14.02.19	School closes for half term
15.02.19	Staff Training Day (school closed for pupils)
25.02.19	School re-opens as normal
05.03.19	Friends of Fountains Meeting at Fountains Primary School (7.30pm-9.00pm)
11.03.19	Play & Stay (Penguins Class)
11.04.19	Easter Bingo at Fountains Primary School (doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down for 7.00pm)
12.04.19	School closes for Easter
29.04.19	School re-opens as normal
29.04.19	School Photographs
06.05.19	Bank Holiday – School closed
21.05.19	Parents' Evening for NURSERY & RECEPTION PUPILS ONLY (9.00am-4.00pm)
22.05.19	Parents Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
22.05.19	Fashion Show at Fountains High School (doors open at 6.30pm to start at 7.00pm)
23.05.19	Play & Stay (Penguins Class)
24.05.19	School closes for half term
03.06.19	School re-opens as normal
19, 20 & 21.06.19	Standon Bowers Residential Trip (Year 6 Pupils ONLY)
25.06.19	Sponsored Walk
03.07.19	Sports Day (KS1/EYFS)
04.07.19	Sports Day (KS2)
04.07.19	Play & Stay (Penguins Class)
05.07.19	Sports Day Reserve Date
07.07.19	Summer Fayre (11.00am-2.00pm) at Fountains High School
11.07.19	Transition Morning
12.07.19	Leaver's Assembly (Year 6 Parents' ONLY)
15.07.19	School Reports to Parents
15.07.19	Awards Ceremony (Invitation ONLY)
19.07.19	School closes for the summer holidays
22.07.19	Staff Training Day (school closed for pupils)