

NEWSLETTER

Ferryhill Station Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we're at the February half term point! It's nice to see the snowdrops blooming and the buds appearing on the trees – a reassuring sign that Spring is on the horizon.

I'd like to thank you all for your patience as we await further updates to the plan for our new school building. I have had contact with the Department for Education this week who have asked me to inform families of the following message:

Thank you to the school, parents, and staff for their continued patience.

As the Contractor has been developing plans for the new school, they have needed to undertake further site surveys. The results of these surveys, along with some other existing site challenges, have led the Department to consider a wider number of options for Ferryhill Station Primary School. We continue to work closely with the Local Authority and the school to ensure we reach the right solution together.

We will keep you informed of progress.

I appreciate that the lack of progress may feel a little frustrating, however, I have been assured that the Department for Education and the Local Authority are very keen to make a start on the project as soon as they possibly can.

Please see below for a list of all the upcoming important dates and events for the term ahead.

These are the dates that we currently have in our diaries. These dates may be subject to change or dates may be added throughout the rest of the term. Mrs Pinkowski will keep all parents/carers up to date as soon as possible with any changes or additional events/dates.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Pinkowski in the school office and she will be happy to help.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a lovely half term with your families and a reminder that we return to school on **Monday 3rd March**.

Best wishes, Mrs Crosby

General Information

School Crossing Patrol Absence

As communicated via email this week, our School Crossing Patrol, Mrs Scriver, will be absent all day today, Wednesday 19th February, all day tomorrow, Thursday 20th February and all day on Friday, 21st February. We are expecting Mrs Scriver to return to her post on Monday 3rd March.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will continue to be on a Thursday after half term.

Class 4 will continue to go swimming up until half term. Their last swimming lesson will be on Thursday 20th February.

Class 3 will start swimming lessons from the first Thursday back after half term. Their first lesson will be on Thursday 6th March.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school every Thursday; swimwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if required).

If there are any changes to this schedule, parents/carers will be updated via text or email as soon as possible.

Pop-Up Shop

We would like to thank all our parents/carers who have accessed our pop-up shop on a Thursday after school. The children have all really enjoyed working alongside the ladies from Brighter Futures, learning about the costings of food, advertising, food waste and running the shop.

The pop-up shop will run again this Thursday, 20th February, and there will be a decision made about the pop-up shop possibly returning after half term.

Themed Lunch Days

We have the following themed lunch days coming up in school:

- Tuesday 4th March – Pancake Day (Dessert only)
- Wednesday 5th March – World Book Day
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 9th April – Easter Lunch

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will take place during week commencing 7th April.

More information, specific dates and times will be confirmed and added to Arbor nearer the time.

Individual and Sibling School Photographs

We have our school photographer in school on Wednesday 9th April to take our individual and sibling photographs. **More information will follow about the arrangements for this nearer the time.**

Raffle Money and Books

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your kind donations purchasing raffle tickets during our school Christmas performances in December. We have put the money raised towards some new books in school for the children to read and enjoy. Thank you.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to our parents/carers and staff who opted in to the Asda's Cashpot for Schools when shopping recently. We are delighted to say that with all your help and support, we have raised £189.63. We will be using this towards some new resources for our children in school. Thank you.

Reminders

Attendance

Good school attendance is crucial to a child's academic success. We monitor and analyse our school attendance and the attendance of each child weekly and as soon as attendance dips below 95%, this could result in a phone call or a request for an attendance meeting in school.

If your child is absent from school, please REMEMBER to contact the school office on their first day of absence before 9.00am.

We are working really hard to ensure that attendance and punctuality remains high across school. Please remember that your child must arrive in good time to enter school at 8:50am for registration and the school gates will close at 8:55am. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority in school. We will always act upon any concern individuals have, or any disclosures from children.

However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

Uniform

Please can we remind all parents/carers of our uniform policy.

Our policy is as follows:

Red jumper or cardigan

White polo shirt

Grey or black skirt or trousers

School shoes

High heeled shoes/boots or brightly coloured trainers are not permitted and should not be worn to school.

We have noticed that some of our children wear tracksuit bottoms to school, these are not permitted.

Nail varnish (including gel polish) and false nails (stick on nails or acrylics) are not permitted in school.

School Parking and Access

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be mindful of the children and pedestrians that will be around at these times.

Please can we also remind all parents/carers **NOT** to park in front of our school gates or block the ramp leading up to our school gates. This road is a public highway and access is always required. This is for deliveries, the bin lorry accessing both school and the back lane behind the houses, and all emergency vehicles (fire engines, ambulances etc.).

Holiday Dates

All school holiday dates for the coming year can be found on our school website, here:

<https://www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Holidays&pid=31>

Rubbish on School Site

We are very proud of our school site and keeping it clean and tidy. Please can we remind all parents/carers to pick up any rubbish that is dropped on site. You are more than welcome to use the bins that are in the car park to dispose of any rubbish. Thank you for your co-operation.

DIARY DATES

Thursdays – until Thursday 20 th February THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY WILL BE CLASS 4'S LAST SWIMMING LESSON.	Swimming Class 4 – Y5 and Y6 Please ensure the children come to school with their swimming kit every Thursday; swimwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if required).
Thursdays – until Thursday 20 th February	Pop Up Shop 3.15pm – 3.30pm Our pop-up shop will be running until Thursday 20th February. This may continue after half term.
Friday 21 st February	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for February half term.
Monday 3 rd March	School REOPENS today.
Tuesday 4 th March	Ferryhill School – Taster Lesson with Year 6 <hr/> Themed Lunch Day – Pancake Day Pancake served for dessert today
Wednesday 5 th March	Themed Lunch Day – World Book Day
Thursdays – from Thursday 6 th March	Swimming Class 3 – Y3 and Y4 Class 3 will now go swimming every Thursday from 6th March until further notice. Please ensure the children come to school with their swimming kit every Thursday; swimwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if required).
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day More information to follow via email.
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th March	British Science Week The theme is Change and Adapt.
Friday 7 th March	KS2 Girls Football Festival Chilton Academy 9.30am – 11.30am More information will follow via email.
Monday 17 th March	Image Musical Theatre The Jungle Book Performance in school for the children only.
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day More information to follow via email. <hr/> Themed Lunch Day – Red Nose Day
Monday 31 st March	Reception Vision Screening
Week beginning Monday 7 th April	Parent's Evening Week Specific dates and times to be confirmed nearer the time.
Wednesday 9 th April	Individual and Sibling School Photographs More information will follow via email.

	Themed Lunch Day – Easter Lunch
Friday 11 th April	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for the Easter holidays.
Monday 28 th April	School REOPENS today.
Tuesday 29 th April	Class 4 School Trip OAA at Hardwick Park 9.30am – 12.00pm Lunch in school as normal.