

# FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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## A warm welcome to all of our parents.

We look forward to seeing you all at our first meet the teacher session on 6th November from 1.30 - 5.30pm.

You will be invited to sign up online nearer the time.

## Packed lunches

Please make sure if child has packed lunch that they bring it with them in the morning. It disrupts the office when it is brought in late.

Many thanks.

Do make sure that you do not send in any glass containers. These can be very dangerous in the hands of small children.

## Christmas Fair

This will be run by the children and the staff in school starting at 2:30.

We are continuing to support Masindi School in Uganda and the fair will raise funds for them.

All donations gratefully received.

## Attendance.

If your child is absent and you are sent a text, please respond on the day or it will be marked as unauthorised. If your child is absent at the end or beginning of a term for sickness, written proof will be required (compliment slip/letter.)

## Dates for your diary

Please do check the website regularly as it is constantly updated with additional dates.

## Secondary Transfer

Please take time to visit secondary schools and if you would like to talk through the transfer process with your class teacher please make an appointment through the office.

Test date: Thursday 20th September in school. We will be familiarising the children with the format .

## Topics for the term.

For more details please look on your class notice board or on the website

Nur	Nice to Meet You/ Light & Dark
Rec	Town and Country
Year 1	A Place Called Home
Year 2	Atlantic Adventures
Year 3	Stones and Bones
Year 4	Ancient Journeys and Wonders
Year 5	Ancient Architecture
Year 6	Pacific Islands/ Communications

## PTA AGM Small hall 8:40 Friday 5th October

The outgoing committee have done a fabulous job organising social and fundraising events. The summer fair was an amazing fund raiser as well as a lovely community day.

We have had volunteers to fill the vacant positions and these will be put forward at the AGM. All parents are automatically members

## Debt

The school has to cover any debts that are accrued through non-payment of dinners.

This has an impact on all of the children's education.

Please make sure you pay any outstanding monies owed promptly.

If we have to start taking recovery action we will do so although we would all rather avoid that.

## Children not picked up at 3:00

Children finish school at 3:00pm and we expect them to be picked up when they finish.

1. If you know you are running late please phone the office as soon as possible before 3:00 to let us know.
2. If there are no other options; in an emergency we will provide emergency childcare at a cost of £20 for the session.
3. If you have not phoned we will phone you and if we cannot get through we will phone your emergency contact numbers.
4. If we still get no response from any numbers we will start phoning Social Services and the police at 4:40pm so that the social workers can arrange emergency foster care.

Older, sensible children can walk home by themselves as long as an adult is there to supervise them when they get home. Please let the teachers know you are allowing them to do this.

## School Lunches

Please make sure that you pay for all dinners in advance to avoid accruing any arrears.

## Outdoor learning

This year we are focusing on learning outside of the classroom. We will be adopting the forest school type principles of outdoor learning and providing opportunities for experiential learning in and beyond the school grounds.

Currently Mr Wicks is exploring opportunities to take year 4 and 5 on a short residential experience within a short distance from the school. They will be given to opportunity to build dens , make fires and generally explore the outdoors within a safe environment.

Do look out for further details

## Shows 2018      **Entry is £1 per person**

14 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00/6:00	Show	Year 5
19 <sup>th</sup> December 11:00/2:00	Show	Year 1

## Food Bank

Thank you for your donations. We are still collecting food for the food bank in the box in the foyer. It is much appreciated. They currently need toothbrushes and paste, beans and rice.