

YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE,
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.

Update 16th October 2020

Hi all,

As we move into the final week of this half term I want to again share how proud I am of all of your wonderful children. I think they have been superb this half term and are ready for a well-deserved break (as are the staff!).

As we move in to the second half of this term I would like to update you on a few changes that have occurred. I am sure that some of you will be aware by now that Mr Stevens is no longer in school with us. We have welcomed Mrs MacDonald to the Adventurers class who will be teaching your children every week from Tuesday through to Friday. Mrs Atkinson (our Deputy Headteacher) will also be making a move to The Adventurers class after half term as she will be teaching in there every Monday.

We also welcome back to school Mrs Murray and Mrs Kett who are back with us following their maternity leave. They will be joining school in The Pathfinders class and I know are both very excited to be coming back to see you all!

Finally, I am very pleased to be able to say that Mr Cornell will therefore continue to be teaching in The Pioneers class.

I am sure you will all appreciate that the changes in staffing were unexpected and some situations are out of my control. I can, however, fully reassure parents that the staffing changes have not and will not stop the fabulous progress your wonderful children have been making.

On a different note, some of you may not be aware that over the summer we created a 'Community Hub' in our school, this is a dedicated room for meetings / community events and a place for us to collect food / uniform / winter coats and all sorts of other things as a central place for families in our village. The room is fully ready to be used as soon as COVID restrictions allow and people have already begun to donate items to us to store until such a time that we can share them (Thank you!). I am also aware that due to many reasons, Harvest has not been something we have celebrated in school this year and this got me thinking about ways in which we might be able to link the two up.

So, I have spoken at length with my staff this week about ways in which we might be able to support our local community more through our hub and we thought that instead of a hosting a 'traditional' harvest festival we agreed instead that I would ask families to donate what they could to our school Community Hub. This way, anything we have coming in, can be kept centrally in our hub in school and then distributed to families in our small area who may need a little extra help during these uncertain times.

If you would like to donate to this then there will be a container placed in the front porch of main reception for you to drop off items for us (all COVID regulations will be followed). We will be looking for the usual items: Tins, long life milk, cereal, non-perishables, toiletries, uniform that perhaps is in good condition but no longer fits, winter coats, winter shoes etc. If you are unsure about items to donate please call the school office and we will be able to advise you. I know that Fishburn has an amazing sense of community and so I thought we could celebrate that in school by helping people in our area.

I look forward to seeing what we can achieve with this together as we move into November and December.

Please also remember that next Friday is a PD day and so the children will not be in school. We will see everyone back after half term on the 2nd of November.

As always if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Stay safe everyone,
Miss Ferguson.



Attendance for 2020 - 2021

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS 96 %.

We are currently on 95.59 %.

Every day counts, missing school can damage a child's achievements and disrupts theirs and others learning. Above all, missing out on the opportunities provided in school can have a long term effect on children's chances in life.

Well done again to The Adventurers for achieving 99.6 % attendance this week!!!

Weekly Attendance	
The Adventurers	99.6 %
The Pathfinders	98.7 %
The Trailblazers	98.1 %
The Explorers	96.2 %
The Pioneers	95.9 %

Key Dates

Autumn Half Term 2020	Thursday 22nd October 2020	Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18th December 2020	Monday 4th January 2021

Teacher Training Days — Friday 23rd October 2020.

Pathfinders PE Sessions

From Monday 19th October 2020, our Pathfinders will no longer need to wear their PE kit to school on a Monday. However, they will still be required to come to school in their PE kit as usual on a Wednesday.

Half Termly Secret Star Awards (shhh!)

Our teachers have been nominating children this week who they think deserve a Secret Star Award. We will contact you via text, if your child is going to receive a secret star award. We are sorry that we are unable to invite you into school to celebrate the occasion with them. We will provide your child with a certificate and a photo of them will be shared on class dojo.



School Lunch Menu (Autumn / Winter 2020)

After half term, our school lunch menu will be changing.

As the weather is getting colder we will only be providing hot meals, there will be no sandwiches as an option.

Please see attached menus for choice of meals to be provided from Monday 2nd November 2020.

Remember, if your child wishes to **change** their **meal pattern** from school dinner to a packed lunch or vice versa **you must** inform the school office, who require at least one weeks' notice for the change to be made.