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Families Newsletter 9

Dear Families,

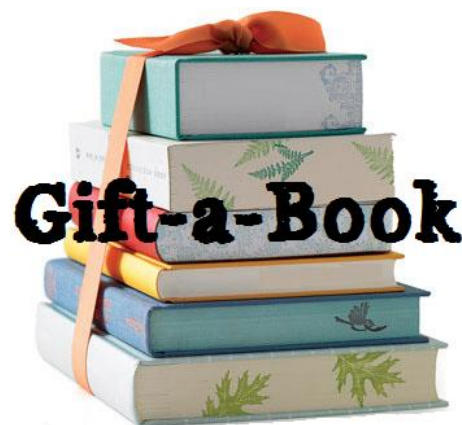
It has been BRILLIANT to have all the children back in school - our classrooms have been noisy and filled with excitable chatter between friends as well as lots of lovely learning opportunities! What a busy, exciting and exhausting week! Children and adults have relished being reunited and it is simply wonderful to all be together again. I am sure there will be lots of weary children by the end of the week so please do enjoy a restful weekend with lots of sleep and relaxation so the children are raring to go again next week!



Thank you for helping to ensure the pathways run smoothly in the mornings by arriving at school in your allocated windows. This really makes such a big difference! We are very aware of the difficulties families are presented with in terms of finding safe places to park around school and do urge you to walk or ride to school if you have the capacity to do so. I am delighted to have heard from the Roman Palace and it is their intention to re-open from Monday 17th May in-line with government guidelines. This will mean that our families will once again be able to start to use the carpark and we hope we will start to operate our Walking Bus again then!

Lots of families have asked if there is some way that they can contribute to our school. At Fishbourne, we LOVE to read and inspire our children to devour great books! We have our own Patron of Reading and our own Reading Newsletter - we eat, breathe and sleep books! We would love your children to grow up with the same love of books that is shared by so many of us! Keeping our library and classrooms fully stocked with books is really important and so we invite you to donate a book to our school library if you possibly can. We will put a special bookplate into the book thanking your family for your donation to our school. We have set up an Amazon Wish List from which you can support us in this way are able to do so:

<https://amzn.eu/j1dFX85>



Tomorrow, the children will come home with an envelope containing some lovely goodies in celebration of World Book Day. Our huge thanks to FOFS (Friends of Fishbourne School) for their hard work in putting these together. A special thank you to Vanessa Marchant-Williams who has used some of the words from our beautiful school book, Only One You, to inspire a bookmark: 'Set aside some quiet time to relax and reflect. Every day.' Your WBD token and an extra little treat will be included in the envelope so please do put it to good use!

A reminder of a couple of key dates:

Friday 19th March: Wear non-uniform and donate £1 to Comic Relief via parentmail.

Thursday 1st April: Fishbourne 'world' Book Day. Dress up as a superhero, inspired by Sophy Henn's new superhero themed series, Pizazz.

Thursday 1st April: Break up for the Easter holiday.

Monday 19th April: Return to school for the start of the summer term

During the week beginning 19th April, we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' meetings via Zoom for you to find out what's happening in the term ahead. More details to follow in future newsletters.

Thursday 29th April: FOFs meeting - all warmly welcome!

After the Easter break, we will be returning to our usual format of monthly school newsletters. Have a lovely weekend!

Naomi Day



Protocol for dropping off and picking up children from school

The plan for this busy part of the school day has been designed to try to ensure we keep contact between families to an absolute minimum. We know this part of the day is normally a busy, sociable and happy one for our school family and so initially, it will feel very strange indeed to behave in this way. We are aiming for this to be as efficient as possible, with parents spending the minimum amount of time needed dropping and collecting their children at school. Despite this regimented arrival, your children will be welcomed warmly into school and we want to assure you that we will continue to work in partnership with you.

- 1) Only one parent to come on the school run. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering.
- 2) Families have been allocated a specific arrival time 8.40 and 9.00am:

| 8.40 - 8.45am | 8.45 - 8.50am | 8.50 - 8.55am | 8.55-9.00am |
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| Children of key workers | Surnames A - I | Surnames J- R | Surnames S - Z |

- 3) We will operate a one-way system whereby:
 - Families enter through the pedestrian gate, maintaining social distancing at all times, using the fish on the pavement as a guide.
 - Parents will accompany their children to their key stage playground gate.
 - Parents then leave through the vehicle gate closest to the Roman Palace, crossing the road and leaving Roman Way on the far side of the pavement to avoid congestion with those families queuing to come into school.
- 4) Families should not congregate in groups socially before or after school. It is essential that all families are respectful of the request to social distance outside of school time.

- 5) Mrs Day and Mrs Buchan will be on the gates to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to support children in saying goodbye to parents and directing them to their class teachers who will be ready to greet them at their classroom doors.
- 6) Immediately on arrival at their classroom, children will wash their hands before going to their table and starting their morning activities.
- 7) Parents should not attempt to enter the playground or the school via the main entrance. We ask for all correspondence with class teachers or the office to come via email or by telephone.
- 8) At the end of the day, children will be picked up in the same staggered groups between 3.00 and 3.20pm.

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| 3.00 - 3.05pm | 3.05 - 3.10pm | 3.10 - 3.15pm | 3.15 - 3.20pm |
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- 9) Those children due to be collected will be waiting on the playground and parents will queue as they did in the morning. Children will be called when their parent has arrived and families will then leave via the vehicle access gate.
- 10) Local residents will be informed of the arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day so that they can avoid the area should they wish to.

The Roman Palace is currently out of action for parking.