



Feniton Flyer

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Friday 8th September 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and in good spirits. We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back to school and meeting our new starters in Reception and across the school.

Mrs Biddle and her cleaning team have worked very hard over the holidays to ensure that the school was ready to go this week and we are very grateful for their efforts.

The start of the academic year is always very busy, and it is inevitable that parents may have some questions. Please do not hesitate to pop into the school office or speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Last year was a tremendously positive one for Feniton School and we have reason to feel confident about the year ahead. Children are best supported when home and school work closely together, in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration. Thank you in advance, for your support as we prepare ourselves for the opportunities and challenges which lie ahead.

Best Wishes,

Mrs S Evans

Head of School



| Class | Attendance |
|--------------|------------|
| R | 98 |
| 1 | 97 |
| 2 | 99 |
| 3 | 98 |
| 4B | 99 |
| 4S | 99 |
| 5 | 98 |
| 6 | 99 |
| Whole School | 98 |

Please save your washing up liquid bottles .

Mrs Olim and the Year 3 pupils would love to have them to use in a DT project .



When collecting pupils at the end of the school day please ensure that when you are parking you do not block driveways in Westminster Close (opposite the school) when picking up and dropping off.



Safeguarding Our Children

We are happy to speak to any person at any time with regard to the safety of children. If you have any concerns please contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Otter Valley Federation:
Amanda Fulford, Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding Governor: Mark Humphries

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Sarah Evans, Head of School

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Janice Strawbridge, Teacher

Alternatively you can contact MASH on 0345 155 1071

Heart Values Awards



Our new starters from across all years have had a brilliant first week at school.

Well done!

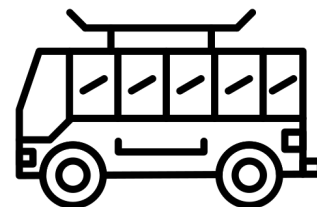


On Friday 22nd September we will be inviting all members of our school community to come to school wearing yellow clothes for a £1 donation.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group to support onto research into finding a cure for childhood cancers.

Please ensure that you are aware of the bus that drops pupils off at the start of the day.

Although the drivers are very vigilant it is important that children stay on the paths around the bus drop off site and only cross the road where the road crossing patrol is. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Dates to Remember :

September

Monday 11th September—KS2 Running Challenge throughout the school day

Monday 11th September - Governor AGM 6.30pm

Saturday 16th September—Fund Saver Work Day

Monday 25th September—KS2 Running Challenge throughout the school day

October

Thursday 5th October—Census Day

Wednesday 11th October—Harvest Festival @

10.30am

Wednesday 11th October – Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Monday 16th October—Year 4 Boccia/Curling @ Kings

Monday 30th October— Mini Police with Year 6

Tuesday 31st October - Year 5 Netball @ Kings

December

Wednesday 13th December—Reception Nativity St Andrews Church @ 2pm



The Devon Early Help Team are offering the following support in the autumn term:

| Autumn Term | | | | |
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| No. | Topic | Programme 1 | Programme 2 | Trainer |
| 1 | Autism overview | Thurs 14 September 10am to midday | Tues 31 October 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Paul Lamanna |
| 2 | Communication | Wed 20 September 10am to midday | Tues 7 November 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Laura O'Shea + Melissa New |
| 3 | Understanding and supporting behaviour | Thurs 5 October 10am to midday | Tues 14 November 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Laura Matthews |
| 4 | Sensory | Thurs 12 October 10am to midday | Tues 21 November 4.30pm to 6.30pm | Kevin Jones |

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on any of the above programmes or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Additionally, they will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic-based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

| Topic | Date/Time | Trainer |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Autism – vulnerability + online safety | Wed 1 November 10am to midday | Paul Lamanna |
| Autism and girls | Wed 8 November 9.30am to midday | Robert Good |
| Autism – managing stress + anxiety | Wed 15 November 10am to midday | Alison Cann |
| Autism – sensory processing + integration | Thurs 16 November 10am to midday | Kevin Jones |
| Autism – communication (pre or non-verbal – support strategies) | Wed 22 November 10am to midday | Laura Matthews |
| Autism – demand avoidance and pathological demand avoidance | Wed 6 December 10am to midday | Robert Good |
| Autism – communication (verbal – support strategies) | Tues 12 December 10am to midday | Laura O'Shea and Melissa New |

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Seeking...

Enthusiastic gardeners to support our school community



We love our school grounds but do not always have the time to give it the love it deserves.

We are looking for volunteers within our community to support with gardening around the grounds.

We can be flexible with times to suit the individual.

If you are interested in supporting us please contact the school office on 01404 850 303

Fund Saver Work Day

Saturday 16th September – A date for your calendar!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Fundsaver Work Day on Saturday 16th September from 9:30am onwards until about 4pm. Come along for the day or just an hour. We appreciate any time you can give.

This is a well established annual event and it will save the school a huge amount of money if we can get some of these jobs done ourselves. The day is also a great social event and a chance to meet other families.

Jobs will include:

- ⇒ Painting
- ⇒ Clearing gutters
- ⇒ Washing canopies
- ⇒ Cleaning windows and PVC
- ⇒ Weeding / hedge cutting
- ⇒ Tidy garden areas
- ⇒ Replacing slats of wood on benches under trees in main playground

Whatever time you can give, an hour or half day it will all make a significant difference. Arrive any time of day!

Naturally you will be able to bring the children. There will be activity room for them if the weather is bad and outdoor play if it's fine. Parents remain responsible for supervising the children, but usually the children are happy playing or helping with jobs.

If you are unable to assist on that day please help feed the workers that can turn up. Drop off food items for lunch on Friday 15th.

Tools and materials will mostly be provided, but if you do have any items - garden tools, steps, wheelbarrows, spades, outdoor brushes, dust sheets or anything that you think will be useful please, bring them along.