



Parents as Partners

John Chapter 10 Verse 10 – I came that you may have life; life in all its fullness

Our Fawkham Family helps everyone to:-

- Follow in the footsteps of God, with God's love, help and guidance,
- Know that we are all special and different and that God has created us in this unique way
- Feel safe, happy and confident in our loving caring Christian family
- Work together through the living out day by day of our Core Christian Values
- Try our best, with the light of Jesus inspiring us to be the best that we can be ensuring that we flourish

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE AT FAWKHAM CEP SCHOOL

22nd April 2022

Dear Parent,

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I trust that you all had a lovely Easter break with your family and friends. The children have certainly returned to school refreshed and raring to go during these summer terms.

It is unbelievable that we are now into the penultimate term of the academic year. There is already lots of focused work taking place leading up to the KS1 SATs, KS2 SATs, the Year 4 Multiplication Check and the Year 1 Phonic Screening Test. During these last two terms there are lots of fun activities and learning experiences with a Gala Dinner for Squirrels class, Sports Day for everyone, Squirrels summer spectacular and of course our annual event Camp Night, but without the camping; also our celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an afternoon of summer fun for the children! Please see the updated attached diary dates for all of the activities happening over the coming weeks and months. Do carefully record these on your diaries/calendars so that your children and families do not miss out on all of the great opportunities coming up.

Dressing for the Weather



The present weather is very changeable and although it may be warm enough in your car for the journey to and from school, it isn't always warm/dry enough to be in the playground without a coat. Please can **all** children come to school with a rain coat, even if they don't end up wearing it? It is better to have it and not use it, than to get cold.

As the weather is now warming up, can you please ensure that your child/ren come to school having had sun cream liberally applied; this will ensure that the children remain safe from the harmful sun's rays throughout the whole day. Children should also be bringing sun hats/caps to wear as another form of protection – our school sun caps are available to buy at £5 each.



As you know, we encourage children to have water bottles in their classrooms so that they may drink throughout the day. This is even more important during the summer months when children can very quickly become dehydrated. We continue to sell water bottles. These are available from the school office for £1.50.

Sporting Achievements

Both our Squirrels girls and boys football teams have been achieving some fantastic results during the year, winning lots of matches, both in tournaments, league matches and friendly matches against several local schools.

The children are committed to their teams and the team spirit of both teams is wonderful to see. Their skills have really developed and they have relished their successes so far this year.

The girls are in the semi-finals of the girls FA Cup where they will be playing on the main stadium pitch at Princes Park in May – good luck girls!



Our Squirrels class girls' rugby team attended a rugby festival, having never played tag rugby before and with just a handful of training sessions the girls were brilliant, getting better and better match by match!



Squirrels class netball team, consisting of boys and girls, enjoyed a friendly match against West Kingsdown recently and despite only having trained together a handful of times only narrowly lost the match.

Our Badgers class football team played a friendly match recently against West Kingsdown and again this mixed team of girls and boys played very well.

Book Week



Our Book Week 2022 was a resounding success; thanks to our great English Leader, Miss Payne for leading it. The children had an amazing time and the writing outcomes that they produced during the week were fantastic. The visiting poet truly inspired children's writing and the House Teams Day, along with the dress up day, was enjoyed by all. It was lovely that so many of you managed to come in and celebrate reading with your children on the Friday afternoon.



I want to say a huge thank you to you all for your total support for the sponsored spellathon, you raised a huge £547.50; the teachers are currently choosing non-fiction books to purchase that link to the class topics to add to their book corners. The children across the school will benefit.

Maths Week

Our Maths Week 2022 was another week of exciting activities for the children. They loved the maths show that they watched and again relished the opportunities offered on House Teams Day. We were amazed at the inventiveness of their costumes on dress up day and had great fun with the number bonds and multiplication "tablesathon".

Once again thank you so much for your support in sponsoring your children, you raised a brilliant £671.50, Miss Hurdle, our Maths Leader, is busy consulting with the teachers about the maths resources that they would like purchased for their classes. Every child will benefit from the manipulatives during their maths lessons. Thanks to Miss Hurdle for leading the week for us.

Easter Events

Before the holidays we had some lovely Easter events. The Easter Bonnet/Hat parade was amazing with some very creative ideas.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt. As always the children designed and made some amazing eggs.

The children were thrilled that the Easter Bunny took time out to visit during the afternoon too!



New Entrants

If your child is starting school with us in September please ensure that you return your acceptance forms to Mrs Bamber ASAP, along with your original documents ready for photocopying. Please also bring their original birth certificate.

Online Safety

Whether you're puzzled by parental controls or would like to know more about gaming, this website can help:-

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

We all know that it can sometimes be challenging to keep up to speed with what children and young people are doing online. Luckily on this site you'll find a whole host of useful ways to keep your child safe.



Our School Website

Please do regularly check out our school website as there is so much information on there. The banner on the home page is changed every week to remind you of forthcoming events for the week ahead. The class pages are packed full of information including all letters that have been sent out, all newsletters for the class etc. These can be found in the Parent' section. Our lovely Mrs Bamber works very hard to keep the site up to date for you so please do take time to look at it.

Calling all Maypole Dancers

Mrs Bamber and I are still in real need for more children to join up to our Maypole dancing team, we have 16 ribbons and currently only 12 children to hold them and dance. The sessions start next week – on Tuesdays from 3:05pm – 4pm. If your child is in Hedgehogs, Badgers or Squirrels and would love the opportunity to learn to Maypole Dance – not many people in life can say that they've done this – then please see Mrs Bamber or myself. Your child must be available on Saturday 25th June from about 1:30 – 2:30 to perform at the Hartley Church Summer Fair on the field behind St Mary's Church.



The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Wow! The School Council's fund raising event to raise money for this charity was so successful. Your generosity in sponsoring the children's buddy obstacle activity raised £800!!! A great amount to raise for a really great cause, thank you all.

The children really enjoyed the afternoon working with their buddy when each child led their blindfolded buddy around a challenging obstacle course. It really did give the children an insight into what it would be like to not be able to see; conversely children also had to think about the language they used with their buddies as they guided them – the instructions given weren't always clear, but no accident occurred so a great level of care was definitely there.

Well done to all of the members of the School Council, along with Mrs Bamber who works with them.



Kingswood Residential Trip

Just a little reminder that the final payment, £198.00, for our next year's residential trip, is due soon. Don't forget that you may pay in installments of any amount and as often as you would like.



Mothers' Day Dinner

It was lovely to reinstate this lovely event this year. Mums/Nans/Aunties all seemed to enjoy eating lunch with their children.



Wow what a term! There are lots more opportunities, too many to mention, so **CHECK THE DIARY DATES!**

Best wishes,

Miss M. Bridges,
Headteacher

Annual Questionnaire

Don't forget that annual questionnaires, that you were given on parents evening, are due in by next Friday. Please do find time to complete them and give us feedback both positive and areas for further development, we really do value your opinions and ideas.

Events for the Summer Terms



I have taken on board comments made by a couple of parents last term concerning our requests for monetary support from you through our fundraising activities. Some families have found this challenging despite wanting to support everything that we do in our Fawkham Family. I do understand and looking at the fundraising events we have had since January, they are numerous!

During the summer terms I have deliberately changed some events and reduced others. For example: rather than a Summer Fair, which is usually a big expenditure for families, we are going to have a 'fun summer afternoon' with the children engaging in lots of lovely games and activities on the school field and all we ask is that you send a plate of party food in for them to consume during the event.

We are not going to have any class trips during the summer as these are always extremely expensive, this is something that we look to reintroduce next academic year. There are a huge amount of fun activities for the children during the summer so I don't feel that the children will be 'missing out'.

As always thank you parents for your unwavering support, it is genuinely really appreciated.