

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope that you enjoyed the summer break and are ready for a new school year. For those of you who are new to our school, we are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child and to those of you who are returning, we are looking forward to working alongside you again to ensure your child has another great year with us. We have already got a lot of exciting things planned for this year so please make a note of the dates on this newsletter and we will keep you updated on all upcoming events. Please remember that we encourage open communication between yourselves and the school and, although we have formal Parents Evenings in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms, you are always welcome to discuss your child's progress or any other queries or issues with either your child's class teacher or myself and we will do our very best to respond to your queries and solve any concerns.

Our Value this half term is... Friendship

Learning Snapshots

We are really pleased to have put some more Learning Snapshot dates in the diary (see dates on the reverse!) to welcome parents and carers into lessons to give you an idea of what different curriculum lessons look like. We hope these are useful and invite as many of you as possible to come along and see the structure of lessons and strategies we use in teaching and learning. Due to these being classroom based lessons, unfortunately we cannot facilitate younger siblings being in school.

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting the FOSPS events held throughout the last academic year. Thanks to your generosity, the FOSPS have been able to donate a fantastic £1500 for us to spend on new books for our library so watch this space! They have also bought some new furniture for Mars classroom to enable us to give it a revamp so a huge thank you to the FOSPS for their hard work fundraising and to you for supporting their efforts.

Wraparound Care—Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that if your child will be attending wraparound care, they need to be booked on in advance on Arbor. This is to reduce the huge amount of resulting admin work. If you have any problems using this system, please contact the school office so that we can iron out any issues. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform

Our school uniform list has been sent out with this newsletter. School uniform is available to buy online at www.brigade.uk.com and you have the option of having uniform delivered to school or home. We would like to remind you that our uniform is a way of showing that we belong and are proud to belong to our school. Please could you ensure that your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name.

PE kit

Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit in school on PE days.

[Mars - Monday and Friday](#)

[Venus –Wednesday and Thursday](#)

[Neptune - Tuesday and Wednesday \(swimming\)](#)

[Saturn - Monday and Wednesday](#)

[Jupiter - Wednesday and Thursday](#)

Please also note the guidance that no earrings are permitted to be worn during PE.

Autumn Term 2024 Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 11th September - Neptune class start swimming
- Horstead Parents' info evening, 5pm
- Weds 18th —Fri 20th Sep - YR 4 and 5 to The Horstead Centre
Thursday 26th September - Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6
Thursday 3rd October - Harvest Festival, 2:00pm, All Saints Church, Stradbroke—all welcome
- Weds 9th—Fri 11th October - Book Fair in school—more information to follow
- Tuesday 15th October - Parents Evening—2:00—7:00pm
Monday 21st October - Photographer in—individual and family photos
- Thursday 24th October - Language and Culture Day

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - HALF TERM

- Monday 4th November - Children back to school
Wednesday 6th November - Saturn class start swimming
Friday 8th November - Parents/ carers invited into celebration assembly, 10:30am
- Tuesday 12th November - New Reception Intake morning— 9:15—10:15am
- Wednesday 13th November - Year 6 performing at Shakespeare Schools Festival—more information to follow
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Wednesday 20th November - EYFS/KS1 Phonics Learning Snap Shot, 9:15—10:15, parents welcome
- Thursday 21st November - KS2 Reading Learning Snap Shot, 9:15—10:15, parents welcome
- Friday 29th November - Christmas Decoration Morning and Christmas carol singing assembly— parents/ carers welcome
- FOSPS Christmas Fair—3:30pm
- Monday 9th December - Nativity dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11th December - Year 6 singing at the Baptist Church
Tuesday 10th December - Nativity performances—2pm and 6pm
Friday 13th December - Christingle making—AM
- Christingle Service, 2:00pm, All Saints Church, Stradbroke—all welcome
- Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19th December - Last Day of Term
Friday 20th December - Staff PD Day

Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

- Monday 6th January - Staff PD Day
Tuesday 7th January - Children back to school