



Four Lanes Federation

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Dear Parents / Carers,



Thank you for your continued generosity in helping us to collect for various good causes. The Jeans for Genes day collection totalled **£220** at the infant school and **£269.66** at the junior school. At the schools' Harvest Assemblies yesterday, the children found out about the work of the local foodbank, and how they have shown responsibility in the local community by helping others.



We have an action packed week at the junior school with Year 3 taking part in an African Drumming workshop, Year 6 visiting Milestones and an author, Kerry McIntosh, visiting to talk to the children and officially open the new library on Wednesday!

Parent Communication Policy

The governing board have recently approved the adoption of the Parent Communication Policy which is a suggested policy from Hampshire Schools' Legal Services team. This outlines the sort of communication parents can expect from the schools and also outlines our expectation of positive and polite interactions at all times. Unfortunately we find it necessary to adopt this policy following some less than favourable communication including verbal, written and physical aggression to staff recently. You can find the policy on both schools' websites or on the following link:



<https://www.fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=121&type=pdf>



#HelloYellow - Monday 9th October 2023

Once again, as a federation, we would like to show our support for "Young Minds" as part of our mental health focus. We are inviting everyone to come to school replacing part of their uniform wearing something yellow, or adding a yellow accessory, as part of the #Hello Yellow campaign. Where you can, please consider bringing a £1 donation.

Young Minds is a charity leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges, and are keen to make sure that children and young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties. We truly value your support with such a worthwhile cause and look forward to the school brightening up on Monday.



Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

This year we are taking part in the Rotary Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for disadvantaged and displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine. If you are





interested in putting together a box, please pop into either school office and pick up a box and leaflet. Any completed boxes should be returned to school by Wednesday 18th October to give enough time for them to be collected.

Schools' Parent Surveys – Summer 2023

Earlier in the summer, the Governors and I asked parents to complete the parent surveys. We use the information from the survey responses in many ways, but it is most useful in providing information for evaluation of the schools' performance, which we undertake each year. From this, we put together the Schools' Development Plan, which goes into more detail on our priorities for the coming year.

Your feedback is so valuable to us, and we take it very seriously. Those of you who have taken time to give detailed comments should know that every single one is read and passed on as appropriate. If you have given specific praise about a teacher (for example), this is shared with them. If you have constructive criticism, we discuss this with the relevant personnel within school to see whether changes can be made to improve your child's experience. We make changes every year as a result of the feedback you give.

Click [here for infant school survey](#) or [here for junior school survey](#).

Infant School Parent Survey

We received 110 responses which represented a return rate of 41%. We are delighted to report that overall your responses to the Parent Survey questions have been overwhelmingly positive. To give you one or two examples, over 96% of respondents "strongly agree" or "agree" that their child feels happy at school. 100% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that their child feels safe at school and 96% of respondents 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that their child does well at school.

We always ask some questions about addressing bullying. Of the few cases that were reported (10 out of 110 responses), 70% (7 out of the 10) agreed that the incident(s) were dealt with quickly and effectively. We would always hope that no child in our care experiences bullying, however we are realistic enough to know that from time to time it may happen. In order to combat this, we run an 'Anti-Bullying' week and also conduct pupil surveys to see how effective this focus has been. Small children do not always realise the impact of their words or actions on others around them, so teachers also work on this in the classes, talking to the children and asking them to think about putting themselves in someone else's shoes and exploring how they would feel. We will continue this work with the children and would ask you as parents, to always come forward and talk to your class teacher if you believe bullying may be taking place, so we can take immediate action. A useful link for parents is <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>.

The most popular form of communication from 100% of respondents was the School App with 90.8% always using it and 9.2% sometimes using it. All organisations review and evolve their communication methods to make sure they continue to remain relevant; this is an area we will be considering further in the next year.

Finally, the mean score of 4.63 stars out of 5 for "I would recommend this school to another parent" is very pleasing.





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Junior School Parent Survey

We received 82 responses which represented a return rate of 22%. We are delighted to report that overall your responses to the Parent Survey questions have been positive. To give you one or two examples, 89% of respondents “strongly agree” or “agree” that their child feels happy at school. 95% of respondents ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that their child feels safe at school and 93% of respondents ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that their child does well at school.

We always ask some questions about addressing bullying and this year we asked about bullying since September 2022. Of the cases that were reported (15 out of 84 responses), 40% (6 out of the 15) agreed that the incident(s) were dealt with quickly and effectively. On further investigation, some of the reported incidences of bullying were historical however we would always hope that no child in our care experiences bullying. We are realistic enough to know that from time to time it may happen. In order to combat this, we carefully monitor any reported incidents, run an ‘Anti-Bullying’ week and in the future we plan to conduct pupil surveys to see how effective this focus has been. Children do not always realise the impact of their words or actions on others around them, so teachers also work on this in the classes, talking to the children and asking them to think about putting themselves in someone else’s shoes and exploring how they would feel. We will continue this work with the children and would ask you as parents, to always come forward and talk to your class teacher if you believe bullying may be taking place, so we can take immediate action. A useful link for parents is <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week> .

The most popular forms of communication were Newsletters from the Headteacher (96%), Class Dojo (94%), emails via the office (98%) and parent consultation meetings (99%). All organisations review and evolve their communication methods to make sure they continue to remain relevant; this is an area we will be considering further this year.

Finally, the mean score of 4.23 stars out of 5 for “I would recommend this school to another parent” is very pleasing.

Ongoing Diary Dates for the Autumn Term:

Junior School Diary Dates:

October	Black History Month – Saluting our Sisters Over the month, the children will be learning about black women through history and their impact on the world.
Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th Oct	Walk to School week (this includes ‘park & stride’)





Tues 3 rd Oct	Year 6 trip to Milestones Year 3 African Drumming workshop (in school)
Wed 4 th Oct	Author visit: Kerry McIntosh
Thurs 5 th Oct	National Poetry Day
Fri 6 th Oct	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection
Mon 9 th Oct	World Mental Health Day & #Hello Yellow – wear a yellow accessory eg., socks, hairband.
Tues 10 th Oct	5pm Minstead residential visit information evening for Y4 Parents
Tues 17 th Oct & Thurs 19 th Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 to 7.10pm (booking info to follow)
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET day
Wed 1 st Nov	Children’s ‘flu immunisations
*Fri 3 rd Nov	FFLS Discos for junior children – further information will follow from FFLS
Thurs 9 th Nov	Planetarium visit for Y5
Fri 10 th Nov	Photographer
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week: Make a Noise About Bullying, starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13 th Nov (wear odd socks to school)
Fri 17 th Nov	BBC Children in Need
Mon 20 th Nov	Diya painting & dance workshop for Y5
Tues 28 th Nov	6pm New Y3 September 2024 Prospective Parents Information Evening
Mon 11 th Dec	2.30pm Year 3 Christmas concert for parents
Tues 12 th Dec	2.30pm Year 4 Christmas concert for parents
Wed 13 th Dec	2.30pm Year 5 Christmas concert for parents Christmas Lunch for children
Thurs 14 th Dec	2.30pm Year 6 Christmas concert for parents
Fri 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (NSPCC collection) 1.15pm Infants collection time 1.25pm Juniors collection time 1.40pm Carols in the Playground
Mon 18 th Dec to Mon 1 st Jan 2024 (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays
Tues 2 nd Jan 2024	Start of school





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Infant School Diary Dates:

Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th Oct	Walk to School week (this includes 'park & stride')
Fri 6 th Oct	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection
Mon 9 th Oct	World Mental Health Day & #Hello Yellow – wear a yellow accessory eg., socks, hairband.
Tues 10 th Oct	Welcome to Year 1 – curriculum meeting for parents 5.30pm in the hall
Wed 11 th Oct	9.30am New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour
Wed 11 th Oct	Welcome to Year 2 – curriculum meeting for parents 5.30pm in the hall
Thurs 12 th Oct	Year 1 trip to Hillier's Arboretum
Fri 13 th Oct	FFLS Mini Movie Night for infant children (separate communication already shared)
Mon 16 th Oct	9.30am & 2pm New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour Welcome to Year R – curriculum meeting for parents 5.30pm in the hall
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET day
Wed 1 st Nov	Children's 'flu immunisations
Mon 6 th Nov	9.30am New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour
Mon 6 th Nov & Tues 7 th Nov	<u>Year R</u> Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 to 7.10pm (booking info to follow)
Tues 7 th Nov & Thurs 9 th Nov	<u>Year 1 & Year 2</u> Parent Consultation Meetings 3.40 to 7.10pm (booking info to follow)
Thurs 9 th Nov	Photographer
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Mon 27 th Nov	9.30am & 2pm New Year R Sept 2024 Parents' Tour





Tues 28 th Nov	6pm New Y3 September 2024 Prospective Parents Information Evening
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.30am YR Nativity
Fri 8 th Dec	9.30am New YR Sept 2024 Parents' Tour 1.45pm YR Nativity
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (NSPCC collection) 1.15pm Infants collection time 1.25pm Juniors collection time 1.40pm Carols in the Playground
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Reminder about INSET days Spring & Summer Term 2024:

On INSET days, the schools are closed to children while staff undertake training.

- Monday 19th February (after half term)
- Monday 3rd June (after half term)

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or catch a member of staff on the playground.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Mallaby
Executive Headteacher

