

Four Lanes Federation

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good half term break. It is always surprising to think that we are now over half-way through the current school year! Just before half term, I had a visit from our local MP Maria Miller. As well as tours of both schools, we were able to discuss issues that all schools are currently facing around funding and special needs provision in particular.

There are lots of events planned over the next few weeks including **World Book Day** and **Parent Consultation Evenings** so please take a look at the diary dates at the end of this newsletter – there have been one or two date changes. Separate more detailed letters will be sent for each event.



Thank you! NSPCC Number Day 2.2.24

A fun mathematically focused day was had by all! Thank you for your donations to the NSPCC with £148.73 from the junior school and £158.55 from the infant school. I hope you saw some photos on Dojo (junior school) and FaceBook (infant school).



Children's Mental Health

Nationally there is an increase in children's mental health issues and we are experiencing the same across our schools. As a federation, we are fortunate to be actively involved with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for schools which is a team within the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) organisation who bridge the support gap between school provision and CAMHS. We have a number of children and families benefitting from this support. We have staff training from them and we sign-post parents and carers to various events via our usual communication methods. If you would like further information, please contact either school.



School Attendance Reminders



Please ensure that your child attends regularly and on time. We will inform you on a termly basis about your child's attendance record, regardless of whether they have had absence or not. If any absence reaches a concerning level, you will receive contact from school sooner than this in order to discuss if or how we can support any improvement. For further details please see our Federation Attendance Policy on the following link:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/four-lanes-infant-school/UploadedDocument/61a0aef2-b5d6-4a06-b19e-32a8d4f43878/attendance-policy-nov-23-24.pdf











Some important things to note in the policy are:

	Doors open	Registration	Late (Code L)	Unauthorised (Code U)
Infant School	8.45am	8.55am	8.56 to 9.15am	From 9.16am
Junior School	8.40am	8.50am	8.51 to 9.10am	From 9.11am

If your child is absent you must:

- Contact the relevant school as soon as possible on the first day of absence by phoning the office.
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence you must do this even if you have already telephoned us (this can be by email).

If your child is absent we will:

- Telephone you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you This is because we have a duty to ensure your child's safety as well as their regular school attendance.
- Invite you to discuss the situation with a member of the Senior Leadership Team if absences persist.
- Refer the matter to the Hampshire County Council's Attendance Legal Panel if absence is unauthorised and falls below 90%

You may have noticed that the Government are focusing on school attendance at the moment as school absence rates have increased nationally. This is via the 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts' campaign.

Schools, nationally, are experiencing the number of persistently absent pupils increasing. This is when attendance drops below 90%. In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

School attendance however is important for more than just attainment: Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Attendance and absence data for our schools (22.2.24) showed the following:

	Infant School	Junior School
Attendance	96.3%	96.3%
Authorised absence	3.2%	3%
Unauthorised absence	0.5%	0.7%

Attendance Target

Set by Governing

Body: 97%

REMINDERS! Events coming up soon (also see diary dates at end of newsletter)



GROUND FORCE MORNING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday 2nd March 9.30-11.30am

Come along & help to tidy up the school grounds & enjoy being outdoors.

Refreshments provided.











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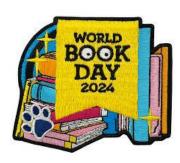
Celebrating World Book Day on Monday 4th March

5.45-6.15pm

Snuggle with a Story (Infant School Event)



Friday 8th March 'Read Your Way'





Junior School Book Fair: Wed 13.3.24 to Mon 18.3.24 3:20pm – 4 pm

Junior School Parent Consultations

Tuesday 6th March (not 5PW)
Wednesday 7th March (5PW, 5RJ & 3AB only)
Thursday 8th March (not 5RJ & 3AB)

Arbor booking links already sent out



Games Event for Families (Junior School)

Thursday 14th March 3.30 – 5.30pm

Arbor booking link already sent out

Infant School Parent Consultations

Monday 25th March Wednesday 27th March

Arbor booking links will be sent out nearer the time.











<u>Diary Dates for Spring 2 Term – infant school</u>

Fri 1.3.24	FFLS Quiz Night (adults only) 7.30 – 10.30pm junior school hall		
Sat 2.3.24	Ground Force Morning 9.30-11.30am		
Mon 4.3.24	Snuggle with a story event		
Wed 6.3.24	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection		
Fri 8.3.24	World Book Day - Dress up day on Friday 8th March (further info to follow)		
	Parent drop-ins with Mrs Docherty & Mrs Wheeler		
Sat 9.3.24	Basingstoke Music Festival – Choir competition		
Mon 11.3.24	Barnaby Bear choir trip to The Anvil		
Fri 15.3.24	Red Nose Day		
Sat 23.3.24	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt		
Mon 25.3.24 &	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30-7pm		
Wed 27.3.24			
Thurs 28.3.24	Break Up for Easter Holidays		
	FFLS donuts at home time		
Fri 29.3.24 – Fri	Easter Break		
12.4.24			

Diary Dates for Spring 2 Term – junior school

Fri 1.3.24	FFLS Quiz Night (adults only) 7.30 – 10.30pm junior school hall	
	Year 7 place offer day	
Mon 4.3.24 – Fri	Book Week, dressing up on Friday 8 th March	
8.3.24		
Tues 5.3.24	Parent Consultation Meetings (not 5PW)	
Wed 6.3.24	Parent Consultation Meetings (5PW, 5RJ & 3AB only)	
	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection	
Thurs 7.3.24	Parent Consultation Meetings (not 5RJ & 3AB)	
Fri 8.3.24	World Book Day - Dress up day on Friday 8 th March (both schools)	
Wed 13.3.24 -	Book Fair in school – open 3.20 to 4pm	
Mon 18.3.24		
Thurs 14.3.24	Games Night for parents & children in junior hall 3.30-5.30pm	
Sat 9.3.24	Basingstoke Music Festival – Choir competition	
Fri 15.3.24	Red Nose Day – wear uniform with 1 red item	
Sat 23.3.24	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt (12 – 2pm)	
Tues 26.3.24	Author visiting	
Thurs 28.3.24	Break Up for Easter Holidays	
	FFLS donuts at home time	
Fri 29.3.24 – Fri	Easter Break	
12.4.24		

Key dates for rest of academic year – both schools:

Mon 15.4.24	Start of term for children
Mon 6.5.24	May Day Bank Holiday
w/c 13.5.24	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 27.5.24 to	Half term break
Fri 31.5.24	
Mon 3.6.24	INSET day
Tues 4.6.24	Start of term for children









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Tues 4.6.24 – Fri	Year 6 Calshot residential
7.6.24	
Tues 4.6.24 – Fri	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window
14.6.24	
Sat 8.6.24	FFLS Summer Fayre
w/c 10.6.24	Phonics Screen Check week for Year 1 (and Year 2 re-sits)
Tues 23.7.24	End of term / school year
Wed 24.7.24	Start of Summer break

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or on the playground in the mornings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Mallaby

Executive Headteacher





