



Four Lanes Federation



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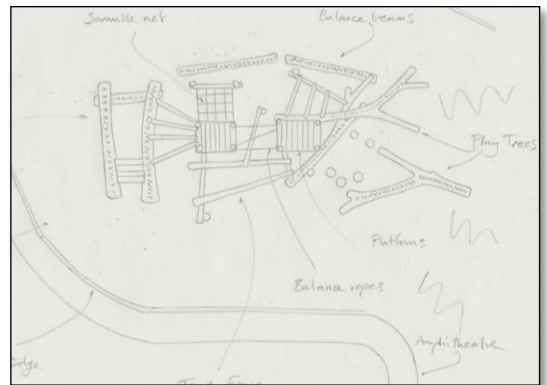
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Dear Parents / Carers,

As the summer term progresses, we look forward to starting some exciting outdoor improvements on the site! One of the long-neglected areas is the school pond. With some clearance of the area and new fencing and pond-viewing platform, it will become a fantastic area for outdoor learning for children at both schools.

At the junior school, we also look forward to seeing our 'log tangle' construction starting. This is being sited on the grassed area between Year 4 and the playground, where the modular classroom was last year. Work on this is starting today so we should start to see it taking shape soon. The amphitheatre, close by, will also be replaced by the same company.

The copse, between the junior school and the playground, has recently been fenced and gated. This will be developed into a quiet zone for break times over the next few weeks as the weather hopefully improves.



Request from Mrs Vervoerd (Ladybirds teacher) at the infant school:

We are planning to improve the outdoor area and would like to request donations of large plant pots of various shapes and sizes as well as cuttings of ferns and Hosta to propagate. If you have large plants of these to donate, we would be grateful but will also be happy with cuttings.

Infant School Extension to School Day Consultation

Thank you to all who returned the survey in relation to the 15-minute extension to the infant school day. The governing body have now agreed that from September 2024, the infant school day will be as follows:

- Doors open 8.45am (which means registration will be at 08.55am)
- End of day 3.20pm

This means that the junior school and infant school will still have a staggered start and end to the school day, ensuring families with children at both schools will have sufficient time at both ends of the school day as well as maintaining the safe flow of people on site.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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:

[Federation Attendance Policy](#)

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 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 (4.9.23 to 3.5.24)			
96.3%	3AB	96.8%	YR Bumblebees
95.5%	3AS	95.7%	YR Butterflies
97.1%	3SM	95.9%	YR Ladybirds
96.6%	4CR	97%	Y1 Owls
95.9%	4KH	96.4%	Y1 Robins
97.3%	4SP	96.4%	Y1 Woodpeckers
95.2%	5MB	97%	Y2 Foxes
95.4%	5PW	95.3%	Y2 Hedgehogs
96%	5RJ	96.3%	Y2 Rabbits
95.6%	6CS	Infant School: 96.1% Junior School: 96%	
94.9%	6RS		
96.4%	6RT		





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Reminder about earrings and PE

Hampshire Outdoors – Safety in PE and Sport PE guidance states the following:



- Jewellery (earrings, bangles, etc.) should not be worn to school in the first place.
- **Where jewellery is worn it must be removed for physical activity.**
- If under exceptional circumstances it cannot be removed (e.g. cultural practice or newly pierced ears), the risk of injury should be reduced where it is practicable to do so. This could be by:
 - bracelets being secured by the use of a wrist sweatband.
 - studs being secured by the use of micropore tape.
 - using tape or masking tape (not elastoplast or sellotape).

In these circumstances care must be taken to effectively cover the spike at the back of the ear lobe.

Similar action may be agreed when a child or young person has had their ears newly pierced, but only for a short, agreed period such as six full weeks.

Recycling – a message from the Eco Councils

At Four Lanes we recycle these items below. Please help your child to recycle. They are collecting these to stop them going into landfill and damaging our planet.

<p>Aluminium Ring Pulls</p> 	<p>Plastic Milk Bottle Tops</p> 	<p>Plastic pens and markers</p> 	<p>All types of batteries</p> 
 <p>Toothbrushes, tooth brush heads, tooth picks, floss containers etc</p> <p>All Brands accepted.</p>	<p>Stamps</p> 	 <p>Biscuits & Snacks packaging Recycling.</p>	

Please do not put anything else in each recycling bin. Collection must be free from contamination. Thanks.





Diary Dates for Summer Term – infant school

Infant School Diary Dates for Summer Term 2024	
Fri 24.5.24	FFLS Dress Down Day (fund raiser for Summer Fayre) FFLS donut sale at home time
Mon 27.5.24 to Fri 31.5.24	Half term break
Mon 3.6.24	INSET day
Tues 4.6.24	Start of term for children
Tues 4.6.24 – Fri 7.6.24	Fun Fit Week at the Infant School (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2)
Wed 5.6.24	Year R Trip to Wellington Country Park
Wed 5.6.24 – Tues 11.6.24	Book Fair
Fri 7.6.24	Parent drop-ins with Mrs Docherty & Mrs Wheeler
Sat 8.6.24	FFLS Summer Fayre 12 - 4pm
w/c 10.6.24	Phonics Screen Check week for Year 1 (and Year 2 re-sits)
Tues 11.6.24	September 2024 New Year R Parents' Meeting 6pm infant hall
Mon 17.6.24	September 2024 New Year 3 Parents' Meeting 5.30pm in junior hall
Tues 25.6.24	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Fri 28.6.24	Infant School Sports afternoon
Fri 5.7.24	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection
Tues 9.7.24	Y2 Performance 2.15pm
Wed 10.7.24	Y2 Performance 9.30am
Fri 12.7.24	Annual Reports to Parents FFLS Infant Party 3.30pm
Mon 15.7.24	Y2 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium, Southsea
Thurs 18.7.24	'Thank you' tea party for volunteers at Infant school 2.15pm
Fri 19.7.24	End of Y2 leavers' celebration FFLS Colour Run 3.30pm
Tues 23.7.24	End of term / school year FFLS donut sale
Wed 24.7.24	Start of Summer break

INSET days 2024-25 school year – same for both schools.

Monday 2 nd September 2024
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Friday 5 th October 2024
Monday 21 st July 2025
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Diary Dates for Summer Term – junior school





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Junior School Diary Dates for Summer Term 2024

w/c 13.5.24	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 20.5.24	Year 5 Trip to British Museum
Tues 21.5.24	Coffee Morning with Miss Smith & Ms Murphy 'Employee Volunteering' – grounds work
Wed 22.5.24	Year 5 & Year 6 Gymnastics Festival Cricket match vs Bramley CofE Primary 3pm
Fri 24.5.24	FFLS Dress Down Day (fund raiser for Summer Fayre) FFLS donut sale at home time
Mon 27.5.24 to Fri 31.5.24	Half term break
Mon 3.6.24	INSET day
Tues 4.6.24	Start of term for children
Tues 4.6.24 – Fri 7.6.24	Year 6 Calshot residential
Tues 4.6.24 – Fri 14.6.24	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window
Sat 8.6.24	FFLS Summer Fayre 12 – 4pm
Mon 17.6.24	September 2024 New Year 3 Parents' Meeting 5.30pm in junior hall
Fri 21.6.24	Junior School Sports Day
Mon 24.6.24 – Fri 28.6.24	STEM Week - TBC
Tues 25.6.24	QuadKids – Athletics Event
Thurs 27.6.24 & Fri 28.6.24	Secondary School Transition Days for Year 6 children
Tues 2.7.24	Year 5 taster day at The Vyne
Fri 5.7.24	FFLS Happy School Bags clothing collection and FFLS Junior Discos
Tues 9.7.24	Y6 performance: dress rehearsal 9.30am Y6 performance: 6pm
Wed 10.7.24	Y6 performance: 2pm and 6pm
Fri 12.7.24	Annual Reports to Parents
Tues 16.7.24	'Thank you' tea party for volunteers at Junior School 2.15pm
Fri 19.7.24	Y6 Leavers' celebration and FFLS Colour Run 3.30pm
Mon 22.7.24	Y6 Leavers' assembly 2pm
Tues 23.7.24	FFLS donut sale and 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

