



Four Lanes Community Junior

FOUR LANES
INFANT SCHOOL



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Dear parents / carers,

The children at both schools had a super time last week with book-focused learning culminating in a fantastic dressing up day on Friday. I do hope you managed to see some of the learning and costumes on Dojo at the Junior School and the school Facebook page at the Infant School. On the Monday, it was lovely to see so many children and parents return to school in the evening to attend 'snuggle with a story'.

The Book Fair is still open at the junior school with the last opportunity to purchase books after school on Monday 13th March.



A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

Research has shown that the number of books a child has encountered by the age of six is a positive predictor of their reading ability two years later. Adults reading to children and children enjoying books simply by looking at them and talking about them is hugely positive in the early development of children's love of reading.

Exciting News from the Joint Schools' Choir

Last Saturday, the joint schools' choir performed at Basingstoke Festival of Music and Arts in the 11s and under choir category. This was the first time they have taken part in such an event. We are really thrilled that they won their category with a distinction awarded! You can hear their beautiful singing of Dynamite and Sky Full of Stars on the following links:

<https://four-lanes-infant-school.primarysite.media/media/dynamite-round>

<https://four-lanes-infant-school.primarysite.media/media/a-sky-full-of-stars>

We were all so proud that they learned to sign as well as sing.



SATs information meetings for [Year 2 parents](#)

Please note the change of date for these meetings. They will now be held after Easter on Wednesday 19th April 6-7pm and Friday 21st April 2-3pm in the infant school hall.





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Reminder about PE Uniform

Both schools ask children to arrive wearing PE kit on their PE days and stay in their kit all day. This is a reminder that PE kit is still part of their school uniform and the appropriate kit should be worn as detailed in both school's Uniform Policies.

Infant School:

T-shirt: Plain white
Shorts: Dark elasticated waist
Footwear: Black plimsolls or plain trainers
Long leg-wear: Dark joggers/leggings in cooler weather
Top: Dark long-sleeved sweatshirt (or school jumper can be worn) in cooler weather

Junior School: Any brand of clothing is permitted, but if you would like to purchase certain items with the school logo, these are available from the Skoolkit website.

T-shirt: Plain blue or white (logo version available)
Shorts: Dark blue or black with elasticated waist
Footwear: Plain trainers
Long leg-wear: Dark blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings for cooler weather
Hooded Jumper: Plain blue hoodie (logo version available)

Parent & Child Consultation Meetings at the Junior School

Parent consultations at the junior school were held this week. If you missed this, please make contact with your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting.

Parent Consultation Meetings at the Infant School

The next parent consultation meetings at the infant school are being held at the end of March as follows:

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| Tues 28.3.23 | Parent Consultation Meetings for Rabbits Class only – 3.30-6.30pm |
| Wed 29.3.23 | Parent Consultation Meetings – all classes 3.30-6.30pm |
| Thurs 30.3.23 | Parent Consultation Meetings (not Rabbits Class) – 4-7pm |

Booking is via Arbor and further information on how to book will follow next next.

Parking on site and surrounding areas

Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block access to their properties or park on yellow-lined areas. With more than 600 children and 80 staff on site, safety is of paramount importance in and around site. Please walk or 'park & stride' whenever possible. Both the Chineham Arms and Village Hall car parks are within easy walking distance of school.



Between the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm there is no parking in the school car park unless you are a blue badge holder.





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Diary Dates for Spring Term: (**Infant School only dates**, **Junior School only dates**, **dates for both schools**)

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| Fri 17.3.23 | Red Nose Day – non-uniform & wear something red (+potato competition) |
| Mon 20.3.23 | Year 1 trip to Hillier's Arboretum |
| Sat 25.3.23 | FELS Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm |
| Tues 28.3.23 | Infant Parent Consultation Meetings for Rabbits Class only – 3.30-6.30pm |
| Wed 29.3.23 | Infant Parent Consultation Meetings – all classes 3.30-6.30pm |
| Thurs 30.3.23 | Infant Parent Consultation Meetings (not Rabbits Class) – 4-7pm |
| Mon 3.4.23 to Fri 14.4.23 | Easter break |
| Sat 22.4.23 | Four Lanes Schools Ground Force Event 10am - 12noon (details to follow) |

Key dates for rest of academic year:

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| Mon 17.4.23 | Start of term for children |
| Wed 19.4.23 | *SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents in infant school hall 6-7pm |
| Fri 21.4.23 | *SATs Meeting for Year 2 parents in infant school hall 2-3pm |
| Mon 1.5.23 | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Mon 8.5.23 | Coronation Bank Holiday |
| w/c 9.5.23 | End of Key Stage Two Statutory Assessments for Year 6 |
| w/c 9.5.23 and 15.5.23 | End of Key Stage One Statutory Assessments for Year 2 |
| Mon 29.5.23 to Fri 2.6.23 | Half term break |
| Mon 5.6.23 | INSET day |
| Tues 6.6.23 | Start of term for children |
| w/c 12.6.23 | Phonics Screen Check week for Year 1 (and Year 2 re-sits) |
| Fri 21.7.23 | End of term / school year |
| Mon 24.7.23 | Start of Summer break |

Playground equipment at the Junior School

We are excited that a trim trail will be installed on the junior school playground week commencing 20th March to enhance the junior children's playtime experience. It will look like this:



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school offices or catch myself, Miss Jones or Mrs Docherty on the playground.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Mallaby
Headteacher

