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Dear parents and carers,

A change to the start of the day at Falconbrook.

On Tuesday it was pouring down as the children arrived at school. So, we opened the main school doors and allowed the children to walk from the playground into school and straight into their classrooms. As a result of the positive feedback and comments from parents, staff and children we have now decided to trial these start of the day arrangements next week, **starting on Monday 27th March**. The new arrangements for KS1 and KS2 will be as follows:

- The playground gates will be opened at 8.45am.
- Mrs Smith and Mrs Pieniek-Jones will be in the playground to welcome children and parents, as usual.
- There will be no need for any classes to line up.
- Children may walk straight from the playground into school, and up to their classrooms.
- Adults will be standing on the stairs to make sure everyone is safe as they walk up the stairs.
- Teachers will be waiting in the classrooms for their children to arrive.
- The playground gate will close at 8.55am.

If these arrangements are successful we will consider putting them in place permanently.

Attendance Update.

There was another dip in our overall attendance last week. Last week the attendance in KS1 and KS2 was **94.8%**. This is well below the expected minimum attendance of 96.5%. I am hopeful that the overall attendance will improve next week, which is the last week of this term.

The following classes had the best in attendance in KS1 & KS2 this week:

- **KS1:** McGivern Class with **97.3%** attendance. **Well done!**
- **KS2:** Alikhan Class with **97.6%** attendance. **Well done!**

Here is the attendance for the other classes:

- ❖ **KS1:** Hughes Class **94.3%** Kelly Class **97%**; Karlsson Class **93.2%**.
- ❖ **KS2:** Smith Class **94%**; Alecock Class **93.6%**; Clemson Class **96.5%** Golden Class **88.4%**; Brunette Class **97%**.

Punctuality Update.

There were **30 late** arrivals at Falconbrook last week. This was a **noticeable improvement** from the previous week when there were **41 late arrivals**. Well done everyone!

The following classes had the best punctuality last week:

- In KS1: **McGivern Class** with **3 late** arrivals. Well done again!
- In KS2: **Smith Class** and **Alecock Class** and **Clemson Class** and **Golden Class** and **Brunette Class** all of whom only had **1 late each!** **This is a Falconbrook record! Can we keep it up?**

Below is the number of late arrivals in the rest of the classes:

- **KS1:** Karlsson Class **6 lates**; Kelly Class **4 lates**; Hughes Class **6 lates**.
- **KS2:** Alikhan Class **5 lates**



Friends of Falconbrook Parent Group



We have received a very positive response about the setting up of our new parents and school group **Friends of Falconbrook**.

The first **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** for the **Friends of Falconbrook** will be held at school on Tuesday **28th March at 9am**.

All parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will be led by Cheryl Campbell, our school business manager. If you would like any further information about the **Friends of Falconbrook** or the AGM you can contact Cheryl Campbell via the school office or on 0207 228 7706.



Year 3 & Year 4 Spelling Bee Champions

Congratulations to **Lena** (Yr 4), **Suheyb** (Yr 4), **Rumaysa** (Yr 3) and **Jahni** (Yr 3) for their excellent efforts in Wandsworth Year 3 & Year 4 Spelling Bee competition.

They performed with determination at this inter-school competition.

We are very proud of them all.



Falconbrook United Update



Falconbrook United played Shaftesbury Park School earlier this week.

Shaftesbury Park won the match. **But FB United played a strong game and we are proud of them.** The team have asked for additional practice sessions, which shows what a growth mindset Falconbrook United team have. They are determined to keep on improving.



Dangerous Parking Outside of School



A silver car has been seen several times this week parked in the middle of the road outside of our Early Years gate.

This is a **serious safety concern** as it makes crossing the road dangerous for parents and children.

It seems that the owner of this car may be a Falconbrook parent.

Can the owner of this car make sure they park elsewhere to ensure the safety of our children and families using this road to get to school.

Thankyou

Science Week at Falconbrook

Last week was Science Week at Falconbrook School.

Children carried out scientific research, participated in extraordinary scientific experiments, visited the London Science Festival and The Mad Science Show came to school too!

Below are photographs of some of the activities that took place.



Thank you to Ms Alecock for making Science Week at Falconbrook such a success.



Baby Pilkington

At the end of next week Mrs Pilkington will begin her maternity leave. While she is away Ms Tugwell will cover the role of SENCo here at Falconbrook. In the meantime we wish Mrs Pilkington well, and look forward to meeting baby Pilkington very soon.

Term ends next Friday 31st March at 3.30pm.
Summer term starts on Tuesday 18th April

Falconbrook School is a voucher partner for the Wandsworth Food Bank.
If you would like to know more about this please speak to **Mrs Smith**, or **Mrs Pieniek-Jones**



