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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a happy, busy and successful Spring Term at Falconbrook School. Our children have taken part in inter-school competitions and sporting tournaments; all KS1 and KS2 children participated in a day of high energy keep fit sessions with Kidz Fit; and we have enjoyed several other whole school events. We had our very first whole school history day, when Falconbrook went back in time to the 1940s. Not only was this fun for everyone, but it was a great opportunity to learn more about this period in history. We celebrated World Book Day and raised **£202.20p** for the Comic Relief Charity on Red Nose Day. As well as all of this we had a wonderful time during Science Week, which we are hoping will, now become an annual event. *"The whole week was awesome!" Jessica from Clemson Class.*



Celebrating Together

Earlier this term the whole school took part in special activities to celebrate **Chinese New Year**. This included children working with a professional dancer to learn a traditional dragon and parasol dance; as well as a wonderful performance by the Early Years children of the traditional story of the Chinese New Year.

Earlier this week the Early Years children presented their **Easter Assembly** to parents. An **Easter Story** assembly was held for the KS1 and KS2 children.

The end of term was also celebrated with an incredible **Musical Extravaganza**, which included a performance 'La Bamaba' sung in Spanish (Yr 3) and traditional New Zealand folk song (Yr 5), a recorder recital (Yr 4); a clarinet duet by Ubax and Jessica (Yr 6); the Falconbrook Steel Pan band (Yr 5 & 6) and the Falconbrook School Choir.

We look forward to more **shared celebrations** next term.



Parents at Falconbrook

It has been wonderful to see so many parents coming in to school to watch class assemblies or performances; join in with Friday Reading morning or accompany children on class trips.

We held our second **Annual Open Evening for Parents** this term, which was very well attended. It is also lovely to hear your positive comments about our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Change of Name

Smith Class has been renamed Jalloh Class



Start of the School Day

The new arrangements for the start of the school day have been a great success, and I received positive feedback from children, parents and staff. **As a result these arrangements will remain in place:**

- ✓ Playground gate will open at **8.45am**.
- ✓ Children can walk straight into school and up to their class.
- ✓ Playground gate will close at **8.55am**.
- ✓ Any one arriving at school after the gate has closed will be marked as late.
- ✓ There are no changes to the Early Years start of the day.



Friends of Falconbrook



The first AGM for the Friends of Falconbrook was held earlier this week.

Thank you to all parents to attended this meeting.

It was agreed to have **two people** in each of the available posts. The following have kindly offered to take on these roles:

- **Chair Person (1)** Ingrid Graham
- **Chair Person (2)** Muhammed Toheed
- **Secretary (1)** Felli Ubrette
- **Secretary (2)** Joanna Kane
- **Treasurer:** Cheryl Campbell
- **Treasurer support:** Judy Adams

The **Friends of Falconbrook** is a **fundraising group**, who will work in liaison with the school to organise fund raising events at school. The group will be guided and supported by Cheryl Campbell, who is our school business manager. Dates for future meetings will be published in these newsletters. Any parents who wish to join the group are most welcome.

A special thank you to Felli Ubrette & Cheryl Campbell for initiating this group.

Summer Term dates (more to follow....)

- ✓ **Tuesday 18th April: Summer term starts.**
- ✓ 8th May-12th May: **Year 6 SATs Test Week**
- ✓ 15th May-17th May: **Year 6 Residential School Journey**
- ✓ **Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June: Half term Holiday**
- ✓ Monday 19th June –Friday 23rd June: **Maths Week**
- ✓ **Monday 26th June School closed for children: Eid-ul-Fitr**
- ✓ Friday 30th June: **Eid parties & concerts**
- ✓ Monday 3rd July – Friday 6th July: **International Week** (including story telling from around the world ; international food sharing event and other....TBC)
- ✓ Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: **Parent Teacher meetings** (end of year reports)
- ✓ **Friday 21st July: end of term at 2pm.**
- ✓ Summer holiday for children: Monday 24th July – Wednesday 6th September

Attendance Update.

Last week the attendance in KS1 and KS2 was **91.1%**. This is well below the expected minimum attendance of **96.5%**; however we have had several children unwell with chicken pox. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to improved attendance across the school next term.

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

- **KS1:** McGivern Class with **95%** attendance. *This is the 7th time McGivern class have had the best attendance in KS1 this term. Well done.*
- **KS2:** Golden with **99.2%** attendance. *Excellent attendance, well done.*

Here is the attendance for the other classes:

- ❖ **KS1:** Hughes Class **74.8%** Kelly Class **86%**; Karlsson Class **89.5%**.
- ❖ **KS2:** Jalloh Class **90.5%**; Alecock Class **87.6%**; Alikhan Class **98%**; Clemson Class **92.6%**; Brunette Class **93.3%**.

Punctuality Update.

There were **53 late** arrivals at Falconbrook last week. This was a **significant drop** for last from the previous week when there were **30** late arrivals.

Children who arrive late to school are **missing out on their learning**. The early morning learning sessions from 8:50am-9:10am (approx.) are used to practise maths skills, handwriting skills, reading comprehension skills or can be additional time to work 1:1 with the teacher or TA.

If you child is not in school on time they are missing important learning opportunities.

The following classes had the best punctuality last week:

1. In KS1: **Hughes Class** with **3 late** arrivals.
2. In KS2: **Alecock Class** with **1 late** arrival.

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

- **KS1:** Karlsson Class **7 lates**; McGivern Class **5 lates**; Kelly Class **9 lates**
- **KS2:** Jalloh Class **3 lates**; Alikhan Class **5 lates**; Clemson Class **13 lates**; Golden Class **3 lates**; Brunette Class **3 lates**.



Baby Pilkington

Mrs Pilkington will start her maternity leave at the end of school **today**. 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.

Goodbye Colleague



Ms Bissessar will be leaving Falconbrook admin team at the end of this term to take up a new position. We wish her every happiness and success.

I wish you all a peaceful holiday and a very Happy Easter to all of our families who will be celebrating this festival at home.



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**



