

# Turners Hill C of E School News



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## Welcome, from the Headteacher

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful break with your lovely children and feel refreshed and ready for the new academic year. All pupils have made a very positive start to school and seem to be having lots of fun learning in their new classes. It has been fantastic to visit each class and see what a positive attitude our children have.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new pupils and parents to the school. I hope that you will all enjoy joining us at Turners Hill and I greatly look forward to getting to know you all in the very near future. In the meantime if you have any questions or important information please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me or catch me on the playground, alternatively you can always talk to your child's classteacher.

Along with our new children we wish to extend a warm welcome to a new member of teaching staff to the school – Miss Alex Constable (Birch Classteacher).

The school newsletter aims to keep parents up to date with news, developments and events in school. Please spend some time looking at the diary dates.

I hope that you and your child/children have a wonderful start to the academic year and I am sure there will be many great things to celebrate and share with you in future newsletters.

## INSET DAYS – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018



### New Year

As we begin another busy school year, we welcome back all our students and extend a special welcome to our new students as they begin their school life with us. On behalf of all staff, I would like to welcome the following new children; Amelia Matthews, Isabelle Staples, Mila Sullivan, Isla Clingo, Daisy Fisher, Rose Oates, Thomasina Bennett, Bonnie Gibson, Bella-Mae Faily, Isobel Lake, Rebecca Lepadatu, Bethany Mackintosh, Jessica Thrower, Oscar Pawsey, Jonjo O'Grady, Zaiyn Altun, Isaac Harvey, William Chenapa, Finley White, Jacob Neale and Oliver Thrower. We wish them a happy and successful time at Turners Hill; I know they will feel at home very quickly. We look forward to welcoming all of

our Reception children who will be starting with us full time on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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## STAR PUPIL AWARDS

This week the following Star Pupil Certificates have been awarded:

Jacob Mitchell for his enthusiastic attitude to learning in Year 1 – he is a great role model for our new Reception children.

Elodie Bristow for being an enthusiastic and confident learner in Cherry.

Birch Class for rising to the challenge of being in a new class and helping me (Miss Constable)!

Callum Quin for completing the homework over the holidays!

Willow Class for an exceptional first week back. They have shown, already, great determination to learn with confidence.



## Meet the Teacher

I know that you will have lots of questions about your children's classes and the school and I hope that many of you will be able to join us on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm** for the Meet the Teacher meetings. You are welcome to bring your child/children with you to these meetings as they are an informal way to gather some useful information. However, please do not worry if you cannot make the meetings as all the information will be sent home and we are always available if you have any questions.

## Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your son or daughter's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 95%, and attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your son or daughter only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable. Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.

Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important as it is indicative of a student's general motivation and commitment towards school. The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in the school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8.55am at the latest, wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn. We know it takes a day or two to get used to going to bed on time and settling back in and this is key to helping the children do their best.

## Notification of absence

If your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school before registers are taken at 9.00am stating the reason for their absence. Messages can be left on the answering machine at any time. Upon your child's return to school, please send the class teacher a written note of explanation for the absence.

**If your child has been physically sick, they are not allowed to return to school for 48 hours.**

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## **Friends of Turners Hill School (FOTHS)**

Friends of Turners Hill School are a fundraising group made up of parents, grandparents and volunteers helping to organise fun events for the children and parents and to help raise money for our school. We are looking for volunteers to join our group, any level of support is welcome whether it be from the beginning involving the planning or helping out on the day of the event, there's lots you can do! Bring a friend too, the more the merrier! If you would like to help with our forthcoming events and would like more information, please see the office for more details.....

## **Car Park Marshalling**

We **URGENTLY** require voluntary helpers to marshall our car park in the mornings between 8.35am-9.00am. This role is integral to the safety of your children and the traffic problems we experience up here on the hill! Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

## **Medical Details**

Should your child have any changes in their medical details, please ensure you inform the school ASAP.

## **Piano Lessons**

There are vacancies for piano lessons this academic year. If your child would be interested, please see the office who will give you the information you require.

## **SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **Tuesday**

Netball (Year 4-6) – 3.20pm to 4.20pm  
Football (Years 2-3) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

### **Wednesday**

Gymnastics (Mixed Ability) – 8.00am to 8.45am  
Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

### **Thursday**

Gymnastics (Advanced) – 8.00am to 8.45am  
Football (Years 4-6) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

### **Friday**

Tri-Golf (Years R-6) – 8.00am to 8.45am  
Tennis (Years 2-6) – 3.15pm to 3.55pm

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 3.30pm** – Meet the Teacher

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – KS2 Visit to Newhaven Fort

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – Forest School starts for Year 3

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – Clarinet starts for Year 4

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – Worth Starts for Year 5

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – SWIMMING BEGINS**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 6.00pm to 8.30pm** – Oriel High School Open Evening

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – 5.30pm to 8.30pm** – Sackville Open Evening

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 5.00pm to 8.00pm** – Imberthorne Open Evening



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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – 2.00pm** – Harvest Festival at St. Leonard's Church  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Green Week  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Year 5 & 6 Bluebell Railway/Sponsored Walk  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Year 3 & 4 Bluebell Railway/Sponsored Walk  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Reception Visit Wakehurst Place (Green Fairy)  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – Years 1 & 2 Visit Legoland  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – **HALF TERM**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 – 9.05am** – Willow Class Assembly  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 10.30am** – Open Morning for Prospective Parents  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 10.40** – Remembrance Service at St. Leonard's Church  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 9.05am** – Holly Class Assembly  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017** – Christmas Decoration and Jumper Day  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 9.30am** – Nativity Dress Rehearsal  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 9.30am** – Nativity  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 9.30am** – Nativity  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 3.30pm to 5.00pm** – School Disco  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 6.00pm** – Christingle Service at St. Leonard's Church  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 1.30pm** – Final Assembly – **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018** – **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
**RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Please look at our school website ([www.turnershillschool.org.uk](http://www.turnershillschool.org.uk)) for up-to-date news and useful information as well as excellent websites to aid your child's learning.

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