

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 25th May, Friday 22nd June & Monday 25th 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 11th 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 11th 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 11th September 2017 – 3.30pm – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 12th September 2017 – KS2 Visit to Newhaven Fort

Wednesday 13th September 2017 – Forest School starts for Year 3

Wednesday 13th September 2017 – Clarinet starts for Year 4

Wednesday 13th September 2017 – Worth Starts for Year 5

Monday 18th September 2017 – SWIMMING BEGINS

Wednesday 20th September 2017 – 6.00pm to 8.30pm – Oriel High School Open Evening

Thursday 21st September 2017 – 5.30pm to 8.30pm – Sackville Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 2017 – 5.00pm to 8.00pm – Imberhorne Open Evening



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

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Please look at our school website (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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