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Well, we are really getting into term and down to some learning!

Our Year 6 Learning Leaders are setting a great example on how to settle to work and have spoken to the school about the things they are enjoying learning about.

Please see the following announcements and dates:

Sunday Service Helper

The organisers of the Church Services here in school would like to employ someone to prepare the school hall for the service and tidy away after.

The job is for two Sunday mornings a month.

If you would be interested or would like more information please give your details to the school office and we will forward them.

Zumba Fitness Class

The PTA are interested in running a fitness class for adults here in school on a Monday evening.

The cost would be £5 per session.

If you would be interested, please let the PTA know by completing the slip.

Term time holidays

The legal outcomes of court case around families taking breaks in term time are now becoming clear.

School Policy remains the same that only exceptional circumstance will be authorised.

However it is, once again, likely that families taking children out of school for holidays in term time will be fined.

Wow Week: week beginning 30th October

The week after half term we will be learning about different cultures.

Harvest Festival Assembly

We will hold our Harvest Festival Assembly here in school on the 6th of October starting at 9.30am.

Families and carers are warmly invited. Each year the children come into the service in procession with a wonderful selection of harvest produce as a gift to share with others, which we really appreciate, and which adds to making this event very special. We would like this to happen again this year. However, please note that we do not want the children to bring in fresh produce. Instead we would be really grateful for gifts of dried goods (pasta, rice, coffee, tea...) and tinned goods. These will go to St Helen's as usual for their Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October (which you are all welcome to attend as well) and then be taken to a food bank for distribution.

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The next section is a list of reminders as we feel it best to make things clear at the beginning of the year!

No Nuts Please

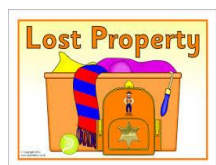
Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child into school with any nut based products, either in their packed lunch or as a snack. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform – it was lovely to see everyone looking so neat and tidy on their first day back. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform at all times including shoes. I know this can sometimes be a problem as the shops can run out of stock during the holidays but please ensure that we are made aware of any delay so that we don't keep asking your child about their footwear which can be embarrassing for them. There is a very clear guide on the school website of what is expected.

Hair – all shoulder length hair and longer should be tied up at all times not just in P.E. This is part of our Health and Safety risk assessment to sure that everyone is kept safe. Hair adornments should be kept to a minimum and should be in school colours.

Earrings – if your child has pierced ears they need to remove their earrings for PE lessons. If they cannot remove them then please provide some micro pore tape that they can apply to cover them during the lesson. This is required for health and safety reasons. The school no longer provides tape for this purpose.

Snacks – The Government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme provides a snack for all children in Foundation and KS1 (Years R – 2). Any child in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) may bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at playtime if they wish.



Lost Property - please label all of your children's clothes. It is extremely time consuming for staff and costly for your when items go missing! The PTA recently sent out a flier about 'Stamp tastic' – a personalised stamp and ink pad.

Absences in term time – Unfortunately, there may be times when a child needs to be out of school for exceptional circumstances. In each case this needs to be requested and will be considered on an individual basis. You will be notified whether your request for absence is unauthorised or not. School meets regularly with the Education Welfare Officer who will look at all cases of unauthorised absence. A decision may be made to refer to the county legal team for their consideration to issue a fine or not.

If your child is sick then please telephone the school office before 9.30am so we can ensure that they are marked on the register correctly.

Please ensure that your child arrives in school before the whistle at 8:50am as lateness can be upsetting for a child particularly if their class mates have already settled to learning.

Arriving late at school – please can we remind you that our school day starts at 8:50am. If you arrive after this time then please bring your child into school via the main office. We need to know they have arrived on site as they may not have been marked into the register in the classroom.

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Collection at the end of the day – Your child can be collected, with your permission, by anyone listed on your contact list. If someone else is taking them home then please either ring the school office by 2:30pm, email office@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk or complete the permission slip in the office.

Year 6 Children – if your child is in year 6 and you would like them to walk home without an adult, please come into the school office to sign a permission slip.

Online payments – You should have recently received information either by email or letter regarding SIMS Agora containing a unique reference number for your child/ren in order to pay for school meals and Early Birds/Stay and Play online. If you need any help with this please contact the school office.

Monies into the office – If you need to pay for school meals in cash or cheque please send money in a named envelope stating what the money is for. Please pay with the correct amount as we do not hold any change, please make cheques payable to Folksworth C of E Primary School.

Packed lunches – we encourage all children to eat healthily and whilst we appreciate a small treat is nice to have in their lunch box, please do try to send your child with a balanced meal.

Water bottles – please ensure you send in a water bottle every day with your child. Please do not fill bottles with anything but water to consume in the class.

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