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Open Day Information for Parents and Carers of Children Starting Year 3 in September 2012



Welcome to Turnfurlong Junior School

We are going to tell you what it is really like to start at this school. We know ourselves what it is like to start in the Juniors, and there is really nothing to be worried about.

Starting Year 3 is a nerve-racking experience, going from top of the school (Year 2) to the lowest year (Year 3) but we can assure you that your child will grow to love the school days. The lessons are not just writing, we do fun activities linked with the topic your child will be doing. We know that the teachers will do all they can to welcome your child/children into the school.

We are both buddies. Buddies are basically helpers for children to help with problems on the playground, like fall-outs or friends to play with. This system is very successful, and it is run by the year 6's.

We hope your child will like this school as much as we do.

Harrison Taylor and Rebecca Brown - 6S

Golden Rules

Children are expected and encouraged to uphold the Golden Rules while in class and on the playground. They are;

- We work hard
- We are honest
- We are kind and helpful
- We look after property
- We respect all adults
- We are gentle
- We listen to people

Pupil Numbers

We have approximately 360 children on roll. Each year group has three classes of mixed ability. We split the school into two phases, Lower School, Years 3 and 4 and Upper School, Years 5 and 6. The two phases have separate assemblies and eat their lunches at different times.

School Hours: 8.45am to 3.15pm

Morning Session	8.45am to 12.15pm	Playtime 10.55am to 11.10am
Lunch Time	12.15pm to 1.15pm	Lower School eat for the first half an hour and are out on the playground for the second.
Afternoon Session	1.15pm to 3.15pm	There is no afternoon playtime; however Year 3 will have a 10 minute break in the afternoon for the first half term.

School Clubs

A variety of lunch time and after school clubs take place within school depending upon staffing. We currently have over 20 clubs running at lunchtimes and after school. The clubs open to Year 3 at the present time are:

Wind Band	African Drumming
Creative Writing	Recorders
Cross Country	Gardening
Street Dance	Philosophy for Children
String Group	Lower School Choir
History	Knitting and Sewing

Pupils may be invited to join the Jazz Band, Rock Band and Street Dance Troupe.

Music Tuition

At Turnfurlong Junior School pupils are offered the opportunity to learn various musical instruments. The majority of our teachers are provided by the Aylesbury Music Service. Information regarding which instruments are available and the cost of lessons will be sent out during the second half of the Summer term 2012.

Governors

The school has a committed Governing Body. Parent governor vacancies are advertised as positions arise. Should you wish to register your interest in becoming a school governor please contact Mrs Strachan, Chair of Governors via the school office.

Chair: Mrs Nicki Strachan
Parent Governors: Mr R Beel, Mr P Darling, Mr A Clark, Mr D Brown

Friends of Turnfurlong Junior School (FoTJS)

Our Parent/Teacher Association, Friends of Turnfurlong Junior School has been in existence since the school opened. The committee works tirelessly to raise funds throughout the school year organising various events.

The committee's functions are twofold:

1. Social:

An opportunity for teachers and parents to meet on a less formal footing.

2. Fundraising:

The Annual General Meeting is always held during the first half of the Autumn term when we select the committee and ask for suggestions for next year's programme. All are welcome to attend.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear the school uniform at all times, unless indicated on special occasions.

	Boys	Girls
Winter	Black or Grey Trousers Red Jumper Red Sweatshirt White Shirt (tie optional) White or Red Polo Shirt Black/Brown Shoes	Black or Grey Trousers Black or Grey Skirt or Pinafore Red Jumper Red Sweatshirt or Cardigan White Shirt/Blouse (tie optional) White or Red Polo Shirt Black/Brown Shoes
Summer (optional)	Black or Grey Shorts	Red and White Check or Stripe Dress

School uniform, book bags and P.E. bags can be purchased from:

Bucks Schoolwear Plus, 48/52 Kingsbury Square, Aylesbury.
Tel: 01296 422120

P.E. Kit

- Black or red shorts
- compulsory red school P.E. t-shirt
- trainers
- black tracksuit or jogging bottoms and
- red sweatshirt for winter.

Healthy Eating

Turnfurlong Junior School acknowledges the benefits of healthy eating and hydration. Upon joining the school all Year 3 pupils will be provided with a water bottle, which should be brought into school each day. Facilities are available to refill bottles in school. In recognition of the benefits of healthy eating, children are allowed to bring in and eat fruit during morning playtime.

Educational Visits

Year 3 have the opportunity to participate in various school visits. During this academic year these include walking trips to Jansel Square, Aylesbury Town Centre and Holy Trinity Church. We are also going on a day visit to Hampton Court Palace and a residential visit to Lincolnsfields Children's Centre (WWII experience). The children are away for two nights and this has proved to be a popular and enjoyable trip. We also undertake a day visit to Lincolnsfields for those children who do not go on the residential.

Turnfurlong Times

In order to keep parents and carers informed of current news and events we send out fortnightly newsletters containing information regarding school activities and achievements. Pupils are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter by writing reports on events and activities.

Communication with Parents/Carers

Parents/carers are given the option of receiving school correspondence either electronically or by paper.

We also use text messaging for various situations. For e.g. to ensure the safety of your child we will text you if your child has not arrived for registration and we have not been informed of a reason for their absence.

Open Evenings and Reports

We have open evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms and written reports to parents in the Summer term.

Parents are welcome to come into school at any time if they would like to discuss their child's progress or if any problems have arisen which they feel the school should know about.



Members of the Lower School Choir (Years 3 and 4)

If there is any further information you require please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.