

TURNFURLONG TIMES

Friday 26th June 2020

Goodbye Mrs Cole!

As you are aware, Mrs Cole was seconded to support another school, in December, and this position has now become permanent. We wish her the very best of luck in her new school.

Mrs Gregory

I had previously informed you that Mrs Gregory and her husband are due to be having a baby in September and I can now confirm that Mr Harrocks will be covering her maternity leave.

Transition Information

We will be sending out a letter to all year groups about the classes for September on the transition day – Tuesday 7th of July. This will have information about who the new teachers will be. Unfortunately we are unable to have all of the children in school on that day with their new teachers, however we are trying to see if we can invite all children back to school on the last two days of term to spend a day with their new teacher. Half of the class will come in on the Monday 20th in a Bubble of 15, and the other half of Tuesday 21st, also in a Bubble of 15. It is parental choice whether you would like your child to attend on this day. Further details will follow about this.

Year 6 will finish the school year on Friday 17th of July.

School Trip Refunds

We are truly sorry for the amount of time it has taken to refund money, it has been out of our control. We have had some good news though and we have been able to start refunding for some of the events. Year 5 Greek day, Early Riser payments, Year 4 WW1 workshop and Y6 Bletchley Park trip will be processed by the end of today. We are still waiting for the York Trip– year 5 money to be processed, but are hopeful that this should be soon. The France trip will take longer as it was not due to take place until next academic year, but we will keep pursuing that.

Virtual School Fayre

Thank you to everyone who joined in the competition to guess the weight of the cake, well done to Tommy for having the closest guess! A special thank you to Mr Charman for donating the cake.

Our next event starts today... Guess the member of staff from their baby photo! I need to warn you all it is incredibly difficult, we have run the competition across the staff this week and the highest number of correct answers was 17 out of 36! Good luck to everyone who takes part! The document and link to the Google form will be sent out today to everyone who has signed up. Answers need to be submitted by Wednesday 1st of July at midday.

Soak the teacher, we will be releasing this on Monday. For every £1 donation, a raffle ticket will be assigned, for each member of staff taking part. A winner will be drawn randomly and that person will be allowed to come and pour a bucket of water over the teacher. This will be videoed and shared on the school Facebook page for everyone to enjoy! Currently, you can choose from Mrs Divers, Mrs Ellis, Mr Macklin-Day and Mrs Upton, but we are hoping to have further volunteers. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates.

Lots more coming soon....

Google Classroom



Thank you to all of the families who have helped us to set up the Google Classroom, if you are having problems with this please see the guide attached to this newsletter. We know there have been teething problems but hopefully this guide will help. If you are having any other problems then please e-mail ict@turnfurlongmiddle.bucks.sch.uk. The more children we can get on google classroom the easier the transition will be in September as this will be a platform we will be using within school for some work.

Currently for the optional home-learning, lessons are set up on a daily basis and the maths and English link to Oak Academy. Please look at the guide as to how to navigate this as we believe that some children are accessing the initial quiz and not realising that there is then a video lesson and work afterwards. Other work linked to the other curriculum areas are also posted as individual assignments for the children. They are able to complete work in their orange books or upload to google classroom.

We have been asked by many parents about the children having opportunity to talk to each other. We have enabled this facility on google classroom at the moment. Due to safeguarding we are not allowing video calls but they are able to chat on a general thread which is open to the class. For them to access this they need to click 'Classwork' at the top of the screen when in google classroom and one of the topics will be titled 'Weekly Chat'. This will start on Monday. Please could you talk to your child about the work they have done about e-safety and knowing not to put personal details on the chat and to also think about what they are writing so it is respectful to everyone. The rules of the chat are at the top. This will be monitored and if we feel someone is not using it appropriately they may be withdrawn from being able to use it. It is not able to be seen beyond the classroom domain but we want the children to use the same rules that should be used in the wider world for social chat as well. By allowing this one thread we would encourage the children not to chat on the other assignment threads and use that for comments / questions linked to the work so that the teacher can easily see them and help where necessary.

BUCKS SCHOOLWEAR

Due to Coronavirus, Government guidelines require us to strictly limit the number of people in our store at any one time, therefore in order to avoid people having to queue for hours outside, we are handling Back to School differently this year, as follows:

If your child is starting a new school in September, we do recommend booking one of our personal shopping appointments for fitting advice. We can assist you with visually judging which sizes your child will need. This is important because due to Govt Guidelines our changing rooms are closed and your child will not be able to try items on in the store.

Also, we must ask that only one adult accompanies each child who needs uniform and that where possible customers wear a face covering.

Wherever possible parents / carers of existing students should please order online, preferably selecting 'Click & Collect.' This will save you the cost of postage and avoid the risk of items getting lost in the post.

If you need to exchange any uniform bought online that's the wrong size, you must please return it within 14 days. All exchanged items will be quarantined for 72 hours.

To place an order, book an appointment or watch a guide on how to measure your child please visit our website. www.bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk