

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Dear all,

The children have had a busy week back at school. Beech Class had their first forest school session. They had a wonderful time making dens which had to be waterproof, whittling sticks and playing games as well as stopping for hot chocolate half way through!

Our children in FSU have settled really well into full days and have been having a lovely time exploring their environments and they have drawn some lovely self-portraits!

We have had a really positive response to sending the newsletter just by email. If you have requested a paper copy it will come home in your child's book bag on a Friday.

**Parent helpers**

Parent helpers are invaluable to us as a school not just for making trips possible but also for helping in school. If you are available to help with readers, in class or in the library please let either myself or the class teacher know. Even if you can only help once a month that can really help with organising the library!

**Emergency contact numbers**

Thank you to all the people who have already updated their contact list and given us details of other people who can collect their child from school. Data sheets will be sent out next week. Please ensure all your details are correct, especially phone numbers. We have tried to ring parents this week and found out some of the numbers are incorrect. Please inform us asap if your number changes. It is also a requirement that schools have at least two contact numbers for each child. If your second contact is often unavailable or lives far away please give us at least one other number we can contact in an emergency.

**Consent forms**

Consent forms have also been sent home this week. Please return them asap so we can collate the information and pass it on as necessary to teachers.

**Mobile phones on the playground**

As you are aware, for safeguarding reasons, mobile phones are not allowed inside school where the children are. Whilst I cannot stop parents having their mobiles on the playground after 3.20pm, if you are on school grounds before that please keep your mobile out of sight. I am sure you will understand this is to safeguard you as well as our children.

**Fruit and veg**

We are a healthy, nut, free school. If you are sending your child in with a snack for play time it must be fruit or vegetables. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free fruit snack each day.

**Attendance**

I have had a large amount of holiday requests coming in this week. This is a reminder that we do not authorise holidays during term time. If your child has more than 5 days unauthorised it automatically gets sent to County. Potentially you can then get fined. If you do not pay the fine within 21 days the fine doubles, if that is not paid within a week it goes through to legal proceedings.

**E-safety**

The latest edition of DITTO the e-safety magazine has been put on our website. It can be found under Parents – e-safety. This edition includes details on Scams, Gaming addiction, Scroll free September and the TikTok app.

**Breakfast & After School Club**

Our numbers are picking up really well and some of the time we are full and having to turn people away. As our policy states, if you miss a session that you have booked without cancelling a week in advance you will still be charged.

**Upcoming dates:**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Donkey Sanctuary visiting FSU, Rowan and Sycamore

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's awards:** Rowan – Fraser, Daisy, Finlay, Ellis

**Stars of the week:** FSU - Jonah, Rowan - William, Sycamore - Max, Cherry - Mischa, Willow - Sofia, Maple - Lily, Beech – Scarlett

**Breakfast Club Star of the Week:** Sycamore - Maddison