



INFORMATION LETTER NO.1 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome back all children and families after the summer break and a warm welcome to all families who are new to our school. This year we will be continuing to enhance your child's learning in a variety of stimulating and engaging ways. We are developing our curriculum to ensure that learning is focused around a topic. This approach will provide your child with a real hook for learning ensuring that subjects link together. Ongoing development of the outdoor area continues to take place as does our commitment to healthy living.

School committee meetings (School Council, ECO and Online Safety) will also continue to take place as well as all after school sporting events. In addition to all of this we will endeavour to support other local/national charities and events.

Finally, there will be an opportunity for all parents to come and discuss their child's progress in our forthcoming Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 23rd October 2019 (3.00pm-5.30pm)**. **For children in Nursery and Reception ONLY this will take place during the day on Wednesday 23rd October (9.00am until 4.00pm)**. In the meantime if you have any queries about how your child/children are settling in, please do not hesitate to call their class teacher in the first instance or myself.

Nicola Price
Head of School

Harvest Festival

We would like to welcome all parents, carers and friends of Fountains Primary School to attend this year's Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Stretton on Friday 4th October at 10.00am. We will be very grateful for all donations of tins and dried food in support of the Burton Soup Kitchen.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September all classes would like to invite you to Fountains Primary School for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale.

This will take place in classrooms from 10.30am until 11.30am with all donations going towards Macmillan Cancer Research

Please send in your donations of cakes on Friday 27th September



FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019 – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for free school meals, please could you let us know even if your child does not want to take them. **We can access additional funding from the Government for your child and for the school under a scheme called Pupil Premium.** This additional funding is very important in helping lots of children, so please help us get as much as we can. You can claim free school meals for your child/children if you are eligible for or in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income is not more than £16,190. Please note **anyone receiving Working Tax Credit or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify**
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

For further details, please call into the school office or look on the website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

If you are eligible, please apply as soon as possible.

Privacy Notice – Data Protection Act 1998 (Pupils in Schools, Alternative Provision & Referral Units & Children in Early Years Settings)

Blue Sky Fashion Shows

For fund raising fashion shows and bargain clothes!

FASHION SHOW & SALE

FOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL

Bitham Lane, Burton upon Trent, DE13 0HB

Date: **27 November 2019** Doors: **6.30pm** Start: **7.00pm**

Contact: **Amy Dunne** Price: **£3 Advanced Tickets**
01283 247600 **£5 Door Tickets**

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The Fountains Community Special Schools Federation



Christmas Fayre



Sunday 1st December 2019
11.00AM-2.00PM

Fountains High School
Bitham Lane
Burton upon Trent
DE13 0HB



Festive Refreshments
Adult/Child Stalls & Activities
Craft & Gift Stalls
Unwanted MCC Bikers from 12 noon
Shhh... Santa is Coming!!!

Join us for a day of
family fun!



ADMISSION
Adults £1
Under 11s FREE

Proceeds to Friends of Fountains Federation, Registered Charity No.: 1061967



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Christmas Production

This year's Christmas Production will be on the afternoons of Monday 16th December for Early Years, Starfish, Whales, Seahorses and Seals, and Tuesday 17th December for Turtles, Octopus, Fish, Dolphins and Jellyfish.

All parents/carers can arrive at 1.00pm for refreshments with a 1.30pm prompt start. Parents are able to take their child home when the performance has finished, which is normally around 2.45pm.



Standon Bowers Residential – Year 6

All Year 6 children will, once again, have the opportunity to go on the residential trip. This year the trip will be on two different weeks as there are too many Year 6 children to go at the same time. The dates will be 17th to 19th June 2020 and 24th to 26th June 2020. More details to follow.



Resolving Issues

If you feel your child is having problems with another child in school, please contact us to help resolve the issue.

Children do have disagreements on a day to day basis, but if you are concerned that this is something serious, please let us know so that we can follow up your concerns.



East Staffordshire Borough Council Holiday Activities

ESBC hold a variety of activities for children during the school holidays, specifically those with additional needs.

Please find below the link to their 'Schools Holiday Activity' brochure. This is usually updated the week before each school holiday.

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities>

Authorisation of Holidays

Due to changes made by the Government, all schools have been requested not to authorise holidays during term time. Therefore, parents may still request a holiday, by filling in the exceptional circumstances part of the form and this holiday will then be considered by Mrs Sarah Gilrairie (Executive Headteacher).

Should the school decide not to grant a leave of absence, and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which may be subject to a Penalty Notice fine of £60 per parent per child. The fine will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the fine in the correct timescales may lead to Court proceedings.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. If your child does not usually have a school dinner, but you would like them to join in the Christmas meal, please send £2.30 to cover the cost of the meal to school by **FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**.

Thank you



Aiming High

Please follow the link below for activities offered by Aiming High in Staffordshire for the school holidays.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Care-for-children-and-families/Childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/Overview.aspx>



Polite Reminder

Due to the safeguarding procedures we have in school, we would like to remind all parents/carers and personal assistants that they are not allowed into the main foyer of school before 8.50am in the morning and before 2.50pm in the afternoon. All parties are able to enter the main school 5 minutes after these times, with all children dropped off at 8.55am and collected at 3.00pm.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MOBILE PHONES ARE SWITCHED OFF BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.



Home School Diaries –

After teaching and learning observations, it has come to our attention that a large part of your child's support time in school is taken up by a member of staff writing in home school diaries. When the time was analysed one member of staff every afternoon is completing this task. The leadership team want to ensure that staff support the children directly rather than completing tasks which have no impact on the child's learning. Therefore, although we highly value communication, we have decided that school diaries will not be written in every day. A high percentage of parents/carers collect their child, and this provides an opportunity for discussion when the child is dropped off/picked up.

All class teachers have been directed to send home detailed timetables and newsletters to ensure you are kept up to date. Class teachers are available after school to speak to on the phone and any queries can be sent to enquiries-primary@fountains.staffs.sch.uk and forwarded to the most appropriate member of staff. We are aware there are some circumstances where more specific communication is needed and this will continue to happen. You will always be contacted if your child has injured themselves or has been upset during the school day. If you have any concerns regarding this matter please speak to your child's class teacher.



On Thursday 12th September, the Submariners from HMS Victorious visited the children at Fountains Primary School to donate £647 towards the cost of the children's annual Year 6 residential trip to Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre in Stafford.

Nicola Price (Head of School) said: "This donation is always gratefully received and helps subsidise the cost of our annual Year 6 residential trip. For many of these children this will be the first time they have had an opportunity to stay away from home whilst experiencing a range of adventurous outdoor activities".

HMS Victorious has been affiliated with Burton for more than 15 years and visits the town at least once a year to donate money to Fountains Primary School in Bitham Lane.

Languages – HELP NEEDED!

As part of the National Curriculum, all children in Key Stage 2 should be taught how to understand and respond to another language. As our school population has a range of ethnicities, as a leadership team, we have decided to explore a range of languages as part of a wider cultural offer. Each half term your child will learn about a different country and the language associated with that country. Therefore, if you have any artefacts or information about one of the following countries, please can you send these in:-

India

Poland

Spain

Pakistan

France

Russia

Sixth Form Enterprise Projects

Our Sixth Form students currently run various enterprise projects. These projects are really important for our young people as it provides them with valuable work experience, which is essential for them moving into adult life. The Enterprise Projects are as follows:

NEW VENUE The Coffee Bean Café is open on Tuesday and Wednesday at **Stretton Bowls Club**, Burton upon Trent (**term time only**) from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

The Potting Shed Horticultural Centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. The Potting Shed is located at the Greenhouse Centre, Stapenhill Cemetery, Burton upon Trent - (**term time only**) from 9.30am – 2.00pm.



EVERYONE WELCOME!



Polite Reminder: Parking

The safety of our children is top priority. However, the school car park can be very busy especially during the hours of 8.45am–9.15am and 2.45pm–3.15pm. Monitoring the traffic outside of school can be a very difficult job, please ensure that the staff are listened to and respected at all times.

Please can all parents be mindful when parking their vehicles and walking their children across the car park.

Wherever possible, please try and avoid parking directly outside the Early Years Centre.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Fountains Primary School Council

School council elections took place on Friday 13th September.

Each class had the chance to vote using ballot papers posted into a sealed box for their own class representative. The results will be announced in our assembly on Friday 4th October.

The council meet every half term to discuss any matters that arise in class.

Being a member of the school council is a very responsible job. The school council will be able to raise issues, concerns and put forward proposals for things that they would like to see happening in school.

We look forward to sharing the school council's important work with you in future editions of the Newsletter.

REMINDERS:

Absences: It is the schools requirement to record all absences by 9.15am, therefore the school has to record an absence as unauthorised, if no absence reason is given. If your child is off school for whatever reason, please inform the school office (**and not bus escorts**) by **8.30am**, by **calling 01283 247600**.

Medical Appointments: Parents must bring in appointment cards for all medical/hospital appointments. If possible, please arrange for these appointments to take place out of school hours.

Medication

If your child has an Epipen, inhaler or other medication that may be needed whilst in school, please ensure that you have informed the School Nurse, Jo Mears. It is very important that all medication is labelled, in date and handed to the bus escorts with the appropriate form.

Wipes

If your child has additional toileting needs please can you provide wipes in school, alongside their pads.

Many thanks.

Caudwell Children Charity Services

The Caudwell Children's Charity offer a wide range of different support services across Staffordshire to children with SEND and their families. For more information about the services and activities they provide please follow the link:

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com>

Burton Albion Community Trust

For the most recent newsletter please look on the Burton Albion Community Trust Website, where you can then subscribe to receive it. <http://burtonalbioncommunitytrust.co.uk>



Contact Details

Please remember to keep your contact details up-to-date. This is essential for us to be able to contact you in an emergency and for you to receive messages from our text Messaging service.

Download the Teachers2Parents app which instantly syncs with the school's messaging system through your mobile number, ensuring a quick and easy set up.

Dinner Money

Dinner money should come into school in a clearly marked envelope on a Monday morning in advance of meals being taken. Dinner money is £2.30 (£11.50 per week) on the Primary School Site. If paying by cheque, please make payable to:

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Topic Based Curriculum -

From September 2019 the Primary School have developed a topic based curriculum. Therefore, if you have any unwanted books on the following topics they will be gratefully received.

Celebrations

Stone Age

Amazing Animals

Kings & Queens

Water

Summer Holiday

Around the World

Terrific Toys

Into the Forest

Dinosaurs

The Seaside

Space

Dragon

Victorians

Romans

How does your garden grow?

Great Fire of London



ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Collect and win with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

This September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Taking part

- 1. Collect.** Ask members of your school community to pick up their Team GB sticker whenever they spend £30 in any Aldi store, and bring the stickers into school to add to your Aldi's Kit for Schools poster.
- 2. Explore.** Try out each poster's 150 healthy challenges in assembly or the classroom, and explore the **Get Stuck In** teaching resources from the Get Set to Eat Fresh education programme.
- 3. Win.** Complete the poster with 300 Team GB stickers to receive a school sports kit and the chance to win a cash prize of £20,000 to build a health legacy at your school.

Find out more and get stuck in at getsettoeatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools

T&Cs apply.

Online Safety Committee

This year Fountains Primary School are continuing to run our e-safety committee. This committee will inform staff, pupils and parents about the electronic safety that should be in place both at school and home. It will also provide information on the security procedures that can be taken to ensure that everybody can be kept safe. The online safety committee will meet every half term and will include staff, pupils and the Governor with the responsibility of online safety (Gill Cook). In addition to this we would like to invite parents/carers to attend this committee in order for this venture to be successful. If you would like to come along to the next meeting on Friday 11th October (1.15pm – 2.15pm) please contact Miss Amy Bushell on 01283 247600.

Friends of Fountains – Help Needed



The Friends of Fountains meet on the Primary Site the second Tuesday of every half term. All new members are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November 2019 (7.30pm-9.00pm).

Over the last 2 years, The Friends of Fountains Association have raised over £15,000 for the Primary and High School sites, through a range of fundraising events. Over the last 2 years they have purchased: resources for the Forest Schools curriculum; resources for the Sensory Room; a range of IT equipment; bikes and many more items which have enhanced the learning of all pupils.

Future events planned are the Easter Bingo (donations of chocolate eggs gratefully received nearer the time). The Fashion Show and the Christmas Fair.

Help required: Your attendance for these events would be welcome. If you would like to run a stall please email enquiries-primary@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

Unwanted Presents: If you have any unwanted gifts lying around your house, please feel free to donate them to the Friends of Fountains. These presents can be used as raffle prizes for the Christmas Fayre.

Match Funding: If you know of anyone who works for an organisation, why not ask them about match funding schemes – some companies offer this as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. Companies may be able to match fund a stall at our Fayres, please make our Treasurer (Amy Dunne) aware on: adunne@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

Future Event Ideas: At our latest meeting, we discussed future events (curry night, gin jamboree, quiz night and a Valentines Disco). If you would like to hold one of these events or would like to support the running of one of these events, please email enquiries-primary@fountains.staffs.sch.uk

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2019

Friday 27.09.19 Macmillan Coffee Morning: 10.30 - 11.15

OCTOBER 2019

Friday 04.10.19 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 10:30 (All parents/carers welcome)
 Thursday 10.10.19 EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
 Tuesday 15.10.19 No Meadowside swimming
 Tuesday 22.10.19 No Meadowside swimming
 22.10.19 Parliament tour and workshop (London)
 Wednesday 23.10.19 Nursery & Reception Parents ONLY 09.00 - 16.00
 23.10.19 Parents' Evening: 15.00 - 18.00
 Wednesday 23.10.19 Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
 Thursday 24.10.19 House Point Day (All children to wear their House Colour)
 Thursday 24.10.19 School closes for half term
 Friday 25.10.19 Inset Day - Closed for children

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 04.11.19 School re-opens as normal
 Tuesday 12.11.19 Friends of Fountains Meeting @ Primary School 19.30-21.00
 Friday 22.11.19 Wear Anything Day - Bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
 Wednesday 27.11.19 Fashion Show - more details to follow

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday 01.12.19 Christmas Fayre: 11.00 - 14.00
 Wednesday 04.12.19 Parent Lunch
 Thursday 05.12.19 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church: 13.30 - 14.30
 Sunday 08.12.19 Lord Mayors Carol Concert
 Tuesday 10.12.19 No Meadowside swimming
 Thursday 12.12.19 EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
 Friday 13.12.19 Pantomime 'Peter Pan' Derby theatre
 Monday 16.12.19 School Christmas Production (EYFS, Starfish, Whales, Seahorses, and Seals): 13.30, all parents/carers welcome
 Tuesday 17.12.19 Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
 17.12.19 School Christmas Production (Turtles, Octopus, Fish, Dolphins, and Jellyfish): 13.30, all parents/carers welcome
 Wednesday 18.12.19 Christmas Dinner and Santa
 Thursday 19.12.19 Christmas Bingo
 Friday 20.12.19 School closes for Christmas

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2020

Monday	06.01.20	School re-opens
Tuesday	07.01.20	No Meadowside swimming
Tuesday	14.01.20	Friends of Fountains meeting
Friday	24.01.20	Chinese New Year Celebration Day - All children to wear red

FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday	05.02.20	Parent Lunch
Thursday	06.02.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Wednesday	12.02.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday	12.02.20	Parents' Evening: 15.00 - 18.00
Thursday	13.02.20	Round the World Day - Non uniform Day
Thursday	13.02.20	School closes for half term
Friday	14.02.20	Inset Day - Closed for children
Monday	24.02.20	School re-opens

MARCH 2020

Tuesday	03.03.20	Friends of Fountains Meeting
Wednesday	18.03.20	Parent Lunch (Mother's Day)
Friday	20.03.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Friday	27.03.20	Wear Anything Day (Bring Easter Eggs)
Tuesday	31.03.20	No Meadowside swim

APRIL 2020

Wednesday	01.04.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Thursday	02.04.20	Easter Bingo
Friday	03.04.20	Easter Bonnet Parade: All parents and Carers welcome 13:30
Friday	03.04.20	School closes for Easter
Monday	20.04.20	School re-opens
Tuesday	28.04.20	Friends of Fountains Meeting

MAY 2020

Friday	01.05.20	School Council Meeting
Thursday	07.05.20	VE Day celebrations (WW2 fancy dress)
Friday	08.05.20	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday	13.05.20	Parent Lunch
	13.05.20	Fashion Show
Thursday	14.05.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Wednesday	20.05.20	Parents Evening: 15.00 - 18.00
Wednesday	20.05.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Friday	22.05.20	'Seaside Day' (All children to wear beach clothes)
Friday	22.05.20	School closes for half term

FOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

JUNE 2020

Wednesday	17.06.20	Parent Lunch
Wednesday	17.06.20 - 19.06.20	Standon Bowers (Year 6, more details to follow)
Tuesday	23.06.20	Sponsored Walk - Children only
Wednesday	24.06.20 - 26.06.20	Standon Bowers (Year 6, more details to follow)
Thursday	25.06.20	EYFS Stay and Play: 10.15 - 11.15/13.15-14.15
Friday	26.06.20	Wear Anything Day - Bring chocolate for Summer Fayre
Tuesday	30.06.20	Sports Day - EYFS & KS1 pm

JULY 2020

Wednesday	01.07.20	Sports Day - KS2
Thursday	02.07.20	Sports Day reserve day
Friday	03.07.20	Sports Day reserve day
Sunday	05.07.20	Summer Fayre: 11.00 - 14.00
Thursday	09.07.20	Family Learning Event 15.00 - 17:30. All parents and new parents welcome
Monday	13.07.20	Awards Ceremony - invitation only
Monday	13.07.20	Transition morning
Tuesday	14.07.20	No Meadowside swimming
Wednesday	15.07.20	Seahorses Stay and Play: 09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday	15.07.20	Leavers' Assembly - All year 6 parents
Friday	17.07.20	School closes for Summer holidays