

# The Flourish Federation NEWSLETTER— January 2018

Keeping in touch, diary dates & reminders

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas and that you have a very happy new year! I would like to personally thank you all for your kind and thoughtful cards, gifts and greetings, it really means so much and is greatly appreciated. I know that our staff would also like me to say thank you on their behalf.

So much preparation goes into the festive period and it all seems to fly by so quickly. Lots of our staff have been unwell as there are so many bugs and viruses about. I hope you and your families managed to escape them and are fit and well for the new term ahead.

Although this term is a relatively short one, there's still much to do to ensure that we continue to bond as a federation and implement the improvements suggested by Ofsted in their recent visit to the junior school. We will of course keep you informed about events and activities planned in both schools.



Mrs P Woods

## YEAR 6

We are opening a Common Room for Year 6 pupils to use and enjoy during their lunchtime break. I believe that the well-being of all our pupils is very important but that Year 6 can be a particularly stressful time as there are so many changes about to happen in their lives: SATS, moving to secondary school and growing up! Our children are surrounded by the pressures of social media and we hope by having the common room available with adult guests to engage and talk with the children that they will feel valued and know there is always someone to talk to, whatever the topic of conversation.

A big thank you to the FOBS who have helped with the preparation of the room and provided resources. We hope to continue to equip the room with more soft furnishings and resources as and when we can afford it!

## DOJO's

DOJO's have now been introduced across the junior school too and are a very effective and popular way of home/school communication, however when reporting absences or any pick up/ drop off arrangements please make sure that you visit the office, classroom or write in the communication book as sometimes the teacher may be off site and the message missed in the offices.

## MEETING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS

We would like to invite all parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 pupils to a meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. You will have the opportunity to discuss SATS, the 11+ tests and how you can help prepare and support your child. We will also explain the testing process and give you the opportunity to buy practice materials to work on at home.

We feel it is very important that these tests should be as stress free as possible but that your child should be as well prepared to cope under exam conditions in order that they can achieve their full potential.

## Safety Reminder

Please can you be very mindful of everyone's safety and not drive into school especially when dropping children off for breakfast club or collecting from after school clubs, especially during these dark morning and evenings, we have had some near misses with cars driving onto and off the premises far too quickly, thank you.

## Parent Consultations/Parent talks

These will be held in both schools on Thursday 1st March, from 1.40p.m to 7.00p.m.

Further details will follow on how to book an appointment.

### Winter Weather

**Please make sure that your child has a warm water-proof named coat in school at all times and wellie boots if possible. We try to make sure that the children can get out for exercise and play in all weathers. In the case of snow affecting travelling conditions or safety, please check the website and [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) for information regarding closure. We would only close the school as a last result as we understand that it impacts on those of you who work or have other commitments.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 6/02/2018 BJS, Young Voices Even
- 08/02/2018 FOBS Valentine Disco BJS
- 9/02/2018 FOBS Pamper Evening
- 9/02/2018 FOBS Wear Red Day BIS & BJS
- 19/02/2018 Staff Development Day, no pupils
- 20/02/2018 Term 4 begins, pupils return
- Week Beginning 26/02/2018 Mothers Day Surprise Room BIS
- Week Beginning 5/03/2018 Mothers Day Surprise Room BJS
- 9/03/2018 Mother's Day Assemblies and afternoon tea, KS1 9.30a.m, KS2 2p.m.
- 22/03/2018 FOBS Easter Disco BJS Only
- 23/03/2018 Sport Relief Day
- 28/03/2018 Easter Assembly, BJS, Year 5
- 28/03/2018 FOBS Easter raffle BIS & BJS
- 28/03/2018 FOBS Easter Egg Hunt BIS
- 29/03/2018 FOBS Easter Bonnet Parade BIS
- 29/03/2018 Last day of Term 4
- 16/04/2018 First day of Term 5

## FOBS Fundraising News and Events

After much deliberating (and slight concerns over copyright) it has been decided that all of our Friends of Brookfield School become just that..... FOBS once again! A well known and well loved name.

We are already working together to link up on as much as we can, for example dress up days, and we are planning some exciting joint events!

First of all we want to say a huge thank you to you all. The first two terms of the year were busy ones but extremely well supported by parent helpers, teachers and all parents sending their children in with endless envelopes of money in their book bags! All the events are for the children's enjoyment but they also raise vital funds for the school in these times of budget constraints. So thank you all, we do appreciate all you do and do please keep supporting us so we can continue to provide these fun events for the children.

In terms 1 and 2 we had three teams of parents and helpers raising money.

Infants FOBS raised a fantastic £1279!

Halloween dress up - £126

Autumn Disco - £486

Christmas Surprise Room - £255

Father Christmas Reading - £265

Christmas Raffle - £147

The Infants FOBS have donated money to the school for technical support, Christmas treats for the children, to subsidise school trips and for playtime equipment. We are looking at further donations to the school shortly for new football equipment.

The Juniors FOBS have raised an equally brilliant £1176

Halloween Dress up - £173

Autumn Disco - £403

Christmas Surprise Room - £219

Christmas Fair - £141

Christmas Raffle - £240

The Juniors FOBS have donated money to subsidise School Trips, provide visualisers, to help fund the new nurture room, and new reading recovery room. We are also looking at donating money towards more technical support.

The Year 6 Fundraising Team have raised an incredible £1263!!

This has been through the tireless efforts of the year 6 parents, helpers and children who are undertaking a huge amount of fundraising themselves under the guidance of our year 6 parent team.

They have been doing cake sales at every possible chance, which is always a big hit and have been bag packing at Morrisons. They also stood out in the rain proudly representing our school at the light up Larkfield community event.

Cake Sales - £167

Bag Packing - £620

Light Up Larkfield - £476

All of the year 6 fundraising is for their life skills programme. The Common Room is also underway but the main Juniors pot will cover this as it will be something for all years in time!

PLUS!! Exciting news, our first official joint event...

On Friday 9th February we will be hosting a Pamper Evening!!! This was a much loved event in the past and with the two schools federating we thought it was an ideal opportunity to start these bigger events up again!

Please save the date and we will be sending more information out shortly about how to buy tickets and book treatments.

We hope you all have a happy and healthy new year and don't forget, everyone is welcome to be a part of our team. We have great fun and the more people we have the more we can do for the children and our schools.