

The Ferrars Academy



Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy and exciting term. I am sure you may have seen on our website or social media that we successfully won the Luton KS1 dance competition a few weeks ago. Our team of street dancers made the school very proud with their routine choreographed by Miss Baptiste. They won medals and a trophy for the school. Year 2 experienced a medieval banquet to finish their topic on castles and enjoyed being served by the staff and entertained by jesters. Early Years fully embraced Nursery rhyme week and solved such challenges as who pushed Humpty off the wall and why the mice liked running up and down the clock. Children love Nursery rhymes as they are full of rhythm and repetitive language so try to learn a few new ones over the festive break. Our Nativity plays were stunning performances as ever and left us all feeling very entertained.

This year the children created a fantastic display of remembrance outside of the school and participated in activities and assemblies in school, to learn about the World Wars and times of conflict. It is an important way of promoting our British values of respect and appreciation.

I am sure you will agree the hall was decorated beautifully this year for our festive celebrations; many thanks to Jackie Allan and her team of Helping Hands- Sarah Green, Sheila Henwood, Cynthia Osborn, Joyce Ewer, Rissan Kausar, and Midday supervisors- Faye, Lesley, Karen and Chris. I am sure you will agree the hall looked brilliant. The children were certainly very excited to see it. We have some very talented parents and staff! Thank you.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas fayre, we raised £ 837.74 for the school. Thank you for attending and supporting our fundraising efforts. Thank you to all our families for their donations in exchange for our non-uniform day. I would also like to thank Mr Gray who gave up his time to make lots of fairy cakes assisted by some of our reception children.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Kate Armitage has had a little girl and named her 'Sophie Rose'. They are both doing well. We are looking forward to a visit in the New Year.

I would also like to thank you all for your patience and understanding with the recent weather, closing the school is never an easy decision to take but we have to take into account the safety of all pupils, parents and staff. Very few staff, in particular teachers live close to the school, this has implications for the supervision of pupils as well as the issues around site safety.

When we come back in January, Reception will have a new canopied area to help ensure that as many children as possible can access learning outdoors. We are excited about this as it will improve our early years provision. Make sure you take a look!

Finally, as we come to the end of our first term this academic year; I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy and peaceful 2018.

Children are back to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Green', is written above the title 'Principal'.

Principal

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Miss Stevens Maths Challenge 2

In every newsletter Miss Stevens will be giving you and your child a challenge to complete at home. This is not something that has to be completed and sent into school, just something to develop your child's problem solving and reasoning skills at home.

We
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Maths

You have these six numbers, what totals can you make? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Science at the Ferrars Academy Question:

What makes a rainbow?

How did you get on with our question: why is the sky blue?
Keeping on the theme of weather, do you know the answer to this one?
One of the most beautiful pictures the sky makes. Good luck!



Uniform

ADDITIONS

You can now purchase hair accessories from Uniform Additions online. Please use our school reference **FLU4** when placing an order. <http://www.uniformadditions.com/>

Hair Accessories

Uniform Additions Ltd School Hair Accessories www.uniformadditions.com

Shop for School Hair Accessories in all the main School Uniform Colours, available online at Uniform Additions

Breakfast Stop

Unfortunately due to dwindling numbers and lack of support over the last few months we have taken the decision to close our Family Breakfast Stop on Friday mornings. We would like to thank and apologise to our families who attended week after week but it is simply not time effective to have our staff giving up their own time for something which only benefits a few and is clearly not wanted, by the majority of our families.

We want to remind you all how important a good breakfast is and how it sets us all up ready to cope with the day ahead and be in the right mindset to learn.

Please take a look at our website which is jam packed with lots of information that you may require during the term.

Website

You can also find out what's been going on at the Ferrars Academy this term and what is due to happen during the Spring Term, letters home and lots of photo's of all the activities your child has taken part in. www.ferrarsacademy.co.uk

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 120 children who achieved 100% attendance this half term. All these children had an extra play time on Thursday last week. 77 children achieved 100% for the Whole Term and were awarded with a 100% attendance medal and Go Bowling voucher in our special end of term assembly; these children were also invited to the 100% attendance party which was held on Friday 15th December. Congratulations to the 17 Nursery children who achieved 100% attendance they each received a sticker, certificate of achievement and a special Ferraris 100% attendance balloon; out of these children, 11 attended school every day during the Autumn term which is a fantastic achievement for the little ones and so they also received a 100% attendance medal and Go Bowling Voucher. Well done everybody.

Nursery 11

Tayyaba Harris
Solomon Roast
Inaaya Choudhury
Marcel Dec
Kaitlyn Flynn-Banks
Athavan Nirthanamoorathi
Ainisha Udayakanthan
Mohammed Amin
Konain Mohyuddin
Ethan Rees
Amainah umair

Yellow Class 8

Abdur-Raheem Ahmad
Jaffar Ahmed
Lois Assan
Kaitlyn Henwood
Timea Jurusova
Skye Lawrence
Jayda Rowe
Zara Subhan

Green Class 4

Dillan Dhanji
Wania Ishtiaq
Cyriak Kavanal
Amirah Parveen

Purple Class 14

Daniel Edwards
Tyler Green-Hinds
Muhammad Gul
Musa Harris
Vareesha Ishtiaq
Shayne Johnman
Sajidah Khan
Haniya Malik
Matei Marcuta
Mikolaj Mikulski
Sharon Renju Mathew
Gurvire Singh
Kieran Ventris
Mia Wilbraham

Blue Class 5

Qamar Ahmed
Zaigham Awan
Kayla Boateng
Munashe Marunza
Zayan Nazam

Turquoise Class 9

Aleen Ahmad
Eshan Baksh
Lilly Bird
Dragos Constantinescu
Faizah Kazeem
John Morrison
Abigail Otitoju
Ola Surma
Aishaani Udayakantahan

Orange Class 12

Zakye Brown
Hassan Choudry
Chloe Dacullo
Nadini Dinamithra
Tayler Gurr
James Martin
Keenyah Monyonko
Ayten Moustafa
Morgan Rees
Lamine Rehal
Rowena Roast
Siya Shah

White Class 14

Omar Alaountat
Charis Assan
Caitlin Bayliss
Danny Bird
Hussain Choudry
Victoria De Guzman
Jacob Ewer
Aiden Henwood
Aberna Ladsumanan
Samir Mirzai
Ella Morgan
Kabisnaa Sasendran
Akairi Stephen-Gabriel

Red class 7

Makayla Boateng
Zahraa Choudhury
Mayson Green
Panashe Marunze
Vincent Ortega
Kriti Patel
Ibrahim Shumail

Pink Class 4

Dasha Gonzales
Darren Ken-Ucheonye
Rayaan Khan
Shulamite Ohue

White Class won the best class attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term with 98.6% White class also won the class bear for 6 weeks in a row which is amazing. Well done, Keep up the good work!!!

Best Class Attendance

Most Improved Attendance

Each half term a child who has made the most improvement with their attendance is chosen to take home our Attendance Bear Harvey for the holidays. This half term Harvey bear is going home with Bradley Bennett from Yellow Class who has shown the most improvement in his attendance this half term. Well Done.

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Christmas Raffle

The winners of this years Christmas Raffle which was drawn at the Christmas Carol Concert on Monday 18th December are as follows:-

1st Prize	Luxury Food Hamper	Sheza Haider
2nd Prize	Mud Kitchen	Bisma Hussain
3rd Prize	lego	Mahad Haider
4th Prize	Family Portrait	Mahad Haider
5th Prize	Luton Town Football Tickets	Nadya Sanderson
6th Prize	Roald Dahl Book Collection	Nishaka Dissanayake
7th Prize	Christmas Eve Hamper	Kelsea-Lee Grimes
8th Prize	Sandwich Toaster	Konain Mohyuddin
9th Prize	Tin of Chocolates	Kaitlyn Henwood
10th Prize	Toy Hamper	Izaan Usman

If your child is in our Nursery unit or in Year 2 please ensure that you have completed your child's application online no later than **Monday 15th January 2018** as this is the cut off date.

Starting School and School Transfers

Any applications that are received by Luton Borough Council after this date will not be looked at until after the first round of children have been allocated places and your child could run the risk of not receiving their preferred school in September.

If you have any questions or need some help, please ask at the main office who will be happy to assist you.

Lost Property and Spare Clothes

We appear to have a lot of lost property in the year groups, so please ask your child to check for any missing items. Please could we also request that you send into school any spare underwear, socks, trousers and skirts for the occasional accidents which children have (we do not need jumpers) Thank you in advance.

Should the school need to close due to severe snow or heating problems the school will inform you by the following methods:

Contacting the Academy

- Three Counties Radio/Heart Radio
- Text message/Website

Please ensure all your contact details and email addresses are up to date.

Telephone us: [01582 573641](tel:01582573641)

Email us: enquiries@ferrarsacademy.co.uk

See what's been going on and what letters have been sent home:

Using the Website: www.ferrarsacademy.co.uk

Facebook: [The Ferrars Academy](https://www.facebook.com/TheFerrarsAcademy)

Tweet us: [The Ferrars Academy](https://twitter.com/TheFerrarsAcademy)

Also Keep updated on school news:

Downloading the free school news app which is available on both Apple and Android products.



The Ferrars Academy—Coming Up

Movie Night

We will be holding a movie night on Friday 12th January 2017 from 6.00pm -8.30pm. The children will be watching the Emoji Movie and they will be having popcorn, snacks and drinks, all for the price of £4.00. Don't forget to keep your eyes open for more information nearer the time.

White Class will be continuing their swimming lessons which will be starting on Friday 12th January and each Friday up to and including 2nd February. Orange Class will continue with swimming lessons from Friday 9th February up to and including 23rd March 2017. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume and towel on the day they are swimming.

Swimming

Clubs

Clubs will be starting the week commencing Monday 8th January and run until the week commencing Monday 5th February. Your child's place will have been confirmed by Monday 18th December.

Six children from Years 1 and 2 will be chosen to attend a gymnastic festival along side other Luton school. The children will be able to use a variety of different equipment at the Salto Gym. This should be a fun afternoon for the children who are selected.

Gymnastic Festival

Time for Tea

On Friday 5th January we will be serving Afternoon Tea to the over 60's in our community from 1:45pm -3:30pm. If you have not been to one of our events yet then please do come and enjoy the sandwiches, cakes and children singing and telling jokes. This event is held on the 1st Friday of every month during term time, this is free and all are welcome. You will find us in the Round Room which is located just next to the main school entrance. There are no steps to worry about, the venue is wheelchair friendly and carers are welcome to attend. Unfortunately there is no parking available at the school for individual cars.

National Story telling week is from 27th January to 3rd February. At the Ferrars Academy we begin our celebrations on Monday 29th January. The week will be full of story telling opportunities; listening to, re-telling, reading their own and creating stories. There will also be the opportunity to learn with your child and join them in school. We look forward to seeing you!

National Storytelling week

Beauty and the Beast

As part of the National Storytelling week the children will be treated to an exciting afternoon on Wednesday 31st January. A school theatre company will be coming to perform the pantomime Beauty and the Beast.

FENCING: On Tuesday 9th January, there will be a fencing workshop for Years 1 & 2. Each class will have an opportunity to experience this new sport under the supervision of a qualified instructor.

Sports Premium

YOGA: On Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th January, there will be a Yoga workshop for the whole school. Both Early years and Key stage 1 will have an opportunity to learn some relaxing techniques under the guidance of a qualified instructor. Staff will also have an opportunity to find out about the theory of Yoga and master some of the movements so they are able to continue using Yoga in their classroom.

We are also able to offer parents/families a taster session on Tuesday 16th January at 3.30pm in the hall. If you interested in finding out about Yoga, please sign up at the office. Places are limited so it will be on a first come first served basis. More details will follow in a letter after the Christmas break.

Bird Feeders

Next term the Eco Warriors will be making bird feeders to sell in the playground for the cheap prices of just 30p and 50p so please look out for more information nearer the time.

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Staffing

To meet the needs of our children in Reception more effectively we have appointed a new teaching assistant Miss Shanelle Oakley and made some small staffing changes.

As of January the classes will be staffed as follows:

Blue Class — Miss Shaha, Mrs Lomax and Miss Swinburne

Red Class — Miss Armstrong, Miss Long and Mrs Agnew

Yellow Class — Mrs Lamplugh, Miss Cocks, Miss Oakley and Mrs Parsons

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 4th January 2018	Children to return to school	
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Stay and Play in the Round Room	9.00-11.20am
Every Friday from the 12th January-2nd February inclusive	White class swimming lesson - Please ensure your child has their swim costume and towel	Mornings
Friday 5th January 2018	Time for Tea	1.45pm-3.30pm
Monday 8th January 2018	After school clubs start this week and run until the last week of this half term Friday 9th February	3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 9th January 2018	Fencing workshop for Years 1 & 2	AM
Friday 12th January 2018	Movie Night Emoji Movie	6.00pm-8.30pm
Monday 15th January 2018	School nurse to talk to Reception about dental hygiene	AM
Monday 15th January 2018	Yoga workshops for all the children	
Monday 15th January	Last day for school transfer and Starting school applications to be processed	
Tuesday 16th January 2018	Parent & Family Yoga sessions in the hall	3.30pm
Monday 29th January—Friday 2nd February 2018	National Storytelling week	All Week
Wednesday 31st January 2018	Beauty and the Beast Panto for the whole school	
Thursday 1st February 2018	Online Safety talk for parents in the hall	
Wednesday 7th February 2018	Gymnastic Festival for selected children	
Friday 9th February	Valentine Disco	3.15-4.30pm
Friday 9th February	Last day of term	
Monday 19th February	Back to school today	