

# The Ferrars Academy



Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Fortunately many of you were able to attend our taster Yoga session with your children which was lovely to see. The children and staff have responded so positively to the techniques that we shall be embracing yoga as a school. After half term the children will have at least five minutes incorporated into their day of breathing and calming strategies. These will help them to cope with the pressures of daily life and will be skills and techniques that they can use as they move through their school career. We all feel very positive about this in promoting the wellbeing of our pupils and school community. Thanks to the hard work of Miss Shaha, Miss Jennings and Miss Thomas we have also gained the bronze award for Primary school Health and Wellbeing in recognition of the work already in place in school.

It was lovely to see so many parents and extended family members come into school for our storytelling week. We hope you enjoyed the experience and have maybe discovered a few new ideas for helping to bring stories to life at home. The children had the opportunity to watch a pantomime version of Sleeping Beauty which delighted many of them and stimulated drama and expression across the school and spent time in workshops linking dance to retelling stories.

Our family team work tirelessly to help engage parents as do the classroom based staff and as such we are striving for the LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award), a national award which looks at how we liaise and develop links with our parents. We are keen to use the award to strengthen our links with parents. Don't be surprised if you get approached by Miss Jennings or Miss Swinburne and asked a few questions. If you would like to know more about the award or become involved with the project please feel free to approach them. There will be regular updates on our newsletters so please keep your eyes peeled.

Miss Shanelle Oakley, who as some of you may know already as a Midday supervisor has now been appointed as a teaching assistant in Reception. Mrs Brazauskiene has resigned from her position as midday supervisor and Miss Fraser from her roles of midday supervisor and cleaner. Miss Fraser will continue to volunteer in the classrooms and will also continue as a parent governor which we are delighted about. Miss Lorna Jones will be leaving us in May to begin her maternity leave. We wish her every success with the birth of her first child.

Many of you may be keen to hear about our plans to open our 'Early Birds' breakfast club for children in the Summer term. We recognise that this is a provision parents have asked for on a regular basis and as such we are now in a position to offer the club to our pupils. Please keep your eyes open for more information. Parents are able to register their interest at the school office. Have a lovely half term!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sarah Green', written in a cursive style.

Miss Sarah Green  
Principal

## The Ferrars Academy—Spring Term

### Miss Stevens Maths Challenge 3

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  
♥  
Maths



**Using 3 dice, find different ways of scoring 12**

### Science at the Ferrars Academy Question: 3

## Why is the moon sometimes out in the day?

This morning, I looked out of the window and I asked myself;  
why is the moon out? Do you know the answer?

I seem to be seeing it more as the nights draw in and the days become shorter.  
Is this a clue?



### **Festival of Triangles**

During a week-long event, the children will be taking part in fun, engaging activities which develop the children's maths skills. We will also be asking parents to come in on Friday 9th March 2018 and work with their children in their maths learning and take part in the finale of our festival! More information will be available nearer the time.

We have taken the decision to cancel our Mathletics subscription. This is due to the fact that the number of pupils using this facility has been dropping year by year. We apologise to those children and families who use mathletics to support their learning.

**Mathletics**

### **Parking Issues**

Please can we ask for your co-operation in giving consideration when parking around the school. We have received more complaints from our neighbours in regard to our parents and their attitudes in blocking driveways. We appreciate it is very busy and much of the congestion is vehicles from hospital staff but please can we encourage you to walk to school or park slightly further away such as the Lewsey swimming pool and walk the last bit of the journey.

Orange Class will be continuing their swimming lessons after the February half term.

Their swimming session started on Friday 9th February and will continue each

Friday until 23rd March 2018. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume and towel on the day they are swimming.

**Swimming Lessons**

Purple Class will be starting their swimming sessions after the Easter holiday from Friday 20th April 2018 until May 25th 2018.

### **On-line Safety**

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

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Your A– Z guide to the social networks your children use

Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world.

# The Ferrars Academy—Spring Term

## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 132 children who achieved 100% attendance this half term. All these children had an extra play time on Tuesday 6th February and received a certificate of achievement. 24 children from Nursery achieved 100% attendance this half term and they all received a 100% attendance balloon and a certificate of achievement. Lets see who can make it through next half term and come to the Attendance party. Well done everybody.

Each week the class with the best attendance is rewarded in our special superstar assembly. The class receive a certificate, the class attendance bear for the week and they also sit on the winners bench.

Week 1	Orange Class	99.0%
Week 2	Turquoise Class	98.3%
Week 3	Purple Class	99.3%
Week 4	Pink Class	99.6%
Week 5	Yellow Class	100%

## Class Winners

## 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 Igor Piotrowski from Blue Class who has shown the most improvement in his attendance this half term. Well Done.

## Trampoline

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, there will be a trampoline workshop for the whole school. Both Early Years and Key stage 1 will have an opportunity to use the trampoline under the guidance of a qualified instructor.

## Sports Premium

## Sports Relief

We will holding a sponsored event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to raise money. More details to follow.

## Gym Festival

Six children were chosen from Key stage 1 to take part in a gym festival which was held at the Salto Gym on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Shane Iwunze	White Class
Shayne Johnman	Purple Class
Zakaye Brown	Orange Class
Nehemiah Campbell	Green Class
Abigail Lucaciu	Pink Class
Dragos Constantinescu	Turquoise Class

These children demonstrated good growth mindset behaviour; they were given the opportunity to explore the various gym equipment.

## Swimming

Active Luton are promoting fitness by sending out discounted swimming vouchers, so make sure you look out for them coming through your door. These discount vouchers are to encourage children and their families to use their local swimming pools for leisure and fun.

## Science Week

Science week will be from Monday 12th to Friday 16th March. We will be focusing on the theme of 'Exploration and Discovery'. There will be lots of exciting activities for the children to explore. Look out for a letter with more information next half term.

We are selling our reversible coats at the reduced price of £8.50 from the office, so why not come and grab one whilst stocks last.

## Uniform

You can now purchase hair accessories from [www.uniformadditions.com](http://www.uniformadditions.com) in our school colours. When placing an order please use the school reference FLU4.

## The Ferrars Academy—Spring Term

### School Council

This half term the School Council have been busy preparing to launch our Road Safety patrol. We worked on our Road Safety knowledge and we have created posters and leaflets - so watch out for our patrols which start after February half term.



### Eco Warriors

Next term the Eco Warriors will be working in our pond area. We are having planters installed and would also like to get a greenhouse so we can begin growing our own produce. The Eco Warriors will be working alongside the rest of the school to improve this area and make it a working vegetable patch for all to enjoy! Keep your eyes peeled for any changes you may see when you are passing by.

### Learning Leaders

Next half term the Learning Leaders will be continuing with their design project of creating fridge magnets. The children conducted informal surveys with their friends to find out which styles would be the most popular and have been busy creating designs that are colourful, appealing to others but also easy for them to replicate. They will move onto making their fridge magnets closely following their designs. During our meetings the children will work together to use their skills and talents to create adverts to inform people of what we are making. Thank you to all the Learning Leaders for your continued hard work this term.



Clubs will be starting the week commencing Monday 26th February and run until the last week of term . Book your space no later than Wednesday 21st February 2018. Your child's place will be confirmed by Friday 26th February 2018.

### After School Clubs

Class photos will take place on Tuesday 27th February, so please can you ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform.

### Class Photos

Parent consultations evening will be held on Tuesday 27th February between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. Please make sure that you book a time to see your child's teacher.

### Parent Consultation

Nursery consultations will be held between 3.45pm and 6.00pm.

This is a great opportunity to see how your child is progressing so far this academic year.

### Nursery and Reception Open Days

Nursery will be holding an open day for new parents to come and view our facilities on Tuesday 6th March and Reception will be holding their open day on Thursday 8th March. Come along and see what your child could be doing from September 2018.

## The Ferrars Academy—Coming Up

### Time for Tea

On Friday 1st March 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 and cakes; some of the children will also be providing entertainment. So, remember to tell the grandparents!

This event is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month during term time, this is a free event 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.

Look out for letters coming home and don't forget to book your place for mothers day lunch, please arrive at the school office by 11.50am and don't forget to bring your packed lunch.

### Mothers Day Lunches

Dates are as follows:

- Year 2 — Wednesday 14th March
- Year 1 — Thursday 15th March
- Reception — Friday 16th March



### World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 1st March. There is no central theme this year. Your child can dress as any character from a book. Please come to school and bring the book with you. Try to think of costume ideas over the half term. If you are struggling please speak to Jackie Allan for some ideas.

### Family Worker Drop-ins

There will be a drop in Surgery on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 8.50am –9.30am in the Round Room. If you need help or advice with family issues, assistance filling in forms, reading letters, replying to correspondence or just want to find out what's on, just turn up.

7th March — 2nd May — 6th June — 4th July

Don't delay booking your place on the family coach trip to London, which will be on Saturday 17th March. You will still have time to book for the great reduced cost of just £6.00 per person. You will be able to go off and visit the sights in London and have a fun filled day with your friends or family.

### Family London Trip

### Easter Assembly

There will be two Easter Assembly performances on Wednesday 28th March, the first showing will be at 9.15am and the second will be at 1.30pm, so please come along and make your child's day. A crèche will be available for younger siblings, so please ensure you book your place as unfortunately they will not be able to join you in the hall.

The Easter Bonnet Parade will be held in the hall on Thursday 29th March. All the children will have the opportunity to show off their fabulous creations, so don't forget to make sure they are all ready for it. Prizes will be given for the best or most creative hat. We will also be holding our Easter Egg Raffle after the parade, tickets cost just 20p each and will be on sale before the day so keep a look out for this.

### Easter Bonnet Parade

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## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Monday 19th February	Children return to school today	
Every Monday	Helping hands in the Round Room	8.50am-10.00am
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Stay and Play in the Round Room	9.00am-11.20am
Every Wednesday	Games Club in the Round Room	3.15pm-4.15pm
Every Friday from the 9th February until 23rd March 2018	Orange Class swimming lesson - Please ensure your child has their swim costume and towel	Mornings
Every Wednesday from the 21st February for 6 weeks	Fun for Grown ups - Bag Making and Knitting. The cost is £1.50 Please book your place	1.50pm-3.00pm
Week commencing Monday 26th February 2018	After school clubs start this week and run until the last week of this half term	3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 20th -Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Trampoline workshop	
Monday 26th February 2018	Creative Writing Day	
Monday 26th February 2018	Family Make and Take - Nursery PM	1.50pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 27th February 2018	Class photos	Morning
Tuesday 27th February 2018	Parent Consultation	3.30pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 27th February 2018	Nursery Parent Consultation	3.45pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 28th February 2018	Family Make and Take - Nursery AM	8.45am-9.45am
Thursday 1st March 2018	World Book Day	
Friday 2nd March 2018	Time for Tea	1.45pm-3.30pm
Monday 5th March 2018	Family Make and Take - Year R	1.50pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 6th March 2018	Nursery Open Day— New Parents	10.00am-2.00pm
Wednesday 7th March 2018	Family Worker Drop in - Round Room	8.50am-9.30am
Thursday 8th March 2018	Reception Open Day— New Parents	10.00am-2.00pm
Friday 9th March 2018	Festival of Triangles celebration in hall - parents invited	2.00pm-3.30pm
Monday 12th March 2018	Family Make and Take - Year 1	1.50pm-3.00pm
Monday 12th-Friday 16th March 2018	Science Week	
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Year 2 Mothers Day Lunches	11.50am-1.00pm
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Positive Parenting Workshop Behaviour Battles - Round Room	8.50am-10.00am
Thursday 15th March 2018	Year 1 Mothers Day Lunches	11.50am-1.00pm
Friday 16th March 2018	Reception Mothers Day Lunches	11.50am-1.00pm
Saturday 17th March 2018	Family Trip to London	8.45am
Monday 19th March 2018	Easter Family Crafts - Hall	3.15pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 21st March 2018	Sports Relief	
Monday 26th March 2018	Family Make and Take - Year 2	1.50pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Easter Assembly - two performances - Book Crèche Place	9.15am & 1.30pm
Thursday 29th March 2018	Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter Egg Raffle	Morning
Thursday 29th March 2018	Last day of school - Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 17th April 2018	Children return to school today	
Friday 20th April -25th May 2018	Purple Class Swimming lesson	Morning