



# Newsletter



Thursday 24th May 2018



## Summer 1 at The Ferns Primary Academy

Along with the warmer weather the last term has brought with it a range of visitor to and visits away from The Ferns Primary Academy. Gardening and Eco club have made the most of the sunny weather- improving the grounds of school. Keep an eye out for the planters and hanging baskets around school!

Our Reception children visited Salford Quays and The Lowry Theatre where they watched 'The Jungle Book'. Some of our gifted and talented musicians have been working with the Hallé orchestra's adopt-a-player programme which involved workshops and a concert at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. Last week they performed their own orchestral piece of music. Year 5 welcomed a championship referee to school, they learned about what it takes to be a referee and all of the equipment they have to use and wear. The children in Year 4 were visited by representatives from Bolton Wanderers Football Club who worked with them on First Aid and lifesaving skills as well as donating free tickets to school. The children in Nursery enjoyed a morning with 'Curious Critters' – they learnt about a range of insects and small animals.

This term has seen the successful launch of 'Baby Ferns' a parent and toddler group run by our EYFS staff. Many thanks to The Ferns PTFA who supported the setting up of this group.

The Academy has invested a significant amount of money in new reading books for children throughout the school. We are introducing a new reading scheme and a new library – watch this space for further information over the next few months. Children in Year 5 have started Accelerated Reader – a computer based program focussed on children reading real life texts and then completing questions online which they earn points for.



Attendance continues to be a focus for us here at The Ferns. We are introducing a number of rewards in school to reward the children who turn up for school every day and on time. Each term we will be rewarding our '100%'ers with a reward – this half term's will be a giant inflatable slide. Each term a child's attendance is reset and they will have another chance to join the 100% club.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr Howard  
Principal

## Principal's Award

13 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April
Nazrul I	Amelia A	Elena S
4 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May
Ismail K	Darshana S	Theo C

**Well Done**



## Monthly Attendance Award

The winning classes for last term are:

2JB	4HD	1B	5H	6D	6D & 6K
98.3%	99.3%	99.0%	98.7%	98.7%	99.3%

**Well Done**

The whole school attendance for last term was:

93.9%	96.6%	96.2%	94.3%	95.4%	96.1%
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**The national average expectation is 96%**

### New Classes

Next term we will write to let you know your child's teacher for September 2018.

### GDPR

As you may be aware, new requirements relating to personal data – the General Data Protection Regulations - are being introduced which affect all organisations in the European Union. To meet these requirements, we will be updating our privacy policy. More information will be available on the school website.

## School Number

The school telephone number is **01204 471277**.

## Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that the school office is notified before 9.30am. Academy policy states that if a child does not have a mark in the register and no explanation has been given, a text will be sent immediately to the child's main contact. If school are not informed before 9.30am then the child will receive an unauthorised mark on the register; this can consequently lead to a fine. The failure to respond to one of these texts will be classed as an unauthorised absence. **Government policy states if we have had no contact from the parent/carer over a two day period a welfare visit will be made by the school on the third day, if no further contact is made to the school of the child's absence we as a school have a duty to refer to the local authority as a child missing in education.**

Recently our attendance system has been picking up patterns in the days which some pupils are failing to attend school. Issues like this will be addressed at a formal panel meeting.

Children arriving in school after 9.05 a.m. will be asked to sign in electronically on the screen in the school office.

Finally many children are being collected during school hours in order to attend medical appointments. Unless it is an emergency, appointments must be made outside of school hours or during school holidays. We are unable to release children for such appointments without written confirmation from the medical profession.

## School Uniform Policy

The school uniform is:

- a jade green, badged with school logo, sweatshirt /cardigan – worn with the sleeves pulled down.
- a gold/yellow polo shirt - worn with the collar fastened.
- a choice of either trousers, shorts, pinafores or skirt in grey.
- sensible black shoes – trainers, sandals, heeled or sports footwear are not appropriate.
- black socks for boys
- white socks for girls
- head/hair items such as bobbles, bows, hijab etc. must be gold/yellow, jade green or black.

During warm weather, the uniform in addition to the above would include:

- Gingham dress in bottle green or yellow
- Grey shorts

With regards to jewellery, one pair of stud earrings or a watch is suitable. No jewellery should be worn on days when pupils have PE activities.

**\* Please check diary dates – lots of events coming up \***

**School Events 2017 – 2018**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Half term holiday (2 weeks)</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
Y4HD School Trip	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Y4ND School Trip	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Nursery Assembly	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June a.m. and p.m.
Nursery School Trip	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Father's Day Lunch	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Non Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018
Year 6 France Trip	25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Summer Fair	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 15:30 - 16:30
<b>School Closed</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
Nursery & Reception Sports Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018 09:30
Y6 Intense Swim	2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Travelling Book Fair	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Y1 to Y6 Sports Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
EYFS Moving on Assembly	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 09:30
Y6 Intense Swim	9 <sup>th</sup> July – 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Y2 Leaving Assembly	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 14:00
Y6 Production	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 09:30
Years 6 Leaver's Evening	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 17:30 – 19:30
<b>Last Day of Summer term</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>