

Thursday 29th March 2018



Spring 2 at The Ferns Primary Academy

It feels like spring has finally arrived after another busy half term at The Ferns. A focus for this half term has been continuing our work on reading through world book day and launching Accelerated Reader in years 4 and 5 as well as our Science Week. Science Week was a great success – children have been excitedly talking to me about the investigations they have completed in class and at the science fair in the afternoon.

As always, it has been pleasure to see parents at our Friday Celebration Assembly as well as at parents' evening, stay and play sessions and our Easter Bingo event.

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum, we have had visits out to Skipton Castle and to see 'Wicked' performed in Liverpool. All children in Year 6 have continued violin lessons this term and Year 2 have had percussion tuition: next term Year 5 will continue with violins. During playtimes and lunchtimes, we have introduced a number of new activities including a quiet reading area, parachute games and extra adult led sports.



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 term's reward was a bouncy castle. 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 Happy Easter and look forward to seeing all of you back in school on Monday 9th April 2018.

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Mr Howard
Principal

Principal's Award

2 nd March	16 th March	23 rd March
Demi-Leigh	Lily-Mai T	Yamen N

Well Done



Monthly Attendance Award

The winning classes for last month are:

4HD 97.8%	4HD 99.3%	4HD 97.9%	4HD 99.3%
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Well Done

Well done 4HD you were the winning class every week last term, let's see if any of the other classes can knock you off the top spot next term

The whole school attendance for last month is:

90.1%	94.2%	95.4%	95.5%
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The national average expectation is 96%

Staff Changes

Mrs McIntyre retired from The Ferns at the end of the Spring term. She has worked as a Teaching Assistant at school for many years and I know colleagues and the children will miss her warm smile each morning. We wish her all the very best.

Mr Trott will be leaving us in May. He has worked in Key Stage 2 at The Ferns and as mathematics subject lead has driven many of the changes and improvements in maths over the previous year. We wish him well in his new career.

We also say goodbye to Miss Salmon who will be leaving us this term. She joined The Ferns whilst Miss Boswell was on maternity leave. Miss Salmon has been an integral member of the team and I thank her for her hard work.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we remember a member of our kitchen staff who sadly passed away during the Spring Term. Miss Jenny Cork, who had worked in the kitchen at both The Ferns and Plodder Lane for over twenty years, is remembered as a bubbly and friendly member of our school. I am sure you will join me in passing condolences to her friends and family.

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 9.05am 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

Event	Date
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 29th March 2018
First day of Summer term	Monday 9th April 2018
Half term holiday (2 weeks)	Monday 28th May – Friday 8th June 2018
Nursery Assembly	Thursday 14 th June a.m. and p.m.
Father's Day Lunch	Friday 15 th June
Summer Fair	Tuesday 26 th June 15:00 - 16:30
Year 6 France Trip	25 th to 29 th June
School Closed	Friday 29th June 2018
Book Fair	Tuesday 3 rd July – Tuesday 10 th July
EYFS Moving on Assembly	Thursday 5 th July 09:30
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Wednesday 18 th July 09:30
Years 6 Leaver's Evening	Wednesday 18 th July 17:30 – 19:30
Last Day of Summer term	Thursday 19th July 2018

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