

Friday 16th February 2018



Spring 1 at The Ferns Academy

This term has seen children return to the New Year with enthusiasm for their new topics in class.

Children have had a superhero day in Early Years – writing some amazing descriptions. Year One have been looking at ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ in English and have described their very own wild monsters. In maths lessons Year 2 have been learning about time.



A group of children were invited to welcome The Princes Royal to a local business and Year 4 have visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. In Year 3 French lessons we have learnt the days of the week. Our choir visited Manchester Arena to participate in an afternoon and evening of singing and the whole school was visited by World Sport Dance Champion Stefania Lenart who put the whole school through an energetic day of sports.



In Year 5 we have read Beowulf and discussed myths and legends. Children in Year 6 have looked at air resistance and surface area in science and have used parachutes to experiment.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing a new reading programme to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 called Accelerated Reader.

I hope your child has enjoyed their first term of 2018 and are looking forward to the second Spring term. Remember to visit the school blog to keep up to date with activities in your child’s class!

<http://blog.thefernsacademy.org/>

Mr Howard

Principal's Award

Logan T 12th January	Ashton S 19th January	Shamir I 26th January
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Tia S 2nd February	Callum M-B 9th February	Harry C 16th Febraury
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Well Done



Monthly Attendance Award

The winning classes last month are:

3C 100%	4HD 99.6%	6T 98.6%	4HD 98.9%	4HD 96.5%	4HD 97.9%
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Well Done

The whole school attendance for last month is:

96.7%	95.6%	95%	93.8%	93.1%	93.5%
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The national average expectation is 96%

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
Half term holiday	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2018
World Book Day	Friday 2 nd March
Mothers' Day Lunch	Friday 9 th March
Spring Parent's Evening	Tuesday 13 th March
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 15 th March
Non Uniform Day	Friday 16 th March
Class Photographs	Monday 19 th March
Easter Bingo	Wednesday 21 st March
Early Years Assembly	Thursday 29 th March
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 29th March 2018
First day of Summer term	Monday 9th April 2018
Half term holiday	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 28 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 Dinner	Wednesday 18 th July 17:30 – 19:30
Last Day of Summer term	Thursday 19th July 2018

If you have not already signed up to receive our newsletter by email please send an email to office@thefernsacademy.org with your name and details.

If you don't want to receive the newsletter by email you can pick a copy up from the school office.

J Howard
Mr J Howard
Principal