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Summer Term Issue 6
24 May 2024

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL
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FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS CREATED A NEW SITE TO BUY SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS, HOODIES AND MORE FROM ORIGINALS AND REPLICAS. THE FITZJOHN'S LOGO REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY AND AREA AND IS IN AN EXACT REPLICATION OF THE STREET SIGN DIRECTLY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE. THE HISTORY OF THIS SIGN IS LINKED TO OUR LOCATION AND HISTORY. GREAT THING ABOUT HAVING THE SHOP SPACE OF THE WOLFE, CARTH AND FRY AND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LOGO.

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T-SHIRTS BETWEEN £12 - £17
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Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) Sports Day from 12 noon on Monday 10 June—on Parliament Hill running track.

Children will go down in the morning for their individual events.

Parents welcome to join us at 12.00 to have lunch before the afternoon events.

**EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 2023
Thursday 20 June**

Join us at 9.30am for EYFS and KS1 Sports Day. Nursery and Reception will be on the lawn; Y1 and Y2 will be on the playground. It should last about an hour. Children may wear their house colours.

Have a great half term. School opens again on Monday 3 June.

Rob will be away with Y6 during the first week after half term.

In his absence please speak to Debbie, Laura, Emma Combes or Emma Teboul.

- 27-31 May Half term
- 3-7 June Y6 School Journey
- Tuesday 4 June N-Y2 PERFORM
- Thursday 6 June Rec Heath
- Monday 10 June KS2 Sports Day
- Monday 10 June Nur Fire Station
- Tuesday 11 June Secondary Trans Meeting 5.30-7.30
- Monday 17 June Y6 police cadets
- Tuesday 18 June Y1 Camley St
- Thursday 20 June EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
- Friday 21 June Y5 Pedestrian skills
- Friday 21 June Y4 London Zoo
- Wednesday 26 June Y6 Boules and Baguettes
- Thursday 27 June pm Y2/3 Music Cluster festival
- 1-5 July Y6 Swimming
- Wednesday 3 July Y3 and Y5 dance at The Place
- 8-12 July Y6 Swimming
- Tuesday 9 July Reception Pizza Express
- Saturday 13 July Summer fair
- Wednesday 17 July 7.30pm Y6 play
- Tuesday 23 July 9.30am Reception graduation
- Tuesday 23 July 6pm Y6 Leavers Disco
- Tuesday 23 July 7.30pm Y6 Leavers assembly
- Wednesday 24 July 13.30 school closes

Summer Term Assemblies all at 9.15

- Friday 14 June Y5
- Friday 21 June Reception
- Friday 28 June Nursery
- Y6 perform The Switch 7.30pm Wednesday 17 July**

Attendance for the week Our target is 95%+ <i>Missing school is missing out</i>	
Year 1	93.34
Year 2	94.69
Year 3	93.57
Year 4	94.63
Year 5	93.25
Year 6	92.79
School	93.71
Well done Y2	

Parent Donations

£50 Donation



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Rob Earrey – Headteacher

Thursday, 23 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: FSA Chair Vacancy

You will have read in the Focus that there will be a vacancy for the FSA Chair.

The FSA Chair (or Co-Chairs) are people from the school's parent community who wish to make a positive contribution to all children's experiences at Fitzjohn's.

FSA Chairs are selected by election and drawn from parents and carers of children at the school.

Nominations from a parent with a child in every class are welcome, but particularly from the earlier year groups as this will provide continuity for the FSA going forward.

Current parent governors are: Tali and Miri

If you want to find out more about what the FSA Chair does and what the role would entail then please contact either Tali, Miri or me. The information on the next page will tell you more

Prospective candidates for election should email Rob providing a short pen portrait about themselves and why they believe they would be a good FSA Chair (about 100 words) to head@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk for use in election materials.

All interested candidates must indicate their desire to stand by 10am on Friday 7th June 2024.

Kind regards

Rob Earrey
Headteacher

The Fitzjohn's School Association (FSA)

FSA is our volunteer parents school association, dedicated to fundraising and organising events for the school community. It operates as a voluntary registered charity, run by parents at Fitzjohn's, with the support of the Head of School, Rob Earrey.

Chair of the FSA

The chairperson's role is crucial in providing leadership and fostering an enthusiastic environment that encourages the involvement of parents, carers, children and staff in fundraising and community focused activities. The chairperson is responsible for leading and coordinating FSA events while maintaining on-going communication with the headteacher to ensure alignment with the school's goals. The time commitment varies; peaking around major events like Christmas and summer fairs, the role is highly rewarding, offering sense of achievement and enjoyment. The success of each event is greatly attributed to the supportive and generous school community.

Main Responsibilities

- Event planning & Coordinating: Oversee the planning and execution of events for the school community.
- Team Collaboration: Work closely with a team of 10-12 class reps and parents' volunteers, including the outgoing co-Chairs, to delegate tasks and ensure smooth execution of events.
- Liaison with headteacher: Work closely with the headteacher to align on fundraising priorities and event execution while taking into consideration the school's calendar.
- Communication: lead, manage and promote the communication with parents, staff and the community about meetings, news & events. This is done in different channels such as posters, newsletter, messages, emails, whatsapp groups and social media.
- Code of Conduct: Ensure the FSA activity are carries in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner that encourage contribution and collaboration from all the different stakeholders.
- Recruit Volunteers: Recruit, welcome and motivate new school parents to join and contribute to the FSA efforts.

If you are –

- ◇ Strong leaders, confident and assertive
- ◇ Organised and able to delegate.
- ◇ Diplomatic and fair
- ◇ Enthusiastic
- ◇ Calm, friendly and approachable.

This role is for you!

***There is also an option of opening the role to two people sharing the position as co-Chairs.**

This week in class	
Nursery	This week we've been busy telling stories and acting them out during our circle times. The 'helicopter approach' allows children to develop their oracy skills through story telling. The children have been really creative and are super excited to join in with the acting process. We've been really engaged with making obstacle courses in the playground, building and negotiating, as well as taking sensible risks. In phonics we've recapped previous phonemes, as well as developing our rhyming skills by sorting objects and reading 'Oi duck-billed platypus'. We also love when Laura makes silly rhymes with our names, it's very funny! Have a wonderful half term.
Reception	Reception have enjoyed reading Rapunzel in drawing club this week- we had a go at drawing the witch and the tower. We also investigated castles, and designed our own which we decorated with collage. Phonics has been tricky this week, we were looking at words ending in -ing, -ed and -est. we learnt the tricky words "when", "what" and "one". In maths we have been taking away, using our number facts to help us solve problems!
Class 1	This week in literacy the children have planned their postcards for grandma based around the story 'Katie in London'. In maths we have focused on fractions and halving/quartering shapes and quantities. We've also used the maths app 'one minute maths' on the iPads this week to practice our number bonds. In science we went on a forces walk to find objects that we can pull, push and twist. We have rehearsed our assembly lots this week. The children made us extremely proud today with their great performance. They sang beautifully, acted wonderfully and recited the poem extremely well. Well done Year 1 - have a great break next week!
Class 2	In Class 2 this week, we have been learning to tell the time. This is a great thing to practice at home over the holidays! We have also been working on our 3 times table and finished off some work on fractions (finding 3 quarters of a number) In science this week, we learned about the life cycle of a plant, from germination to seed dispersal and death. In literacy, the children re-told the story of 'The Lion and the Mouse' and learnt that a kindness is never wasted. Have a lovely, restful break.
Class 3	This week began with our class 3 trip to Camley Street Natural Park. We had a wonderful day learning all about different types of plants and as we walked around the park, identifying and recording these. We also had the opportunity to find and examine a variety of different insects which were living in their natural habitats. The day ended with developing our map skills through creating a map of the park and creating a key using symbols of different areas of the park, as well as using the four cardinal compass directions to help us find our way. In Maths, we started our money topic and have been learning to convert between pounds and pence. We have also been adding and subtracting money. In Literacy, we learned another persuasive writing technique, rhetorical questions. We have planned and written our persuasive letters to persuade the Anglo-Saxons to come and live in Britain to help fight wars and have included emotive language, rhetorical questions and strong reasons to do this. We have been working on creating our 3D Anglo-Saxon villages, ensuring we include the different Anglo-Saxon village features that we learned during our History topic in previous weeks.
Class 4	Year 4 have had a brilliant week. In Maths, we have been learning about Money! We are able to write money using our understanding of tenths and hundredths in decimals. In Literacy, we have been enjoying Viking sagas. We chose our favourite out of Apples of Iduna, Thor and the Giants and Freya and the Goblins. We carefully structured it using a story mountain, breaking it into Introduction, Build Up, Dilemma, Resolution and Ending. We wrote these out, ensuring we included literary techniques, such as, paragraphs, fronted adverbials, speech and showing not telling. We have also been busy writing recipes, which we enjoyed following to make our Viking stew! Wishing you all a restful half term break.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has been learning in Maths how to add and subtract decimals with a different number of decimal places as well as use efficient strategies to mentally add and subtract. In English, we finished reading The Invention of Hugo Cabret, analysing the last few chapters and writing our own ending to the story. In PSHE, Class 5 made posters about Mental Health Week, focusing on the importance of being more active to reduce stress and anger.
Class 6	Learning in Year 6 during the latter part of the summer term looks a little bit different: after a hectic week of rehearsals and auditions for the year 6 play, the children were finally given their parts for our July performances. Huge credit to them all for such great resilience during the process: your acting skills were marvellous and made our jobs to cast the play very difficult indeed. In other news, we also commenced our 'Dragon's Den' style business project. The children completed a questionnaire to identify their dominant personality (Panther, Owl, Peacock or Dolphin), and began to research all about a business and its products or services. They have also been given their 'summer term project', all focused on our upcoming trip to Whitby. Please check out the information posted on Google Classroom and kindly ensure that children are completing roughly two hours per week on this endeavour. Happy half-term.

International Food Evening

A definite highlight of our year is International Food Evening where families bring dishes from around the world. Thanks to all those whom came and especially to those who cooked.

Thanks to Tali, Miri, Megan and the team who helped to coordinate it all.



QUIZ NIGHT



Congratulations to the Y3 team who came first in Friday's quiz.

There were up against stiff competition (not from the staff).

It was lovely to see so many people there—we even had a team of alumni/governors.

Thank you to David (Ivy, George and Henry's grandad) for being our quiz host for the evening.



7.30pm Wednesday 17 July

Y6 presents

The Switch

A new musical based on the novel by

Anthony Horowitz

Holy Hamsters

Tuesday Mornings

9:45am - 11am

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Mon-Thurs



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DATES - 2024



Summer Camp

- Week 1: July 8-11
- Week 2: July 15-18
- Week 3: July 22-25
- Week 4: August 12-15
- Week 5: August 19-22
- Week 6: Aug 27- Aug 30 (Tues-Fri)

Autumn Half-Term Camp

- Week 1: October 21-24 (half day only)
- Week 2: October 28-31

Christmas Camp

December 16-19



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Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y4 and Y5

At 5.30pm on Tuesday 11 June Rob will meet with Y4 and Y5 parents in the hall to talk about the secondary transfer process. This will be followed by the event listed below.

Come to either or both.

Aimed at Y5 but Y4 parents will find this helpful too.

A Date for Your Diary

We will be hosting a special summer meeting of Meet the Parents on Tuesday June 11th from 6.30pm onwards. If you are thinking about where to send your child for secondary school, this is your chance to ask frank questions from a friendly panel of pupils and parents from our local comprehensives and to chat to them privately afterwards. We will have representation from Hampstead school, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill, UCL Academy and William Ellis. The event will prepare you really well for Camden's Moving On event, which is being moved from September to June (it is happening on Thursday June 13th).

For more information on Meet the Parents see www.meettheparents.info



Thank a Teacher

If you want to thank anyone working in our school this is a great way of doing it. From experience I know

that they are greatly appreciated and can act as a springboard to the National Teaching Awards. <https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

We have very limited stock of these high quality branded umbrellas for sale. I have the same brand through The Magic Circle (of which I am a Member—have I said?) and they are very good.

On sale for £25 (cash preferred please)

If you would like to buy one please ask Nashima in the office.



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- Online workshops for parents with children in Camden schools
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☀️	9:30 – 12:00	Wednesday 5 th June
☀️	4:00 – 6:30	Thursday 13 th June
🌙	6:00 – 8:30	Tuesday 18 th June
☀️	9:30 – 12:00	Tuesday 25 th June
☀️	1:00 – 3:30	Wednesday 26 th June



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Tue 28 – Fri 31 May 2024

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28th – 31 May

for children aged 6 to 11

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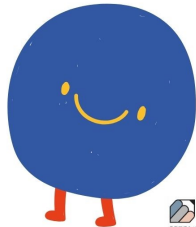


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You may all already know that everyone from Reception to Year 6 is now entitled for Free School Meals as these are being funded by the government and the Mayor of London.

What you may not know is that the school gets extra money into our account for all those children who fulfil certain criteria.

Please could everyone check on this link to see if you are entitled - if you are then we get extra money!

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Corporate Funding - can you help?

Are you working in one of the banks or one of the big tech companies (Google, Microsoft, Facebook)? We are looking to speak to parents who work there about some corporate funding opportunities for the school.

Please get in touch with:
Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): leefels79@gmail.com
or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5) dad): nitzanyudan@hotmail.com



In 2023 at the Blackpool Magic Convention I saw one of the best pieces of (magical) entertainment I have ever seen.

Mario makes all of this tricks and effects himself using found materials. But more than this his show is full of life, energy and learning.

A friend of mine is co-producing his show which is on over the summer in [Udderbelly Boulevard](#) in Soho. (A word of warning—it may mean walking past some of the more nefarious Soho venues!)

Whilst this show is aimed at children it is not just a children's show—it is one of the most life-

affirming shows I've seen. Genuinely I can't tell you how great he is—you need to see him for yourself.

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Click the image above to see more about him and to book tickets..

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FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 4 September
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May
<p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; margin: 0;">We do not set learning for children who are taken away on holiday. They should read, keep a diary, practise their number bonds or timetables.</p>	

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