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FOULDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those parents and carers that came to see the plans for the new Reception and pre-school accommodation on Tuesday evening. For those of you that were unable to make the meeting the plans have been left by the architects and can be viewed by parents and carers **after** school from Friday (tomorrow) in the School Office. Please see Mark Bennister's piece on the next page about the meeting for further information.

I was also pleased to see how well attended the Meet the Teacher/Teaching Assistants meetings were last week and I hope you found them to be helpful. If you were unable to come, don't forget that all the information can be found online at our website. Also on our website are the curriculum plans, which I would encourage you to look at in order to be able support the topics that your children will be covering this term.

Children who will be transferring to secondary school at the end of this academic year should have brought home last week an envelope containing details of the Open Evenings at Barnet secondary schools, and a Common Application Form (CAF). The closing date for submitting your CAF via Foulds is 16th October or, if submitting online, 23rd October.

Our first punctuality point winners are below. The classes score points each day depending on how many children arrive late (without a good reason). Please make sure your child is in school on time, it is so important, we will be following up persistent late comers. Well done Rowan and Beech—What a great start.



Punctuality Points



Winners for week ending Friday 11th September Infant: **Rowan** Junior: **Beech**



WOW - Walk once a Week

Once again, as last year, we are promoting healthy lifestyles to the children and encouraging them to participate in healthy exercise, help to reduce pollution and traffic and encourage sustainable travel. This year, as last year, we are encouraging this by rewarding those children who regularly come to school in an environmentally friendly way i.e. walk or cycle to and/or from school, come by bus, or park-and-stride.

If your child comes to school in an environmentally friendly way at least once a week for a whole month, they will receive a badge. Each month's badge is different, based on a theme of **Exploring British Nature**. In order to qualify for a badge your child must walk, cycle or take the bus to school. If you have no option but to use a car for part of the journey you may still qualify if you *park-and-stride*. To do this, you must park your car at least a five-minute walk from the school, e.g. the car park at Christ Church in St Albans Road, (they have kindly given us permission for this) then walk the rest of the way to school. If you'd like your child to cycle to school they must be in Year 5 or 6 and have completed a cycling proficiency course or passed the bikeability course we ran last year at school for the then year 5's (our current year 6), wear a cycle helmet and secure their bicycle against the railings behind the canteen. We are still hoping to get a cycle shelter once we have planning permission. I hope that you will support the school in our efforts to encourage a healthy lifestyle and to reduce pollution, congestion and the impact of our lifestyles on the planet.

Shakespeare comes to Foulds..

There was a great deal of drama in 5/6 classes this week... The Young Shakespeare Company were in town performing to and with the children. This year's play was Romeo & Juliet and the children were enthralled. There was lots of audience participation and there are certainly some budding thespians out there. The company really brought the language of Shakespeare to life. The children joined in with great enthusiasm and were a superb audience.

To all parents and carers

Re: New Reception Block and Nursery

Many thanks to those parents and carers who attended the meeting on Tuesday night about the new build. For those who were unable to attend, we had a good turnout (despite the weather). After a detailed presentation of the new plans from the architects we had a wide range of questions from parents and staff. The reaction to the planned development was positive with several parents expressing the wish to add support for the project formally through the planning process. Many of the questions centred on details of the plans and the potential disruption during school hours. Ms Woolf spoke passionately of the great need for this project to be supported by parents in the long term interests of the children. After the disappointment of the school's removal from PSCIP this project is now essential to improving the dated and unsatisfactory premises we have been left with. Barnet have committed the funds to the project and we will continue to press them on further development of site, such as the dining hall. The priority is however the reception block and the small hall which need to be removed and replaced as soon as possible. The plans represent an exciting development for early years and foundation stage and will include several design features which have been developed in close consultation with the school, such as a new music room with capacity for outdoor concerts. The A2 display boards of the plans will be available in school for those interested to view, you can pop in **after school** hours from tomorrow as they will be on show in the School Office.

The architects expect to submit the planning application shortly (having taken note of the comments made at the meeting) and the tendering process should be concluded by the end of this year, allowing construction work to begin in January 2010. The nursery will move to a temporary site on the junior playground for the duration of the build, while the current reception block will continue to be used for the rest of the school year. The building site will be fully separated from the rest of the school. We expect the build to be completed during the summer break, when the reception block will be demolished and the new building ready for use in September 2010.

Parents will be notified when the planning application is submitted and encouraged to send in messages of support for the project. The plans will be available online. This project is well advanced and planners have been informed via the pre-planning process. The development is sympathetic to the surrounding area and will certainly be preferable for local residents to view than the current buildings! We therefore hope for a smooth planning process. The governing body is fully supportive of this development and has liaised closely with the architects and LA officers to make sure that the new building reflects the needs of children, parents and teachers. I hope that all parents will get behind this development. While not solving the many problems associated with a 100 year old building, it does represent significant progress.

If anyone has any questions on the new build, as usual get in touch with myself or Ms Woolf.

Mark Bennister
Chair of Foulds School Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we are collecting tokens from the Times and The Sunday Times for the Books for Schools programme. We collected lots of tokens last year and were able to "buy" quite a few exciting books to supplement our classroom libraries. There are tokens each day in the Times, 3 on Saturday and a massive four on Sunday!

If you do buy the Times/Sunday Times, please collect as many as you can. If you know of any other Times readers, either your friends and families or even in your work place, please ask them to collect! There will be a box just outside the office where the tokens can be posted.

Many thanks, Ms Eyres



DATE CHANGE

As you know we try to take the whole school out near Christmas to see a pantomime and this year we have been able to book the Wyllyotts Theatre in Potters Bar for the 10th December to see Aladdin. Therefore we have had to change the date of the afternoon performance of the Infant Christmas concert which we advised you in last week's newsletter would be on that day. We have now moved that to the **afternoon of Wednesday 9th December**. The morning performance remains on the same date of Friday 11th December. The performance of Aladdin at the Wyllyotts is at 10.30am and so all the children will need a packed lunch that day as the Wyllyotts have kindly said that we can stay after the performance and have lunch in the auditorium. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Rowan	Patrick Illingworth	Ash	Douglas Badger	Chestnut	Lucie Ward
Birch	Charlie Genuardi	Beech	Anya Ward	Elm	Luke Rowe
Maple	Oscar Collins	Willow	Felix Read	Oak	Catherine Ley

REMINDERS



- Year 6 School Journey, a reminder that instalments can be made at any time, final date for full payment is Friday 12th February 2010.
- Year 3/4 Mountfitchet Trip and Year 5/6 RAF Museum ~ please return consent slips and payment as soon as possible.
- Would parents/carers please remember to park considerately; not on the zig-zags outside the school nor over our neighbours' drives, thank you.

NOTES



- With the inclement weather at this time of year, can you please ensure that your child has a coat in school with them.
- The deadline for all newsletter entries is 11.00am on Wednesdays. Any item received after this time will have to wait for the following.
- Tracksuit order forms for years 3/4/5 & 6 are in pockets outside the school office.
- Are there any parents able to help with the library for one hour each week? Lunchtime 12-1pm is preferable but any other time would also be good. Please See Mrs Bradburn.

SCHOOL MEALS



Thank you to parents who have already paid for School Meals this 1st half term, Autumn 2009.

The cost of School Meals for this half term is **£70** ~ (**£140** for the whole term).

Please make cheques payable to Foulds School.

If you wish to pay by debit/credit card please telephone: 020 8359 5055

If you wish to pay weekly please send **£10.00** on a Monday morning (in an envelope – with name & class).

Don't forget to collect credits for absences last half term from the school office. Any credits not collected will be paid into school fund ~ thank you.

HOMework CLUB



Mrs Bradburn will be running a Homework Club for Year 5 & 6 children on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm commencing on 24th September. A letter will be needed from parents/carers stating that the child may attend and whether he/she will be collected afterwards or will walk home alone. The club is held in the ICT suite.

FOULDS PTA NEWS

- Next PTA meeting Wednesday 30th September from 7.00pm in the staffroom. New members welcome.

EARLY BIRDS



We do have a few places still available most days. If you are interested please ring on 07986 715777 or write down your requirements and contact details and hand them in to the school office. Just a reminder to existing Early Birds users that we open at 7.45am, thank you ~ Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Merchant

Susi Earnshaw Theatre School/Musical Theatre Workshops

Susi Earnshaw Theatre School/Musical Theatre Workshops will again be running on Fridays 3.30-4.30pm in the Small Hall provided they have **at least 10 children** attending, so if you think your child would be interested please contact Jane Judd on 020 8441 8478 as soon as possible to enrol your child.



SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Deadline for Year 6 secondary transfer forms to be returned to Foulds School Office is Friday 16th October or Friday 23rd October if you are completing online.

Open Days/Evenings

- St Albans School ~ various dates—see flyer on school noticeboard.
- Queen's College, Harley Street, London ~ various dates—see flyer on school noticeboard.

FOULDS SCHOOL PTA



QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17th October from 7.45pm (heads up at 8.00pm)

Price—£8 per person or £15 for a couple which
includes a light supper

Maximum of 10 people per table

TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK

Bring your own alcohol

Please note this is an adult only fundraising event