

# FHA Newsletter

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Academy**



Broadening Horizons

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome parents and carers, whether you are new to our school or your children are returning, to the first newsletter of the school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and managed to make the most of what good weather we had.

The start of a new school year is a time for us to look forward and think about our priorities for the forthcoming twelve months. You and your children will hopefully have already noticed some of the changes that took place over the summer holidays – in particular the new fence which surrounds our football area, which I am sure you will agree, is a huge improvement.

As a staff, we have also been looking at ways in which we can further improve our school and continue to work on providing the best education for your child. It goes without saying that our main priority is to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom and staff will have opportunities to attend training that will further enhance how we teach English and Maths. This year we will also be working to improve spelling, punctuation and grammar and your child will already have brought home their first set of new spellings to learn. We will also be working hard to continue to improve our attendance figures. You can help us with this by ensuring that your child is on time and in school regularly.

We also ask your help with some of the more day-to-day aspects of school life: ensuring that your child is dressed smartly in correct uniform; that homework is completed on time; that you find opportunities to hear your child read. These are the little things that can really make a difference.

Later on in the newsletter you will find some provisional dates for events that are happening later in the school year. We will obviously notify you of any further details nearer the time.

Finally, as ever, if you have any concerns or questions about school then please speak to your child's class teacher. They are on the playground at the start of the day for any quick queries. As I am sure you appreciate, teaching staff are keen to get the children into class promptly to start learning so we do ask that if you require a longer chat, that you ask to make an appointment to speak to them.

*Matthew Reetz*

## School Uniform

We believe that school uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school; develops a sense of community and belonging towards the school; is practical and smart; identifies pupils with the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

The majority of our pupils come to school smartly dressed and wear their uniform with pride. However, the start of the school year is a good opportunity to remind you of our, and all schools within the David Ross Education Trust's, expectations on uniform.

### GIRLS

- Academy blazer
- Grey V-Neck Jumper
- White Collared Shirt
- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- Navy Blue/white gingham dress (summer)
- Grey, black, blue or white hair accessories
- Navy tights
- Grey or black socks
- Navy tie with a single stripe which represents their house colour
- Black shoes – low heel (less than 2.5cm) - with no logo– NO TRAINERS / PUMPS ALLOWED

### BOYS

- Grey V-Neck Jumper
- White Collared Shirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey or black socks
- Navy tie with a single stripe which represents their house colour
- Black shoes (with no logo) – NO TRAINERS / PUMPS ALLOWED

### Our School PE Kit consists of:

#### Indoor

- White T-Shirt with Logo
- Navy blue sports shorts
- Black pumps or trainers
- NO earrings/jewellery

#### Outdoor

- White T-Shirt with Logo
- Navy blue sports shorts
- Black pumps or trainers
- Navy tracksuit bottoms (NO LOGO)
- Navy tracksuit hood top (NO LOGO)
- NO earrings/jewellery

### **Please note that the wearing of make up, nail varnish etc... is not allowed**

Could parents please note that we also ask that if pupils are wearing a bow in their hair that it is the same colour as the school uniform and that pupils refrain from having patterns shaved into their hair.

The smart wearing of uniform (shirts tucked in, ties on etc..) is one of areas of focus for this half term as we develop a sense of our pupils feeling proud to wear their uniform and proud to attend our school. Your support on this is greatly appreciated.

## Year 6 parents

### **You can now apply for your child's Secondary School Place!**

A letter will have been sent home this week detailing how to apply. Follow the instructions on the letter – Applications open 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 for a secondary school place in September 2018

## Health Screening.

Please also be aware that a nurse will be in school on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to carry out the checks for all our year 6 children as detailed in the letter sent home at the beginning of term – Please can we ask that you complete and returned the consent form to us as soon as possible.

## Olympic Athlete Visit

We are very lucky to have Olympian Meghan Beesley coming into school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to run some fun activities for the children. A letter will come home with your child this week and here is the link if you wish sponsor your child for any of the activities that they will take part in.

[www.sportsforschools.org/event/NN700](http://www.sportsforschools.org/event/NN700)



## Digital Photography Robotics Club

As you will be aware due to unforeseen circumstances the Robotics club has been postponed and will now take place from **07<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December inclusive**. For those children that have booked a place, the course will run on a Tuesday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and children will need to be collected from the office at 4.30pm promptly.



**Please note there are still a few spaces available for this course if your child would like to take part please contact the school office for details.**

*Please make sure your child has the correct equipment required on the day. If you have any further questions please contact the school office.*

## Rockademy

Yesterday the children were treated to an assembly with Lee from Rockademy who brought in his electric guitar. The children will bring home a flyer about an exciting new opportunity to learn a musical instrument in school. Please have a look at

[www.rockademy.co.uk](http://www.rockademy.co.uk) for more details and how you can enrol your child.

## Polite Reminder

### Contact Details

Please can you ensure that all emergency contact details for your child are up to date – If you have recently changed your number or any other details please let the school office know as soon as possible.

### Medicines

Please ensure that any medicine your child requires whilst they are at school is brought to the school office, clearly labelled with Name, dosage and times required.

If you already have medicine in school for your child please ensure it is up to date

If your child has medicine in the school office that they no longer require please ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible

Thank you

### Some dates for your diary

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.30pm -Norfolk Lakes residential Parents Information evening

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Meghan Beesley visit

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents and carers consultations

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Year 6 Health checks

Monday 06<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3-4 Flu Jabs (letter to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – School photographs

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning

Please note that all dates are provisional – please see our school website for any changes and for all term dates for the academic year.

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## Long Buckby RFC Mini & Junior



*We promote the core values of Rugby Union in a fun & safe environment.*

Mini & Junior rugby for children from school reception age upwards.

Come down to the club on Sunday mornings during September

@ 10.30am to give it a go, for further information

email: [robertsdylan@farol.co.uk](mailto:robertsdylan@farol.co.uk)



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