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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Foxton Primary School for the start of the Autumn Term. I hope you all had a great summer! A very warm welcome to the new Fox Cubs joining us this year: Jack, Emily, Mimi, Henry, Dexter, Ruby, Roni, Charlotte, Luke and Ava. Also we welcome Maicy to Year 1, Alfie to Year 4 and Scarlet to Year 5. And not forgetting Miss Gorvin as Year 1 and 2's teacher. This is an interesting year for the school as it marks 50 years of education in this building.

Summer Holidays

Many thanks to Miss Burbidge, who has cleaned every inch of school over the summer, and arranged for the carpets to be professionally cleaned.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped water the garden over the summer.

Hopefully you have noticed our freshly painted fascia. This now means that the canopy has been ordered and will be installed at half-term.

Class News

The children are settling well into their classes and it has been a calm start to the Academic Year. Fox Cubs' room is looking magnificent and is ready for their nursery rhyme displays. Year 1 and 2's classroom has a very interesting Victorians area. Year 3 and 4's classroom has a historical feel as they will be learning all about World War Two. Year 5 and 6's room is prepared for their Central America topic. Further details will be on the Class Newsletters which will be sent home soon and will so be accessed from the school website.

After School Clubs

Further details to follow but these are on the list so far: Mondays – Basketball (starts 7th September 3.20pm – 4.30pm), Tuesdays – Go Active Drama (starts 8th September 3.20pm – 4.20pm), Wednesdays – Multi-Sports (starts 9th September 3.20pm – 4.20pm), Thursdays – Go Active Drama (starts 10th September 3.20pm – 4.20pm), Fridays – FDS Football (starts 11th September 3.20pm – 4.20pm).

Annual Calendar

The yellow Annual Calendar is nearing completion and should be with you soon. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to, some of the highlights for me are: the Class Assemblies, Years 3 & 4's trip to Coventry for a World War Two experience and theatre trip and Year 1 & 2's Beaumanor's Victorian Christmas.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 8am in the School Hall, £1 for supervision, £2 for breakfast and supervision, no booking required, just turn up! Breakfast stops being served at 8.30am.

After School Care

Mrs Willcock's After School Care is available daily until 5.15pm at a cost of £4. Mrs Willcock has planned a timetable of activities so the children know what they will be doing. For further details and to book places please contact Mrs Raymakers.

Office Apprentice

We are interviewing for an apprentice to work in our School Office this week and hopefully we will be able to appoint a suitable person.

Foxton School Pre-School

Foxton School Pre-School, which operates from our School Hall, has funded places available for 15 hours free education per week following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, Monday – Friday 8.40am – 11.40am. Children can start immediately after their 2nd birthday and stay with us until they are ready to start full-time school. Further details are available from Sandy Bratu.

Learning Log and Planner

These have now been sent home with children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Please read through the Learning Log and Planner and find the Home – School – Child Agreement and the ICT Acceptable Use Policy which needs signing. The children can complete the Times Tables Practice Grids at any time. The diary pages are to be used as a reading record and homework diary. The Learning Log and Planners need to be in school every school day and there will be a charge for a replacement if it is lost.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniforms; we particularly like their black school shoes, thank you for your support. Just a reminder of our P.E. kit uniform:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black jogging trousers/tops and trainers can be worn for outdoor P.E.

If your child has to borrow our spare kit we do require it to be washed and returned as soon as possible.

School Dinners

The cost of school meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have increased to £2.15 per meal (£10.75 per week). Please remember that meals need to be paid for in advance. Children in Fox Cubs, Year 1 and 2 are still all entitled to a free school dinner, this can be everyday or just occasionally.

School Times

School starts at 8.55am with doors opening at 8.45am, please remember that we are not responsible for any children arriving at school before 8.45am unless they are attending breakfast club. School finishes at 3.20pm and the children leave the building once they are ready for the end of the school day. At the end of the school day any child who is not collected by 3.30pm or we do not know why they haven't been collected then they will go into the After School Care.

Swimming

Children in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 will begin on Tuesday 8th September. Look out for the permission letter.

Waterproof Coats

The children are taken out at playtime and lunchtime whatever the weather. So please make sure that, every day, they have a waterproof coat with them.

Name Labelling Clothing

To help us return misplaced items please make sure your child's clothing and shoes are clearly named.

Yours sincerely

P Clark

Term Dates

See below for the Term Dates for the next two Academic Years. Please note that Teacher Days are days when staff are in school but children are not.

Academic Year 2015 – 2016

Autumn Term

Schools Open	Tuesday morning 1 st September 2015
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd October 2015
Teacher Day	Monday 26 th October 2015
Schools Close	Friday evening 18 th December 2015

Spring Term

Schools Open	Tuesday morning 5 th January 2016
Mid-Term Break	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2016
Schools Close	Thursday evening 24 th March 2016

Summer Term

Schools Open	Monday morning 11 th April 2016
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Mid-Term Break	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2016
Schools Close	Friday evening 15 th July 2016

Academic Year 2016 – 2017

Autumn Term

Schools Open	Thursday morning 25 th August 2016
Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th August 2016
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st October 2016
Teacher Day	Monday 24 th October 2016
Schools Close	Friday evening 16 th December 2016

Spring Term

Schools Open	Wednesday morning 4 th January 2017
Mid-Term Break	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February 2017
Teacher Day	Monday 20 th February 2017
Schools Close	Friday evening 7 th April 2017

Summer Term

Schools Open	Monday morning 24 th April 2017
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2017
Mid-Term Break	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017
Teacher Day	Monday 5 th June 2017
Schools Close	Friday evening 14 th July 2017