



# Fullwood Primary School

## Newsletter 1 – Early September

### 2018

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Welcome back!**

A very warm welcome back, to all our children and parents, to another jam-packed year at Fullwood. We have all been sharing tales from the summer and making plans for the year ahead. The children have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and the other adults that now work in their classroom.

#### **New staffing arrangements**

We would like to welcome new members of staff to our school. Miss Armartey is teaching in Class 8 as a year 3 class teacher, Miss Wilkinson is teaching in Class 9 as a year 4 class teacher; Miss Ali is teaching in Class 6 as a year 2 class teacher. We also welcome Miss Noel-Michael and Mrs Budunkaylu who will be starting work in our reception classes as learning support assistants. Mr Vis continues in his role as Executive Headteacher of our school and will split his time between Fullwood and his inspection duties and Mr Ward continues as our Associate Headteacher.

#### **Our leadership team**

Mr Ward will continue to take responsibility for Assessment, Mrs Bateman will continue to take the responsibility for Curriculum, Enrichment & Partnerships and Mrs Cilimkovic remains responsible for Inclusion. The upper leadership team is of course completed by Mr Visvanathan, as Executive Headteacher, and Mrs Meek, as the School's Business Leader.

For any concerns or issues that you may have, please see your child's class teacher, in the first instance. In addition, each phase group has a member of the senior leadership team overseeing provision. These are as follows:

Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Miss Jones

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Mrs Hall

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Miss Naiker

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) Mr Sadler

If you should have any questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or phase group leader as above.

#### **Parent Support Advisor**

Can I remind you that Ms Cherie Thompson, the school's PSA, is always available to answer your questions. No matter how large or small, she will be able to either answer your question or guide you to somebody who can. Ms Thompson is on the playground every morning and afternoon and can be contacted by calling the school office.

#### **Reminders**

We would like to remind you of the following school procedures: -

- **Start times**~ Classroom doors open at 8.50 and close promptly at 9am. Any child arriving after this time must come through the school office and be signed in by a parent. Thank you all for making a great start to the year with punctuality.
- **P.E. kit**~ This must be in school for all timetabled P.E sessions. All children require a suitable P.E. kit for indoor and outdoor use. Please ensure that all items are clearly named and provided in a suitable drawstring bag that can hang in the cloakroom.
- **Jewellery and valuables**~ These should not be brought to school as we are unable to take responsibility for them. May I remind you that in consultation with religious leaders, the governors of the school support our policy of allowing only stud earrings and watches to be worn to school. However, these must be removed for PE and games. If earrings cannot be removed, please provide your child with micropore tape so that they can be covered.
- **School uniform**~ School uniform is available from Carolinas (details on the School website) and Unistat in the High Street.

School colours – red, white and grey and may include grey pinafore dresses or skirts (No red polo shirts or black trousers/skirts). Jogging bottoms are no longer part of the school uniform (unless your child is in our nursery).

PE kits – Black shorts, red tee shirts, plimsolls, jogging suit or similar

Shoes – Black with fastenings that the child can do up themselves. Any laces should also be black.

*School uniform should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name and if children wear trainers as part of their daily school uniform, these must be black and must be changed for PE.*

- **Collection of children** ~ Please note that teaching ends at 3.30pm so it might be a few minutes after this time that your child leaves the building. Collections after 3.45pm will result in a £5 charge as children will be escorted to Shine club, which is our after school provision, and they will charge you for supervision of your child during this time. Please try to avoid parking in Burford Close as there is ample parking in Tesco with a short walk to the classroom door.
- **Walking home**~ Many children in years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home on their own. If this is your choice, please notify the school in writing so that we may allow your child to leave school unescorted. This does not include them escorting a younger sibling home.
- **Visitors**~ Parents should not enter the school building at any time during the school day unless for a meeting. In the interest of everyone's safety, please report to the office first if you need to communicate with any member of staff.
- **Extended Holiday**~ A reminder that the London Borough of Redbridge has a zero tolerance on holiday leave. No request for extended holiday will be authorised. Your child is at risk of losing their place at Fullwood Primary and you are at risk of being fined. Our pupil attendance policy, which has been formulated in line with the Local Authority policy and has been ratified by the Governing Body, is available on request from the school office.

### Fullwood is (mostly) paper free!

In a bid to do our bit to help our environment, Fullwood has been using emails and text messages to try to communicate with our parent community. Please do ensure that the office has your current contact details especially your email address as newsletters, trip letters, performance invitations and most other school communication is sent home via email.

### Nut free school

A reminder that, due to having several pupils who have severe allergies to nuts, the school is a nut free school. Coming in to contact with nuts, or even somebody who has eaten or touched nuts, could have life threatening consequences for these pupils so it is very important that we do not put them at risk by bringing any foods that contain nuts. These include foods such as Nutella, some cereal bars and some cakes. If your child would like to bring in treats for their class on their birthday, please ensure they do not contain nuts (sweets, fruit drinks etc. are fine).



**Jeans for Genes day** – Jeans for Genes Day is something that has become a 'must' for us at Fullwood. This year Jeans for Gene day will take place on Friday 21st September. Your child can wear jeans to school, with the usual shirt and jumper and make a donation of 50p - £1 to help support Jeans for Genes day.



### Extra-curricular clubs and activities

Extra-curricular clubs will be starting soon. Letters will be sent out providing more information.



### Meet the teacher

Meet the teacher meetings will take place as follows:

Year Group	Date and time
Year 1 and year 2	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am
Year 3 and year 4	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am
Year 5 and year 6	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am

### The Internet and Technology

In line with safeguarding, we endeavour to ensure that our children are made aware of the dangers when using the internet. We would like to advise parents that if your child has access to mobile devices, you are responsible for ensuring that they use it safely and responsibly. Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype. WhatsApp have just announced a change and users will now need to be 16 to use WhatsApp. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

## Key Dates Autumn 2018

DATE	EVENT
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day for Reception children (summer born) &amp; 'Tea &amp; Tears' in the small hall</li> </ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15-9.45 am – 'Meet the Teacher' – Year 1 / 2</li> </ul>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day for Reception children (spring born) &amp; 'Tea &amp; Tears' in the small hall</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15-9.45am – 'Meet the Teacher' – Year 3 / 4</li> </ul>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeans for Genes Day</li> </ul>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> day for Reception children (autumn born) &amp; 'Tea &amp; Tears' in the small hall</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15-9.45am – 'Meet the Teacher' – Year 5 / 6</li> </ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents Consultation afternoon/evening <b>(SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM)</b></li> </ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closes at 3.30pm for ½ term break</li> </ul>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School re-opens for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of autumn term – normal time. 8.50am - 9am</li> </ul>