



Falconer's Hill
Infant School



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Review of the Week

What an amazing first full week back!

I have really enjoyed visiting all the different classrooms this week, and seeing how focused the children are on their learning. Lots of the children are working very hard on their concentration and listening this week, it has been a pleasure to walk around school to see lots of happy, smiley faces.

In school this week, teachers have been working hard on making the school environment look engaging and exciting. Children across the school have been busily planting bulbs and flowers in our sensory garden and flower beds around school.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the year's first Stay and Read. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and family members to come into your child's classroom and share a book. It is an invaluable time to read with your child and share some one-on-one time.

We thank you for your continued support.



Headline

News

Attendance

Falconer's Hill Infant School

Weekly Attendance

- This year our whole school attendance is 96.5%
- This weeks lateness was 2.2%
- We have seen a huge improvement and want to congratulate all children, parents and staff in making a really positive start to the school year.






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Attendance is a priority concern in our duty to 'safeguard' children. We believe that children can reach their full potential only by receiving full-time education through regular attendance.

Our Target

At FHIS we want to achieve attendance for **all** pupils of **96% or greater**. This is a minimum of an additional 62 hours of learning achieved compared to that of 90% attendance.

We have made a great start! Let's keep this going!

<h2>Just Giving</h2> 	<p>Due to the increasing pressure on our school budget, we are launching a fundraising initiative to help support and enhance our wonderful school and grounds. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a real difference in providing our students with the best learning environment and opportunities. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to ensure our school continues to thrive. Please feel free to share with friends, families and businesses!</p> <p>https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fhis?utm_term=e8gRvJ8m7</p>
<h2>Introduction to Phonics</h2> 	<p>Reception Phonics Introduction Evening – Wednesday 18th September at 4pm.</p> <p>This year we are excited to share a new opportunity for you to see how we teach phonics and early reading in school. This session will be run by your child’s class teacher in the school hall and will provide resources that you can use at home.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you!</p>
<h2>Reading at home</h2> 	<p><i>“Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible” – Barack Obama</i></p> <p>Children are required to read at least 3 times a week at home. They will be encouraged to bring home 3 reading books a week: one phonics readers, one book bag book and one reading for pleasure book from the school library. It is important that children read the books more than once to build up fluency and talk about the books they have read. Children will be required to swap their books in school once a week.</p> <p>If you have any questions about your child’s reading or books, please speak to your child’s class teacher.</p>
<h2>EYFS Resources</h2> 	<p>Our fantastic early years is having a renovation!</p> <p>Over the coming weeks, the early years provision in school will be changing and we will be introducing a range of new resources to further improve the environment for the children starting school. We are asking for any donations for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction toys Small world Number games Alphabet games <p>If you wish to buy any resources for the school, please visit our school Amazon ‘wish list’ to purchase. https://amzn.eu/bMSJ43Z</p> <p><i>We are extremely grateful!</i></p>
<h2>Coats</h2> 	<p>As the weather becomes more autumnal, we ask that all children attend school with weather appropriate clothing. Where possible, we try to ensure all children can go outside every day. Therefore, it is vital that children bring a coat to school each day.</p>

Important Dates:



- **Stay and read** every **Friday 8:45am-9am** and a chance to read in the classroom with your child.
- **Reception Phonics Introduction Evening – Wednesday 18th September** at 4pm. Further information to follow.
- **International Peace Day – Friday 20th September.** Children will be celebrating this special day in school by making peace doves, peace crafts and pledges.
- **PTA Movie Night – Wednesday 25th September** 3:30pm-5pm.
- **Harvest Festival – Friday 27th September** at 3pm.
- **Life Education ‘Tent’** will visit the school again this year on **Monday 7th October.** Children will learn about how to keep their bodies and brains happy and healthy.
- **Flu immunisations – Tuesday 15th October.**
- **Individual School Photos – Wednesday 23rd October.** Further information to follow.
- **School staff Training Day – Friday 25th October.** Children will not be required in school for this day.
- **School Closes to children for Half Term – Thursday 24th October,** reopens to children on **Monday 4th November 2024.**

Stars of the Week



Sycamore

Sofia – For telling Mrs Haynes all about her family
Harrison – For remembering the sign for capital letter
And all of Sycamore for being AMAZING!

Chestnut

Jaxson – Consistently following the rules
Roxy – Making a good start to school. Following the rules, working hard & good listening

Ash

Arianna – For settling well into Year 1
Reuben – For settling well into Year 1

Maple

Isaac – For his perseverance
Roxy – Effort in showing her values

Oak

Mihaela – For being super brave & settling in so well at FHIS
Jacob – For being amazing in Year 2 & completing all his learning jobs beautifully

Willow

Eva – For settling in well as a new member of Willow class
Trinity – For super Math's

£2 A TICKET

MOVIE

Night

at Falconers Hill Infant School
to see Disney's 'Wish'.



WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

3:30PM-5PM

A DRINK AND SNACK PROVIDED

Every Friday
8:45am-9am

Stay and Read

We welcome parents and families to
join us to share books and read in
classrooms with your child every
Friday morning.





Autumn Home Learning

This term our home learning challenge is Autumnal based. Pick an idea from below or think of your own ideas! Bring them into school once complete.

- draw a Harvest picture
- use natural materials to make a collage
- create conker people
- Pumpkin printing
- leaf rubbings
- create a 3D model of a scarecrow
- make some soup and write a set of instructions
- write an autumnal poem or story