



Fernhill Primary School

The Kite Family of Schools

Our Mission: Together we inspire a lifelong love of learning which enables children to achieve more than they ever believed possible

The Kite Academy Trust
Flying high together



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Email Addresses

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Our School Values:

COURAGE
Confidence
Curiosity
Co-operation

School Governors

We are looking for school governors to help support the development of Fernhill Primary. If you think you may be interested but would like more information, please call the school office.

If you feel you may need help or assistance from one of our Family Support Workers, the Kite Hub or access to a Food Bank, please call Kite Central Office on 01252 984930 or email adminoffice@fernhill.kite.academy

Dear Families

Our launch of Magic Breakfast has gone well and all children in school are enjoying warm breakfast bagels at the start of each day. Research shows breakfast helps prepare children for learning and it has been a great way to get the day started.

We are continuing to do all we can in school to remain safe and your support in socially distancing at the school gates and wearing face masks is appreciated. Guidance states that social distancing, frequent cleaning and hand washing and ventilation are key to minimising infections. As a result, some classroom windows will be open at all times to maintain a continuous flow of fresh air. This means classrooms may be cooler than usual. Additional layers are therefore a good idea as the weather turns cooler. Looking smart is important so, even with extra layers, please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate school uniform. And finally, don't forget to visit our Fernhill Primary Academy Facebook page for updates, information and a chance to see some of the fabulous work taking place in Fernhill.

Wishing you all safe and well,
Nicky Slater
Academy Head

Covid

Please do not send your child to school if they or anyone in your family/support bubble develops Covid symptoms (loss of smell and/or taste, high temperature, new continuous cough). You must all self isolate and the person with symptoms should request a test. Thank you

SeeSaw

All classes from Year 1 to Year 6 are using the online app SeeSaw to set home learning and communicate to parents. Teachers are now sharing learning on the app. If you have not yet accessed SeeSaw, please do. If you cannot find your password, please email the school office.

Christmas Cards

After careful consideration, we have decided not to allow Christmas cards in school this year. Each child will be making a card in school to give to one of their classmates instead. Thank you for your understanding

Diary

December 11th	...	Christmas Jumper Day & Reindeer Run (weather permitting)
December 16th	...	Christmas Lunch
Friday, 18th December	...	last day of term
January 4th	...	1st Day of Spring Term

New Fencing

You may have noticed our long awaited new fencing has now arrived. This is the result of funding by the Trust and a bid made by Kite for government funding last year. The perimeter fence with the senior school as well as by the main office has been renewed. Covid delayed the project but it looks great and has been worth the wait!

Please be Considerate

We have received reports from our neighbours that parents are not always parking considerately in the morning. Please do not block drive ways or double park. There are plenty of parking spaces along the side of the school fence.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Welcome to Fernhill!

A warm welcome to new members of the Fernhill Team. Mrs Mabbott will be joining Oak and Willow Classes as a teaching assistant. Mrs Nash has joined Maple Class as a teaching assistant and Mrs Forskitt will be joining us a Playground Games Leader and mid day supervisor in Sycamore and Chestnut Classes

Reindeer Run

Fernhill Primary School will be supporting the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice by holding our first annual Reindeer Run. Each child will receive a sponsorship form and all proceeds will go to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The run will take place on December 11th. (weather dependent). Please look out for the sponsorship forms in the near future.



Friday Afternoon Child Care

Now lockdown is coming to an end, if you are returning to work and previously used Friday afternoon child care, please email the school office to confirm your space if you have not already done so.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals (income dependent, not universal free school meals) and is self isolating, a food hamper can be delivered. Please call the school office for further information.

Fernhill Fundraising

All classes have been busy creating wonderful artwork to decorate personalised calendars. Calendars are A4 sized and each month is on a separate A4 page with your child's art work displayed above.

Families with more than one child can order calendars containing all their children's art work in one calendar.

Calendars are priced at £3.50 each or two for £6 and make excellent Christmas presents.

Deadline for calendar orders is December 9th



To order your calendars, please email the school office with the following details:

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Class (es): _____

Number of calendars ordered: _____

I confirm I have paid £_____ on line



Remembrance

All children took part in acts of remembrance this month. You may have seen the Year 6 poppy display outside the school gates. Year 4 also made a fantastic display of artwork. Don't forget to check our Fernhill Academy Facebook page for more of our great work!