

4th September 2017

Dear Fountains Earth Parents

A few additional bits of information that are specific to Fountains Earth for the new year.

Newsletter and sharing assembly

Newsletter will be published fortnightly beginning on Friday 15th September. The first sharing assembly (where children share the work that they have been doing) will be on Friday 29th September at 9am. Please do join us weekly if you would like to for our celebration assembly where certificates are given.

Class 2 Wednesday afternoons

This year class 2 will be having PE and music at St Cuthbert's with the St Cuthbert's children. Mrs Wilcox the PE leader and Mrs Issett will teach PE to the Year 5/6 followed by the Year 3/4 children. Mr Price and Mrs Hardcastle will teach music to the Year 3/4 followed by the Year 5/6 children. This will give these children the opportunity to play music and sport in a larger group, something that parents have been requesting for some time. We are fortunate to have use of this high school minibus for this journey. Nidd+ drivers will be helping us out with this transportation and I will also be transporting the children. Class 2 children will therefore need their PE kit (indoor and outdoor) and their instruments (Year 3 to be allocated this week) every **Wednesday**. The children will be back at school by 3.30.

Whole School swimming

Swimming begins this week for Reception to Year 6. The children at Fountains are very lucky to have fully funded swimming as part of the sports premium grant rather than just the National Curriculum entitlement of learning to swim in one-year group only. In fact, I think this is quite unique!

Miss Aldridge and Mrs Issitt will accompany the children to the pool ready for their lesson and Mrs Issitt will go into the pool with the non-swimmers. We have secured transport with the High School bus to get the children to the pool but unfortunately, this bus is then used to transport high school children back up the dale and so is not available at the end of the day.

We therefore ask that you help us by collective your child(ren) from the pool at 3.30 rather than from school. We are hoping that you will be able to work together to make arrangements to car share but if anyone envisages any issue with transport please let the office know by Thursday of each week so that we can assist with alternative arrangements. We have done everything we can to organise whole school transport and regret that we haven't been able to. We will continue to try but in the meantime very much appreciate your flexibility and help. There are alternatives open to you if you so wish.

The high school bus does have spaces and therefore transportation can be arranged back up the dale on this bus free of charge to parents. It will arrive outside school at approximately 3.40.

Should you wish to collect your child later, Sunflowers Nursery offer after school care and will collect the children from the pool ready for a later collection. This can be arranged with them.

With kindest regards



Miss Lynette Brammah