



NEWSLETTER

December 2020

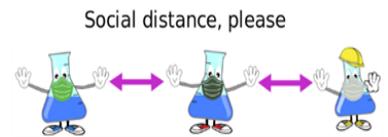
Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of a truly extraordinary term. Children and staff have worked hard over the term to make up for lost time earlier in the year and deserve a well-earned break. At school, we felt the children needed some festive fun to end the term so are spending the afternoons this week making cards, decoration and party pieces. We hope this will also go a little way towards making up for lots of other Christmas treats that have not been possible this year.

I would particularly like to thank Roots Landscaping Company who has once again, donated a wonderful tree to adorn our school hall. It has certainly brought more than a little cheer around the place and is a wonderful backdrop to the Christmas Dinner Days this week.

Please remember as we enter the last week of term, to keep stringently to our social distancing guidelines to prevent anyone having to isolate over Christmas!

- Keep a distance of at least 2m from other people
- Only one adult per family to enter the site and keep any other children with you, by your side
- Please do not arrive early to pick up or drop off your child
- If your child is in Year 3 or 4, leave the playground immediately after dropping off or collecting your child
- You are welcome to wear a face covering and we encourage you to do so at this time



If your child were to test positive for COVID between the 18th and 23rd December, we ask that you email admin@fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk. This email account will be checked once a day between these dates so that we can work with you and Public Health England to assist with contact tracing and alert anyone that has been in close proximity with your child.

I am pleased to be able to report to you that the footbridge at the end of the car park, has been rebuilt and is at last finished having taken over a year to get it completed! It will be opened in January and in order to make the best use of it, the junior and infant school have agreed to operate a one-way system to ease congestion around the whole site. **Therefore, from January 4th the following procedure will be in place:**

- All infant school children will continue to enter from the car park entrance. This will now be the **ONLY** entrance from which they will enter.
- Junior school children will **ONLY** enter the site from the gate by the junior school ball court.
- All parents and children from both the infant and junior schools, will exit only from the bridge gate.

This should make social distancing much easier as everyone will be moving in the same direction around the shared pathways. We apologise for the inconvenience that this is likely to cause some families as some will find that they have slightly further to walk. However, this will increase the safety of everyone on site.

We will always maintain shared pathways, particularly as we head in to the time of year when adverse weather conditions are likely. Please ensure that your child wears sensible shoes to school and if the weather determines the wearing of boots then please ensure that they have their school shoes with them to change in to once at school. Trainers are not permitted in school unless children are taking part in PE.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our parents and families for your support over this challenging time. I do hope you all manage to have a wonderful Christmas despite the current regulations in place. I look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Mrs C Martinez, Headteacher



Thank you to FFLS that have continued to help us increase our stock of library books therefore ensuring every child has a choice of books whilst having to quarantine our stocks as they are returned. So far we have managed to buy over 400 new books!

Governor Update

Dear Parents

As this term comes to a close I would like to thank all the parents who have been so helpful and thoughtful in keeping to all the new regulations. I know that this has not always been easy. There have been many changes to the way that the school has to operate on a day to day basis. Mrs Martinez and her team have stepped up and embraced the new requirements which has increased workload and made everyday life in school more challenging but safe. On behalf of the governors, my thanks go to you all for your support and co-operation. I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Kathy Bowman, Chair of Governors



DIARY DATES

Here are some of the key dates for your diary over the rest of the term. Unfortunately, many of our usual Christmas events will not be able to take place but once again please look on the website and Facebook pages regularly for any updates

December		January	
15 th	Y3/Y4 Christmas Lunch	4 th	Start of Term
16 th	Y5/Y6 Christmas Lunch	7 th	4SM Minstead Trip
18 th	Last day of Term – Early Finish 13:05-13:35	8 th	4KR Minstead Trip
21 st -31 st	Christmas Holiday	11 th	4KH Minstead Trip
		12 th	4PW Minstead Trip