



Weekly Notices – 3



FoFJS – Colour Run – Thursday 23rd May

TICKET SALES END TUESDAY 21ST MAY AT 8PM!

It's here, FoFJS are hosting our first colour run, this colourful interactive event will take place on the school field and participants will be doused from head to toe in a different coloured powder! Plans are fully underway and it is our intention to make this event a major feature each year in the school calendar with the event being open to the local community. On Thursday 23rd May, from 3.30pm participants can choose to run or walk an obstacle course set up on the field with paint stations set up along the way where volunteers will throw specially formulated coloured powdered at participants. The powder is made from organic materials and natural dyes it is gluten free and EN Certified.

On the day of the Colour Run, children who are taking part in the colour run and attend Freegrounds Junior School will be able to bring a change of clothes to school and have the opportunity to change just before the end of the school day. This event is open to all Freegrounds Junior School families and friends

This link will take you to the wavier which needs to be completed to participate and a link will be given on submission to purchase tickets. <https://forms.gle/c9eXyRMbEgnMUuTD7>

As always, we can only run our events successfully with the help of our volunteers, if you can spare any time on the day to help, please click this link to sign up, <https://volunteersignup.org/8BDHB>

Thank you all for your continued support we hope to see you on Thursday 23rd May.

Dogs on School Site

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents, carers and visitors to our school that dogs are not allowed on site.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 22nd June 11.30am – 2.30pm

We are busy behind the scenes organising our joint Summer Fayre with the Infant school. If you are interested in holding a stall at this event, please register your interest on this google form and someone will be in touch shortly: <https://forms.gle/C6hSdcnahVJiKR5z9>

To help make the event a success and maximise our fundraising we are also looking for sponsors for the Summer Fayre. Please read the attached letter and if you feel this is something you would like to do or you know someone that would be interested please get them to get in touch.

Reading Cafés

We are excited to be hosting our 'Reading Cafés' again this term! These are an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school to enjoy a book, a biscuit and a drink with their child. The Summer term Reading Cafés will take place between 9am and 9.20am. If the weather is dry, we hope to utilise our outdoor space so please bring a picnic rug if you have one. Please come to the front entrance at 8.55am to meet your child in the hall.

Monday 1st July - Year 3 and Year 6 - <https://forms.gle/mTiSqC31JKah5nXy6>

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 4 and Year 5 - <https://forms.gle/7dpj1hU5iPThYor9>

Wildern dates for current year 5

Mrs Thornton has asked that we share the following information with Year 5 Parents who may be considering Wildern for their secondary provision.

In light of a residential trip at one of our primaries Wildern has updated their Open Morning dates which will now be:

Open Evening - Thursday 26th September

Open Mornings - Friday 4th October - 9:50 and Monday 7th October - 9:50

More details will be available at the end of May.

Open Clinic – Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Every Tuesday and Thursday I will be offering an open clinic for all families to access. I will be available every Tuesday and Thursday morning for a 25-minute session from 9am - 11am.

This open clinic serves as a welcoming space where parents and carers can seek guidance, support, and resources on a variety of topics relevant to family life and parenting. This opportunity is for you to discuss any worries and concerns you may have.

To book a session with me please complete this google form and select a convenient day and time. I am able to offer face to face or telephone conversations. Many thanks Michelle



Booking Link: <https://forms.gle/bQTfD3DkQQN59Ga48>

Inset Days For 2024/2025

Our inset days for the next academic year 2024/2025 are

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 11th October 2024

Friday 29th November 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Friday 20th June 2025

After School Clubs – Spaces available

We have a variety of after school clubs available to book, please click the following link on our website for more information and to sign up.

<https://www.freegrounds-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=86>

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child becomes unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours has passed since their last episode of illness, unless the office has medical evidence confirming an earlier return. Although we understand this can be frustrating as your child may otherwise seem well it is essential to help prevent outbreaks spreading through classes.

Breaktime Snacks

Within our school, we aim to promote healthy eating and we would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that following are not permitted as a break time snack:

- crisps
- sweets
- chocolate biscuits
- nuts

Examples of snacks that can be eaten at break time:

- Any choice of fruit
- Any vegetable i.e, carrot sticks, cucumber, pepper sticks
- breadsticks, crackers or rice cakes
- cereal bars

We do not want children to be eating their lunch at break time. Please provide your child with an additional break time snack. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PE Days

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE uniform on the following days;

Year 3

Ash class – Monday and Friday

Elm class – Monday and Tuesday

Year 4

Beech class – Tuesday and Thursday

Pine class – Monday and Friday

Maple class – Monday and Friday

Year 5

Larch class: Tuesday and Wednesday

Willow class: Wednesday and Thursday

Cedar class: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6

Juniper class - Wednesday and Thursday

Sycamore class - Tuesday and Friday

Hawthorn class - Wednesday and Thursday

Absence During School Time

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers who wish to take their child out of school during the school term that an absence request form needs to be completed and given to the office before the absence. Requests cannot always be authorised; however, they are looked at on a case-by-case basis. It is important that we as a school know where children are each day that they are absent for safeguarding reasons, as well as to monitor each child's attendance and their sickness and absence records.

If a child is absence from school for sickness immediately before or after a holiday absence you will be asked to provide confirmation of you holiday dates to ensure the correct processes have been followed. If we have reason to suspect that you have taken an unauthorised absence, we will continue to follow Hampshire County Council's procedures of a warning letter, followed by a Fixed Penalty Notice. Please read our attendance policy which can be found on our website for more information.

Health & Safety

Please can we remind all parents we are a **NUT FREE** school, this includes spreads in sandwiches, for example, **Nutella** and snack bars that the children bring in at break time. There are children in school with severe nut allergies so we ask that you ensure everyone in your family who makes packed lunches are aware.



Parking/driving up School Lane - Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking before and after school to collect your child/children. **Please follow the Highway Code and remember not to park on double yellow lines or zig zag white lines.** School Lane is for access for parents/carers who have been issued a permit (even when it is wet).



Social Media links

<https://www.facebook.com/freegroundsjuniorschool>

<https://twitter.com/freegroundsjun>

<https://www.instagram.com/freegroundsjun/>

Friends of Freegrounds Junior School Facebook group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/960606647304903/>

Diary Dates

Monday 20th May – Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip

Monday 20th – 23rd May – 'Walk to School' week

Thursday 23rd May – Aspens BBQ Theme Day – please see attached menu

Friday 24th May – **INSET DAY**

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – **HALF TERM**

Monday 3rd June – **INSET DAY**

Friends of Freegrounds Junior School Upcoming Events

Thursday 23rd May – FoFJS Colour Run from 3.30pm

Monday 10th June – Father's Day, design your own t-shirt themed keyring, more details to follow.

Saturday 22nd June – Joint Summer Fayre 11.30am – 2.30pm