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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a really lovely start to the term with our learn to learn days, focussing on how we learn as a community.

We are going to be introducing a new communication and behaviour app 'class dojo' with parents soon – this will replace marvellous me. We are just doing some final touches on the behind the scenes parts and then we will launch it as soon as possible. This will hopefully mean more year group targeted updates will come to parents on a more regular basis.

Next week in our assemblies we will be discussing the theme of 'democracy' and then children will be given the chance to be voted in for our pupil leadership team (Years 1-6) or a house captain (Year 6) as voted by their peers. Please support your child with filling in their application form.

A big thank you for everyone for your support with uniform expectations this year – it makes such a difference.

- **Curriculum Showcases – 9:30 start in the school hall.**

- RM – Friday 24th May
- RLB – Friday 7th June
- 1G – Friday 19th April
- 1K – Friday 26th April
- 2C – Friday 8th March
- 2B – Friday 15th March
- 2MO – Friday 22nd March
- 3B – Friday 14th June
- 3T – Friday 21st June
- 3S – Friday 28th June
- 4L – Friday 3rd May
- 4A – Friday 10th May
- 4D – Friday 17th May
- 5H – Friday 19th January
- 5C – Friday 2nd February
- 5F – Friday 26th January

Parents Evenings:

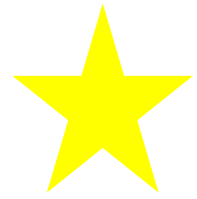
Our parent's evenings are due to be held:

17th October 3-6 (Hybrid)

18th October 3-6 (Face to face)

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please ensure that long hair is tied up during PE days and that earrings are removed or covered with tape.



Monday 11th September – Year 4 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 12th September – Year 6 Curriculum Meeting
Friday 15th September – House captain elections
Monday 18th September – Pupil leadership Team elections
Friday 29th September – Year 3 Lyndhurst Trip
Monday 2nd October – 2024 admissions Year R open session 14:00
Tuesday 17th October – 2024 admissions Year R open session 9:30

INSET DAYS:

INSET Days are currently planned as follows: Wednesday 13th September; Tuesday 3rd October; December date TBC; Tuesday 2nd January; Monday 22nd January. *We are trying to confirm our December date with an external provider – we will do this as soon as possible.*

Christmas Service at Shirley Baptist Church:

Wednesday 13th December: Green (Diplodocus) & Yellow (Stegosaurus) houses AM; Blue (Triceratops) and Red (T Rex) houses PM

Easter Service at Shirley Baptist Church

Wednesday 27th March: Blue (Triceratops) and Red (T Rex) houses AM; Green (Diplodocus) & Yellow (Stegosaurus) houses PM

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Shirley Baptist church, Tuesday 23rd July 2024. 2:00-3:00.

SENDSational coffee afternoon

Tuesday 19th September at 2pm

In the Blue Room

Jacqui Dowdell and Em Ervine are hosting a coffee morning for parents with children with Special Educational Needs. We hope to see you there and give you a chance to relax and chat with us and other parents.

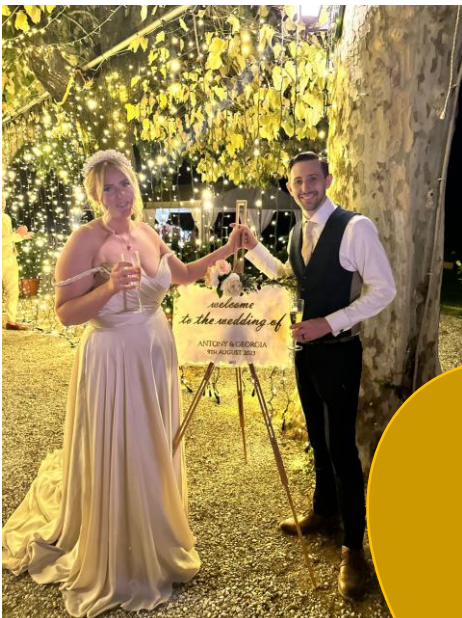


Coffee afternoon for parents with children whose home language is not English

Tuesday 10th October at 2pm

In the Blue Room

Jacqui Dowdell and Em Ervine are hosting a coffee morning for parents with children who speak English as an additional language. We hope to see you there and give you a chance to relax and chat with us and other parents.



A big congratulations to Mrs Jones and Mrs Murphy who both celebrated their weddings this summer.

FRIENDS!

Our friends committee will be holding a uniform sale on: Tuesday 12th September, in the changed location of Foundry Lane. Come along and grab a bargain!

Have we got your correct information on file?

Are your emergency contacts up to date for your child?

Is your child a young carer?

We'd all like children to help out at home from time to time but we know that for a few children at Foundry Lane this is normal or expected because of situations in the family. This might be because they have a sibling with additional needs or a parent who is unwell physically and/or mentally. Even if they're not helping with household chores, it may be that they have to keep an eye on their siblings or be particularly independent for their age or just get on with things. We want to recognise these amazing children and give them a little bit of time just for them. We'd love them to know that they're special, that we value what they do and that they are seen.

Next week, Miss Ervine and Mrs Dowdell are restarting our Foundry Lane Young Carers group. Invitations have already been sent to some of the parents whose children we know are young carers but we don't want anyone to miss out. If you'd like your child to be recognised as part of this group, please email Jacqui at parenting@foundrylaneprimary.co.uk and we can make sure they get to come along. We aim to run a session once every half term, so even if they miss this one, there will be another one before Christmas. We hope that these incredible young people will feel supported and that they are not the only ones having to step up at home.



Urgent toy appeal

Donate in-store:

4th September – 17th September 2023

Cancer Research UK
93 High Street, Shirley
Southampton
Hants
SO16 4EX

023 8078 0196

SouthamptonShirleyShop@cancer.org.uk

The items sold in our shops help to fund [our life-saving research](#).



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Bringing up children – “The hardest job in the world!”

- Do you sometimes struggle to get your children to do what you'd like them to do?
 - Are you already exhausted by the time you get them to school?
 - Would you like to have more fun with your children?
 - Do you sometimes feel like you're the only person who struggles?
- If you can answer “Yes” to any of the questions above, come along to ...

The Incredible Years

A 10 week programme to help you get the most out of parenting your children

Starting on Wednesday 20th September

9.00am-11.30am in The Blue Room on the English Road playground

Good fun, good coffee and chocolate biscuits guaranteed!

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. To find out more, or to sign up, contact Jacqui Dowdell (Parent Partnership Coordinator) through the school office or email parenting@foundrylaneprimary.co.uk

What Foundry Lane parents have said ...

“This course has done wonders for my family; it has made my relationship with my partner stronger as we work together with the children now.”

“The whole programme has changed my life, I'm calm and this has a big impact on my children. I've learnt that I had to change.”

Mrs Dowdell's Parenting Pointers

New Beginnings

Welcome back! How are you? Whatever your summer has been like, September is a good time to make a fresh start. It's so easy for us to fall into unhelpful habits and returning to school routines is a great opportunity to reassess and readjust. Here are some thoughts on how to have a great start to the year ...

Firstly, be positive, positive, positive! Whether we like it or not, our attitudes and behaviour have a huge



impact on our children. If we speak positively about returning to school and have high expectations for our children, we are setting them up to succeed. What have they enjoyed most about their first few days back? What do they like most about their new teacher? What are they looking forward to most this term?

Secondly, remember that what happens at home has a huge impact on our children's ability to learn. Perhaps it's a good time to take stock of how things are going. Is everyone getting enough sleep? Are we making sure that we are eating healthy family meals? Do we

have good morning routines in place that ensure everyone gets to where they need to be on time? Do we have firm boundaries in place to manage time on technology? Are we finding time to support our children by listening to them read and helping them with homework? Are we making sure we have fun together as a family?

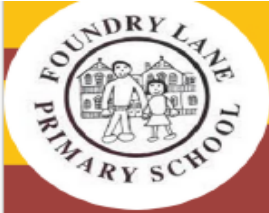
Thirdly, sometimes stuff happens and no matter how positive try to be, problems still come up. We may be very aware of the need for good routines at home but for whatever reason, every morning feels like a battlefield. There may be things going on in families that make life really difficult. Please don't feel that you are on your own. Our school motto is "Working together" and we know that when parents, children and staff work as a team, everybody benefits. If there are things that you are worried about, please let us know, so that we can make sure we are supporting you and your children as well as possible.



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There is an African proverb that says, "it takes a village to raise a child". We may not be living in a village but Foundry Lane is a great community where we care about your children and we also care about you. How can I help? My role in school is to support families. I can make appointments to chat through whatever may be of concern, so that we can come up with solutions together, or I can signpost to other agencies that may be able to help. Later in the term, I will begin to run some courses so we can learn how to parent even better. So, it's a new academic year and an opportunity for a fresh start. Let's be really positive but let's be really realistic too. Let's work together as a team to support and nurture our children.

If you need to get in touch, please email me at parenting@foundrylanepriamary.co.uk



Is your child starting Year R in September 2024?

We would love to welcome you to one of our
open days!

**Come and spend some time in school with us at
one of our open sessions!**

Monday 2nd October: 14:00

Tuesday 17th October: 9:30

Monday 6th November: 14:00

Tuesday 21st November: 9:30

Tuesday 9th January: 16:00

For more information or to book a space, please call our
admin team on:

02380 774814

or e mail:

info@foundrylanepprimary.co.uk