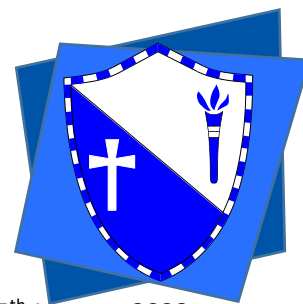


## St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I do hope you all had a great Christmas. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school today looking so happy and glad to be back. The staff are excited and raring to go too.

Further information regarding the new Headteacher's appointment will follow but as you know, I will be Acting Headteacher until the new Head joins us and I am pleased to share that Miss Bailey will be Acting Deputy, a role she is taking on alongside her teaching commitments.

### Homework and Reading at Home

As usual, homework for each year group has been uploaded on to the class pages of the SMFR website. There are optional tasks here that can be completed over the term and children are rewarded for the number of tasks they complete. It is wonderful for families to get involved and support the children in completing as many of these as possible. Spellings are also uploaded to the class pages. Orange spelling books are required in school on a Thursday so that children can bring home their new weekly lists. We cannot underestimate the impact that you are able to have on the learning and progress of your children by reading with them at home, even just a few times each week. This can be reading a book brought home from school, reading on a device using Reading Eggs/Eggspress or even just reading to your children. It is also important to build in time for the children to read independently. Thank you for supporting the school and the children in such an important way.

### Drop off and Collection

Morning Drop-off between 8.30am and 8.50am	Afternoon Collection
Children can be dropped at the school gates between 8.30am and 8.50am. The gates must close at 8.50am so that automated registers can be completed and lunches ordered promptly from our feeder school. Children arriving after this time are marked as 'late'. Pupils arriving after 9.30 will be recorded as unauthorised absence and a reason for absence will need to be provided.	<b>EYFS</b> children can be collected from <b>3.10pm</b> <b>Year 1 – Year 6</b> collection time is <b>3.15pm</b> Please collect the children promptly.

### PE Days Spring 2023

EYFS	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Friday – Swimming kit is needed.
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	5M – Monday and Friday 5C – Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday

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## **Parking and Road Safety**

Church Road at Drop off and Collection times needs to be a safe environment for all of our school community. We are all trying to achieve the same thing which is ensure we drop off and collect our children safely and this does require us all to work together to make this happen. Please be courteous and kind to each other. Please park appropriately and take into consideration how your parking impacts the road for other users. Please remember you cannot park or stop on single yellow lines or the zig-zag markings during drop off or collection times; Doing so is a danger to pedestrians and reduces key areas of the road to a single lane and cars cannot pass. This then blocks the road and causes problems for all. There is parking available at the Duke's Head pub, the Village Hall and on Park Road. Please also remember to turn off your engines when you are parked and stationary. Our community, especially the children do not wish to breathe in the fumes and are aware of the environmental impact.

It is also important for pedestrians to try to use the pavement and think carefully about how they walk into the road. We should be modelling road safety and awareness to the children to ensure they understand the dangers associated with walking and crossing roads.

## **Attendance**

As with all schools, attendance will continue to be a focus for us. Thank you all for helping support school by providing medical printouts from GPs when asked. This is vital to show reasons for absence and show all agencies – Local Authorities, school, medical professionals and families are working together to ensure the highest possible attendance rates and reasons for absence when needed. Medical evidence is only requested after 5 consecutive days of illness or if there have been serious attendance concerns previously raised.

Everything we always do at SMFR is focused on providing the very best educational experiences for the children and supporting our school 'family' in any way possible. Thank you for the vital part you play in working with and supporting your children and the school.

May 2023 be a very happy and prosperous year for us all!

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