

Summer 2nd Half Term –

July 2018

PE & Sports Development

The children really enjoyed their football lessons in PE this term, led by Deaf coach, Ben Lampert. They trained hard to practice for the Deaf Festival Week Deaf schools football tournament. Next year we are planning to purchase new bikes to include cycling training for our sports development and also set up a lunchtime running club!



Deaf Festival Week

A big thank you to Mischa Cooke, Acting Deaf Instructor, for organising a very successful Deaf Festival Week this year. This year's theme was Deaf Bears, which has included Art workshops, a theatre trip and also a trip to St John's Community Deaf club. The children have really enjoyed themselves!

Remark! playscheme

The Remark! Deaf community playcheme have an exciting programme for the Summer holidays. The Playscheme runs from 10am - 4pm, Tuesdays to Thursdays from 31st July to 23rd August at **St John's Deaf Community Centre** in Manor House. Contact Steven Wynne on steven.wynne@remark.uk.com for more information. We have sent flyers, information and registration forms home to you. Please do sign up and take your child to this excellent Deaf playscheme.



Staffing

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Rachel, Becca, Olga and Sophia at the end of term. Rachel will be taking up a new post as KS1 Phase Leader in a mainstream school; Becca will be taking up a role as a peripatetic TOD in Herts; and Olga will be pursuing her career as a CSW and BSL interpreter. Marios will also be leaving us as a TA, but staying with us a BSL Teacher. A very big thank you to all of them for their hard work, support and commitment to the school, and wish them well for the future.



We welcome new classteacher, Claire Dowdican, to the staff team and Matthew Williams, our new School Direct trainee teacher. We are excited to have them join us in September.

Friends of Frank Barnes

Just to remind you that our school charity, Friends of Frank Barnes, will be asking for your support with fundraising next year. Mischa Cooke, chair, has chaired an initial meeting to make the FOFB more active from next year. Due to budget cuts, we need your support to raise funds for projects/courses like the Home School Communication Project and the Raising a Deaf child course to continue.

New school minibus

We now have a brand new school minibus! The children are very happy with the new bus branded with our school logo. Thank you to Angela, our Business Manager, for arranging the sale of our old bus and the purchase of the new one.



Center Parcs

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful residential trip to Centre Parcs from **2nd -6th July**. They enjoyed all the activities, which included swimming, cycling, kayaking, zipwire, an obstacle course challenge, and riding a pedalo. Many thanks to Katherine for organising the trip and to Rachel, Catherine, Grisha and Charlotte for looking after all the children for the week.



Sports Day

The children enjoyed the annual Sports Day on Thursday, 12th July. This year the winning house was Robert Adam (orange) House with the highest number of points. Best Sportsman of the Day was awarded to Mohamed who was so proud! Thank you to Becca, Mandy and Marios for organising and leading a very successful Sports Day this year, and to those parents who came along to support their children.



Looking for more information?

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Whole school Trip

The children and staff will be going on a whole school trip on Tuesday 24th July to the Ruislip Lido Beach, as an end-of-year reward. A letter was sent home informing you about this. Transport has again kindly been provided by HATS transport, for which we are very grateful.



Summer Fair

Thank you to those parents who came to the joint Summer Fair on Friday, 13th July. It's a shame more parents couldn't join in the fun activities on the day and also support with fundraising, which is split 70/30 across both schools. We would like to see more FBS parents supporting with fundraising events jointly with the Kings Cross Academy PTA in future.



Deaf Family Discovery Day

Please keep your diary free on **Saturday 22nd September** from **12noon – 4pm** and join us for the Festival of Treasures at the [British Library](#) for an afternoon of fun activities, BSL storytelling, art, crafts and much more! We guarantee your family will enjoy this fun event, and also an opportunity for your child to see their friends over the weekend! I will send out reminders for this event after the summer holidays.

School attendance/absences

We have just reached our attendance target for the year at 92% for statutory school-aged children. Please remember to request leave of absence in advance using our Leave of Absence request form for any appointments. Also, if your child is unable to come to school and you have not requested leave of absence, please contact the school office to let us know. This helps us to keep staff informed and keep our attendance records accurate.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a new parent governor now that Simone List has stepped down. Thank you Simone for your support. Please can any parents interested in this position contact Dani for more information. This is an exciting opportunity to represent parents on the Governing Body to support the school.

Cashless payments

We are going cashless next year. Please can all payments to the school be made online via Parentmail using a debit/credit card. We will no longer be accepting cash or cheques. If you need support with setting this up please speak to Michele or Pam in the office and they can help you make payments online, and set you up on Parentmail.



Year 6 leavers' assembly

We will be having our leavers' assembly for our Year 6 pupils on the last day of term on Wednesday 25th July. Our five Year 6 children will be leaving us to start their secondary schooling in September. We will miss them all, and wish them all the very best in their new schools next year!

Classes for 2018/19

You should have received a letter with information about your child's new class and classteacher for next year. The children have voted for fairy tale class names next year: Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Beauty and the Beast and Puss in Boots! Please keep **Wednesday 3rd October 2018** free for the first parent afternoon to meet your child's classteacher.

Term Dates

School finishes for the year on **Wednesday 25th July** at 2.30pm.



From all of us at FBS, we wish you and your family a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your child back at school on **Wednesday 5th September 2018** for the start of the new academic year. The term/holiday dates for 2018/19 have been published on the school website. Please let us know if you would like a hard copy.

Happy Holidays!



Also, a very big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard this year to make Frank Barnes the Outstanding school we are. They deserve a well-earned summer break, too!

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