



The Flying Bull Academy

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Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fortnight of sporting celebrations! We managed to dodge the rain and completed all our sports week events, England are through to the next round and Andy Murray is playing in the third round today.

Class Teachers 2021-2022

We have been busy planning our staffing structure for next year and organising classes. I can confirm the following class structure for teachers:

Nursery: Miss Lawry

Reception: Miss Churchill (FC) and Mrs Barker (FB)

Year 1: Mrs Nair (1N) and Mrs Gray/Mrs Krycler (1GK)

Year 2: Miss Shaw (2S) and Mrs Foster (2F)

Year 3: Mr Shaw (3S) and Mrs Graham (3G)

Year 4: Miss Kova (4K) and Miss Birks (4B)

Year 5: Mr Thomas (5T) and Mr Boulstridge (5B)

Year 6: Mr Burns (6B) and Miss Carter (6C)

Provision: Mrs Sandy

Mrs Darbyshire (Year 1 and Year 2) and Mrs Stapenhill (Year 6) will continue to support teaching.

The children will begin to meet their new teachers, outside and socially distanced, throughout the beginning of the week. They will bring home a letter on the day of their visit confirming who their class teacher is.

Transition to secondary school

The date for city wide transition has been moved to Wednesday 21st July. Under current guidelines, any children attending another school setting will need to self-isolate for 48 hours after the visit meaning their last day at Flying Bull would be Tuesday 20th July. There will be no additional transition visits for children supported by the LAPS team but additional work has taken place to ensure that necessary information has been passed on. Do contact a member of the LAPS team if you would like to discuss this further. We will update you if the situation and advice changes.



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Reading celebrations

We have our next reading celebration assembly on Monday. Did we reach our target of 100 million words by the end of the term? Of course we did! Well done to everyone for doing their bit to reach this amazing target, the term is not over yet – so keep reading.

This is Me fundraiser

Thank you for your generous donations on our non-uniform day fundraiser during our "This is Me" focus week. We managed to raise £165 for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association, who have provided fantastic support and training for staff and families in our school community. We also raised a further £165 for Ronald McDonald House, Southampton. This money will house a family in one of their houses at the hospital for over 6 nights, meaning that families can stay together if a child is being cared for in the hospital. Again, this charity has supported families in our school, so it's wonderful to be able to give something back. Well done and thank you!

Sunny/hot weather

I really hope the warm and sunny weather comes back soon. When it does make sure your children are coming to school wearing suitable clothes, shoes and sunhats (no crop tops, flip flops or sliders etc.). Sun cream should also be applied before school in the morning and the children can bring in a named bottle to apply extra at lunchtime. **Slip** on a T-shirt, **Slop** on your sun cream and **Slap** on a hat!

Staying safe online

Help your child to stay safe on line by using this website to see which apps are age appropriate [Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/). We also encourage you to monitor your child's usage by talking to them about the apps they are using, how they use devices and when they are using them.

Covid 19 updates

All our current procedures remain in place. If your child or a member of your household displays any symptoms, please **stay home**, book a PCR **test** and let the **school office** know. Although we are no longer insisting that face coverings are worn while you drop and collect your children, please continue to drop older children at the gate where possible and limit the number of adults coming onto the site to one per child.

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And finally, we would like to send huge congratulations to Mrs Darbyshire for being shortlisted for the Inclusion and Diversity Award through the Teach Portsmouth Awards. We are very lucky to have her as part of our amazing team. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on vkies@fbacademy.co.uk

Mrs V. Kies

Acting Headteacher