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Welcome Back

The inevitable has happened—summer has started now we are back! I hope that you enjoyed your break. It was lovely to see you all on Wednesday.

We have some new families joining us this year in Y1-Y6 as well as those new children in Nursery and Reception. I know that our community will make you feel very welcome! Please speak to me or the staff if you need any information that you have not been given.

Ensure that you keep up with Fitzjohn's life by reading the Focus every week.
 Have a great year!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28 September FSA AGM
 Friday 29 September KS2 Cross Country Running
 October: Black History Month
 Tuesday 10 October Y6 Zoo
 Friday 13 October Harvest Assembly
23-27 October: Half Term
 30 October-3 November Science Week
 Monday 30 October: The Crick in school
 Tuesday 31 October Dr Andrew Szydlo
 Wednesday 1 November Planetarium
 Thursday 2 November: Y5 The Crick
 Friday 3 November Mother Nature Science
Monday 6 November INSET Parent/teacher Meeting (School closed)
 Tuesday 7 November Dr Matt Pritchard—The Science Magician
 Tuesday 21 November N-Y3 Drama in hall
 Tuesday 21 November Y6 RAF Museum
 Tuesday 21 November Y6 RAF Museum
 Thursday 23 November Y4 CLC
 Monday 13 November Y5 Swimming (10-11am) all week
 Monday 20 November Y5 Swimming (10-11am) all week
 Monday 27 November Y6 The Magic Circle
 Thursday 7 December KS2 Winter Concert
 Tuesday 12 December Y1/2 2pm Christmas Play
 Thursday 14 December KS1 Winter Concert
 Friday 15 December (provisional) 13.30 Christmas Fair
 Monday 12 December Aladdin
 Monday 18 December Y6 War Rooms
 Wednesday 20 December Magic Shows & parties
 Thursday 21 December School Closes 13.30

Secondary Transfer

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Office

Welcome to Emma our new Business and Premises Manager and Nashima our new Administration Officer. As you will understand everything is new to them so we appreciate your understanding as they get used to new systems (and introduce new ones).

Attendance for the week

Year 1	96.49
Year 2	96.58
Year 3	92.31
Year 4	98.57
Year 5	88.82
Year 6	94.70
School	94.48

Well done Year 4

Celebrating Birthdays

As we are a Healthy School we are finding other ways to celebrate other than giving cake out. Please do not send cake in on your child's birthday as we will not give it out.

This has been shared with the children in school before the summer.

Children in each class are going to create a way of how they can celebrate in school which doesn't involve cake e.g. a fruit platter, buying a book for book corner, buying a board game for wet play etc.

We would also respectfully request that if you are having a party for your child that you invite either the whole class, all of the children who identify as girls/boys or a small group of 4/5 children. That way no one ever gets to feel left out.

School starts at 8.55am.

The gates open at 8.40am.
Please be on site between 8.40am and 8.55am.
If you are late it is unsettling for your child, the class and impacts learning.

Games/gym

In order to help the children actively and safely engage in gym and games we ask that:
On the days that they have **GAMES they come dressed** in clothes that they can play sport in (tracksuits or shorts) AND wear trainers.
On the days that they have **GYMNASTICS** they bring shorts/t-shirts to **change** into. They will be barefooted when doing gym.
Please ensure that they have cloths that enable them to take part.
We will have a small selection of t-shirts and shorts that they can change into should they forget.

RAAC

You will have seen the stories in the news regarding reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC)
Because of the age and construction of our buildings we do not have RAAC on this site.

Monday: Y6 GAMES
Wednesday: Y5 GAMES; Y3 GYM; Y4 GYM; Y1/2 GYMS (alternate weeks)
Thursday: Y1 GAMES; Y2 GAMES; Y4 GAMES; Y3 GAMES
Friday: Y5 GYM; Y6 GYM

Visitors on Site

Aside from when you drop off and collect at usual times (08.40-08.55 and 15.15-15.30) all parents, carers and visitors must report to the office. If you are dropping off something your child has forgotten, collecting your child early, dropping off your child late all adults must report to the office where a member of staff will deal with you. Please do not go further than the office as it is a safeguarding risk and disturbs our learning.

Meet the Teachers

A chance to gather together as a class and meet this year's teacher. Held in each classroom. **ALL at 8.45am to 9.15am**

Monday 11 September Y1
Tuesday 12 September Y2
Wednesday 13 September Y3
Thursday 14 September Y4
Friday 15 September Y5
Monday 18 September Y6

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Cross Country Running

Friday 29 September

On Friday 29 September those children from Y3 to Y6 who want to take part in Camden's Annual Cross Country race (on the heath near Parliament Hill Running Tracks) may do so.

More information to follow. (Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us).

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 6 September
Half term holiday	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2023
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 30 October 2023
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 6 November 2023
Term Ends	Thursday 21 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2024	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 8 January 2024
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 9 January
Half term holiday	Monday 12– Friday 16 February 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Thursday 28 March 13.30
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April
SUMMER TERM 2024	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 15 April
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 16 April 2024
Half term holiday	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 3 June 2024
Term ends	13.30 Wednesday 24 July 2024
2023-2024 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 29 March
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April
May Day	Monday 6 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 27 May
Summer Bank holiday	Monday 26 August

26 May 2023

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs from 8am in The Lab. The cost is £2 per day. Booking (currently) not required.

Afterschool Clubs

Clubs start on Monday.
Speak to **Nashima** in the office if you are having trouble booking.

The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

Registered Charity No 102 9947

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8.45am-9.15am Thursday 28 September

The Fitzjohn's School Association is our version of the PTA or the Parent/Teacher Association which you find in many schools. It is a voluntary charity of which everyone in our community is a member. It has an important function in helping our community to socialise and to raise funds.

One of our most important meetings is the Annual General Meeting where we elect the people who will help run The FSA and make decisions on where the money will be spent.

Please come to the AGM at 8.45am-9.15am on Thursday 28 September. The meeting will be held in the hall and everyone is welcome.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. This term's FSA events
3. **FSA AGM**
 - President's address
 - Election of The Chair
 - Treasurer's report 2022-2023
 - School Funding Requests 2023-2024 - for vote and approval (see below).

Funding Requests 2023-2024

Coaching and Support

Art: £6,000

Games/Gym Coach: £15,000

Music: £21,000

Playgrounds

General Resources: £4,000

Computing

Camden City Learning membership, iPads, computing resources £15,000

Resources

Musical instruments for class lessons: £10,000

Science Resources: £5,000

Geography resources: £5,000

On-going:

Transport for trips (circa) £6,000

Support and sponsorship for children on Free School Meals to attend one club per term: £6,000

Events: £4,000

Ongoing: messaging, etc: £3,000

Total: £100,000

Solar Panel Project Separate from the above, we are looking to fundraise and invest £40,000 for solar panels for environmental and cost saving benefits.

The Gate in the Morning

To help improve site security (as staff are here working early in the morning) we will be closing the gate.

It will be open from 7.55am to 8.05am to allow breakfast club to enter. If you arrive after this time please buzz the office.

The gate will remain closed until 8.40am. Please do not arrive before this time if you are not in breakfast club.

Term Dates

This Year's Term Dates are on Page 3.

Please do NOT book leave during term time as we will not be authorising any leave that is not for exceptional reasons. Government guidance states that: Holidays do not count as exceptional nor does visiting your country of origin for religious festivals.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time then we may need to make a referral to Camden and they may issue a fine.

Medical Needs

If your child has **recently** been given a asthma inhaler or epi-pen, etc please contact the office as we will need to have them in school too. This is also true for any emergency medications.

For one off cold type medications we can administer these in school but you must tell the office.

Punctuality

To help us with the smooth running of the day please arrive between 08:40-08:50 and leave as soon as Wake Up Shake Up has finished.

Please do not arrive before 8.40am as the gates will be closed. Children attending breakfast club should buzz for entry.

Please do not be late as it really disrupts the children's learning.

Please leave school promptly at the end of the day as staff are still working.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

October is Black History Month

We would love it if our parents of a black or dual heritage background would come into school to share with us.

You can cook, read stories, share music, sing songs, tell us about your family's country of origin.

Speak to your child's teacher about what you would like to share.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes.

Join Rob afterwards (in The Lab) for the class tea!

10 November: Y6

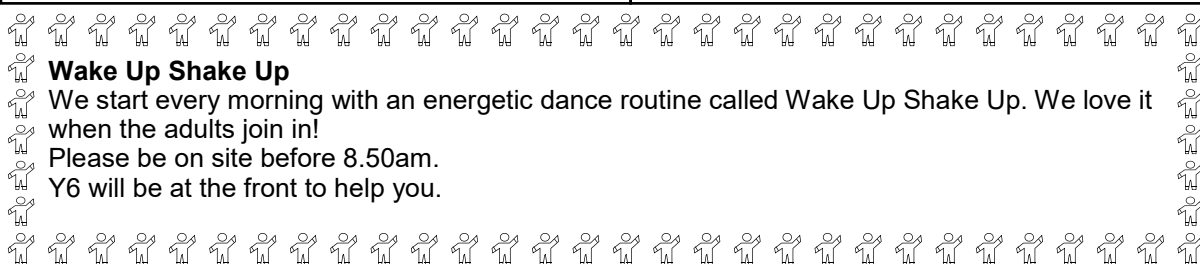
17 November: Y4

24 November: Y3

1 December; Y5

8 December: Reception

Nursery do their first assembly in the Spring Term and Y1/2 will be performing a version of the Christmas story on Tuesday 12 December.



Wake Up Shake Up

We start every morning with an energetic dance routine called Wake Up Shake Up. We love it when the adults join in!

Please be on site before 8.50am.

Y6 will be at the front to help you.

This week in class	
Nursery	We look forward to our new Nursery joining us over the coming weeks.
Reception	Reception had a fun stay and play on Friday morning. Enjoying the sun and exploring their new classroom. We look forward to starting properly next week!
Class 1	Wow - what a fantastic start Year 1! I am so proud of how you have settled into your new class routine so well. In phonics we have recapped our phase 3 graphemes and tricky words. In literacy we have learnt all about the magic sentence potion ingredients we need to write a perfect sentence. We have also sang the sentence song. In maths we have recapped recognition and ordering of numbers 1-10. As our value this half term is individuality we had a lovely discussion about how we are all different and how this makes us special. Well done for a great start Year 1!
Class 2	It has been a lovely week in Class 2. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have embraced learning about all the processes that Year 2 involves. We have met our special visitor, Kapiti Kiwi, who will be spending some more time with us next week and mapped our way around our classroom and school! I look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next Tuesday at 8.45.
Class 3	This week in Class 3, we got off to a fantastic start. The children remembered all the class rules and followed them very carefully. We signed a class charter to say we would keep to these rules all year. In maths, we took the opportunity to recap our 2, 5 and 10 times tables before beginning our Place Value topic next week. We reminded ourselves of what a times table actually is by drawing them out using groups, or repeated addition, before writing them out neatly. To kick start our geography topic, we made passports all about ourselves, emphasising and celebrating individuality. This term we have gym on a Wednesday and outdoor games on a Thursday, so please ensure your child is suitably dressed for these lessons. I hope to meet you all at 8,45am next Wednesday, so that I can let you know what we are doing in school this term, and how you can help your child at home too.
Class 4	Welcome Year 4! What a super start you have made! This week, we have been busy learning the rules and routines for this new year. Together, we have created a Class Charter, which we signed with our hand prints. We have also started making the classroom our own, by creating a huge piece of collaborative art, recreating our favourite books and making balloons for our hopes and dreams for the year. We have also started practicing our times tables to hit the ground running for the Multiplication Table Check!
Class 5	Class 5 had a lovely first week! We all shared what we did over our summer holidays as well as our goals for this school year. Class 5 created All About Me booklets where we described what makes us unique as part of this half term's value: Individuality. In Maths, we looked at the place value of numbers to 10,000, while in Literacy, we spoke about our new topic - Ancient Greece - and we researched information about different mythological creatures, summarising the key facts and then also creating our own mythological creatures.
Class 6	Well done year 6 - it's been a solid start to the year. We have thus far looked at place value to 10,000,000 in maths and we discussed the origins and causes of WW2 - thinking about our 'significant question' all about the lessons that can be learned from any conflict. In Art, the children used their drawing skills to complete a self-portrait and we managed to look at figurative language in Literacy too. GAMES IS ON MONDAY so please come dressed ready to participate - with appropriate footwear please.

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Secondary Transfer @Fitzjohn's Primary School in our hall

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Camden Event: Moving On to Secondary School event – 21 September

Find out more about how to apply to Camden secondary schools and the admissions process at our Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at Arlington House, Camden Town, on Thursday 21 September, from 16.15 to 18.45.

You'll be able to speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools, as well as talking to the Camden Admissions Team.

Please register at Eventbrite.co.uk - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-moving-on-to-secondary-school-event-2023-tickets-630061509937?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Secondary Transfer Meeting with Rob 9.00am Wednesday 20 September in The Lab

Aimed at Y6 and Y5 (but everyone is welcome) Rob will talk about the process of applying to Secondary School.

The events listed above are also very useful.

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