Fountaindale School

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Headteachers message to families - Autumn 2 / Friday 13th November

Belong, Engage, Enjoy!

Funeral Arrangements - Isaac Lamb:

Thank you to everyone who has reached out and sent their well wishes to school during what has been a difficult start to the Autumn 2 term. Your kindness and support have been greatly appreciated.

As you will be aware, Isaac's funeral will take place at 3:15pm on Thursday 19th November at Thoresby Chapel. We have sent letters to the families of pupils whose classes will close slightly earlier on that day to ensure that staff are able to attend the service and pay their respects. Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding and for accommodating these arrangements.

You can read Isaac's obituary here:
https://www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/148670

A number of parents have also asked about making donations in Isaac's memory to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, who provided such exceptional care and support to both Isaac and his family.

New Soft Play:

We are getting very close to opening our fantastic new Soft Play Room! I know a few parents and carers who have visited school this week have already managed to get a sneak peek, and I've attached some photographs below so everyone can have a look at our wonderful new space.

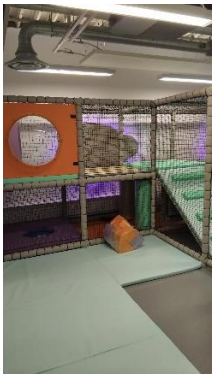
There are just a few final things to sort before we can open the doors. A couple of minor snags need fixing, our final risk assessment needs signing off, and we're also waiting for a rather important piece of equipment to arrive - a ball cleaning machine!

Yes, you heard that right! And, believe me, they aren't cheap! But with so many balls to keep clean and ready for use, it's an essential bit of kit.

Once everything is in place and signed off, we'll be open for business!







Fountaindale Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December:

A little reminder that our Christmas Fair is taking place on the morning of Saturday 5th December in the morning. We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for a festive morning full of fun, games, stalls and Christmas cheer.

To help make the fair a success, we are also kindly asking for donations of prizes for our various games and stalls. Any donations, big or small, would be very gratefully received and will help us make the event extra special for everyone.

If you are able to donate anything, please send it into school with your child or pass it on to a member of staff.



BEE Amazing Booklets!

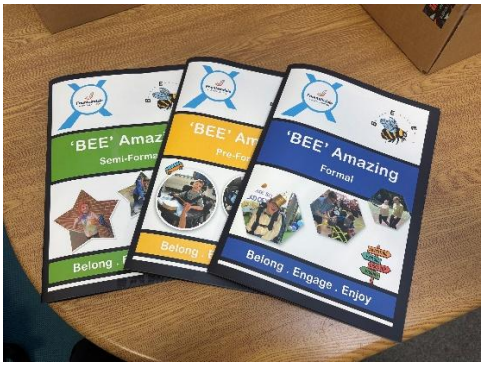
We are really excited to share our new BEE Amazing Booklets, which we officially launched with staff yesterday!

The booklets contain 30 fun-filled activities and challenges for pupils in each pathway to enjoy throughout their time in school. These will be completed on specially identified theme days, giving everyone the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting experiences, try new things and make lots of special memories along the way.

Our aim is for each booklet to become a lasting reminder of all the wonderful experiences, achievements and fun our pupils have enjoyed during their time at Fountaindale.

A huge thank you to our very talented parent, Michelle, who has so kindly designed the booklets for us.

Our first BEE Amazing event takes place on Friday 4th December.



Fountaindale Christmas Shows:

Our Christmas performances will be taking place over two days this year. This is simply to help us manage the large number of pupils, staff and parents/carers who we love to welcome into our school hall to celebrate the festivities together!

The dates will be:

- Thursday 11th December - Lower School
- Friday 12th December - Upper School

We will confirm the timings over the next week or so. We just need to complete a run-through of the performances to get a better idea of how long each show will last and plan the arrangements accordingly.

Reminder: Transition Event for Year 11 and Post-16 Families:

We would like to invite parents and carers of our Year 9, 10, 11 and post 16 students to attend our upcoming Transition Event on Thursday 26th November - 1:30pm till 3pm.

This event provides an excellent opportunity to explore the range of options available to young people as they prepare for their next steps. We will be welcoming a wide variety of providers who can offer information, advice and guidance on future pathways, including:

- Further Education and Training
- Day Services
- Social Care Provision
- Employment and Supported Internship Opportunities
- Community and Independence-Based Services

Representatives from a range of organisations will be available to speak with families, answer questions and provide information about the support they can offer beyond school.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, as this is a valuable opportunity to gather information and begin planning for future transitions.

Safeguarding Update: Out of Hours Safeguarding Contact Information

At Fountaindale School, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority. We would like to remind families that if you have a safeguarding concern outside of school hours, including evenings, weekends, and school holidays, you can contact our safeguarding team using the details below.

During School Hours - School Office: 01623 792671
Out of Hours - Emergency Safeguarding Contact: School Mobile: 07512 301996

Safeguarding Team

Rob Mulvey - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
RMulvey1@nexusmat.org
01623 792671

Gayle Bowmer - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
gbowmer@nexusmat.org
01623 792671

Please save the out of hours mobile number should you ever need to contact the school regarding an urgent safeguarding concern when the main office is closed.

You can also find further safeguarding information on our website:
https://www.fountaindaleschool.org/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=76

See you next week,

B Norman

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Fountaindale SEND Toddler Group

Does your child have special educational needs or disabilities? Come and join us for our SEND toddler group on the second and last Friday of each month. On the second Friday we do a toddler and parent swim, please ring **01623 792671** to book.

10:00 – 11:30

Please ring **01623 792671** to express your interest.



Make friends



Sensory room or soft play sessions



Toddler and parent swims

*Please note, groups will not run during school holidays.

Your child does not need an official diagnosis or EHCP to attend.

Siblings welcome

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