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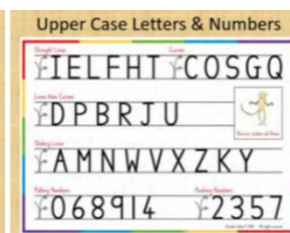
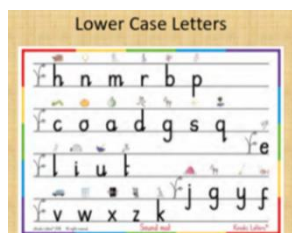
Review of the Week

What an incredible first term in school! Thank you and well done to all our children in school, who have made leaps of progress in the first half term.

In the final week before half term, children were taking part in phonics assessments to move into their new groups once they had learned all the sounds in their current group. We saw lots of children moving groups and some even moving up more than 2 groups! Well done!

Please make sure that your child is reading at least three times a week and practicing their phonics on the Seesaw videos weekly. These videos have been carefully selected for each class and year group. To help adults at home to practice these sounds further, teachers will be sticking the sounds that your child knows and needs to practice in their reading log. We know that getting reading right as early as possible, will give your child the best life opportunities as reading is the key to all learning.

As part of improving the teaching and learning at FHIS, teachers were working hard on Friday's teacher training day updating our whole school training on Kinetic Letters – our handwriting scheme of work. Kinetic Letters teaches children how to make their bodies stronger and the steps to take in developing automatic and carefully formed letters. The teaching of handwriting and presentation of writing is a school's focus this year and will be an area that teachers will be sharing and celebrating with you this term.



Headline

VIP Tickets





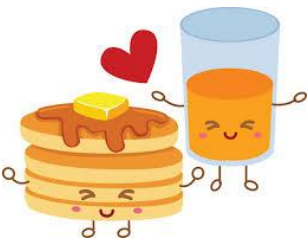




News

Opening the doors to celebrate our stars of the week!

This term we will be sending home VIP 'golden' tickets to parents and guardians of children who are 'stars of the week'. With this ticket you will be welcomed into school to see your child receive their star of the week certificate during our Friday afternoon celebration assembly. Celebration Assemblies are at 3pm every Friday and offer an opportunity for you to hear about the wonderful work that your child is doing in school.

ShhhhhTHIS WILL BE A SURPRISE! We ask that you do not tell your child that they have received star of the week and that you will be attending as it is always a magical experience when our children hear their name being called out.

<p>Attendance</p> 	<p><u>Attendance 21st October – 24th October 2024</u></p> <p><u>Chestnut – 90.2%</u></p> <p><u>Sycamore – 96.7%</u></p> <p><u>Ash – 92.4%</u></p> <p><u>Maple – 90%</u></p> <p><u>Oak – 94.5%</u></p> <p><u>Willow – 94.8%</u></p> <p><u>Whole school – 93%</u></p>
<p>Illness and Persistent Absence</p> <p>Attendance Matters</p> 	<p><i>Did you know that if your child has 2 days off this term, they will be considered as persistently absent?</i></p> <p><i>Persistently absent is where your child’s attendance falls below 96%.</i></p> <p>Attendance to school has a significant impact on your child’s success in life. In many cases where attendance is lower, this can negatively impact a child both academically and socially and emotionally. By missing school, children can miss key learning and opportunities to socialise and build friendships with their peers.</p> <p>As a school, we understand that at this time of year, there are many illnesses going around and appreciate that keeping children well and healthy during the winter months can be a challenge. However, as a school we have a duty of care to inform you of concerns regarding your child’s attendance. New legislation in place for schools, means that we have a legal obligation to report cases of persistent absence from school to the local authority, which may result in a fine or meetings with the local authority attendance officer.</p> <p>We guide you to refer to the NHS illness information if you are unsure as to whether you should send your child into school or speak to a member of the attendance team, who will be more than happy to work with you to ensure your child is best supported and happily attending school.</p> <p>Information regarding the school’s attendance procedure is attached in the appendix and can be found on the school website.</p> <p>NHS illness information: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/</p>

<p>Breakfast Club</p> 	<p>We are open from 8am!</p> <p>Come in and join Mrs Jellyfish and Mrs Howard for a tasty breakfast with your friends. Breakfast includes a range of food and drink on offer, including special celebration days such as 'Christmas Breakfast'. Children can enjoy activities such as colouring, reading and games after breakfast.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the school office to book your child a place.</p>
<p>Odd Socks Day</p> 	<p>Odd Socks Day 12th November 2024</p> <p>On the 12th November we are celebrating odd socks day, we are doing this to highlight anti-bullying week. So, find your favourite odd socks and wear them with pride.</p> <p>All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place in Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.</p>
<p>PTA Cake Sale</p> 	<p>In order to raise vital funds for our wonderful school, we are going to be introducing year group cake sales. Twice within the school year, each year group will bake/donate cakes for a Friday cake sale. All proceedings will go towards our PTA. You can bake or buy cakes to donate when it is your child's year group turn.</p> <p>Dates are as follows:</p> <p>Year 2 – Friday 22nd November 2024. Year 1 – Friday 6th December 2024. EYFS – Friday 7th February 2025. Year 2 – Friday 14th March 2025. Year 1 – Friday 9th May 2025. EYFS – Friday 13th June 2025.</p>
<p>School Site</p> 	<p>Help welcome!</p> <p>You may have noticed that a few things are a little different at the moment around school with regards to the school site. We are currently without a site supervisor and staff in school are working hard to ensure maintenance is carried out where we can. However, if you can lend a hand with odd jobs such as leaf blowing, weeding or gardening around school; we would be very grateful! Thank you!</p> <p>Please contact the school office if you are keen to help.</p>
	<p>Poppies For sale</p> <p>FHIS will be selling poppies from the school office Monday 4th November – Friday 8th November.</p> <p>There is a variety of poppy items available.</p> <p>We kindly ask that you add a donation to the donation bucket when collecting a poppy.</p>

Important Dates



- **Stay and read** every **Friday 8:45am-9am** - A chance to read in the classroom with your child.
- **Diwali workshop – Monday 4th November** – BHS workshop will be at FHIS conducting a Diwali workshop, as part of our Religious Education. Please consent or decline via Arbor for your child to have their hand or face painted using face paint.
- **Bonfire Smart Day – Friday 8th November**
- **Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th November** – Come to school in odd socks for anti-bullying week & to celebrate us all being unique
- **Christmas Fayre – Friday 6th December 2pm-4pm**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December**
- **Whole school Christmas nativity dates – W/C Monday 9th December** – More info to follow
- **Christmas carol singing – W/C Monday 16th December 2024 3pm-3:25pm** – More info to follow
- **Whole school cinema trip – Thursday 19th December**
- **School closes for Christmas break – Friday 20th December**

FRIENDS OF FHIS



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



We're seeking for volunteers to:



Help out in the planning and organisation of our Summer Fayre. Collecting donations, seeking stall holders, preparing posters, etc.



Can help run a stall on the day

JOIN US NOW

DISABILITY FOOTBALL

at

DAVENTRY TOWN FC



Inclusive Football Opportunities for children aged 5-11 with special educational needs, disabilities, health conditions, or any other needs or adjustments

Time and Date: Saturdays 1-2pm, from 16th November

Location: Daventry Town Football Club, Browns Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4NS

Contact: Paul Atkins, 07753408501 or Paul.Atkins@DTFC.co.uk

First session free! then £2 per session

**CLICK HERE
to book**



FUN!

**Your place
to play**

**Join our first session and be a mascot for the
first team on the main pitch!**

**STARTS
16TH
NOVEMBER**



A safe space for disabled children aged 5 – 11 to kickstart their football journey



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 9TH SEPTEMBER -
WEEK ENDING 24TH OCTOBER (7 WEEK TERM)

ALL OUR CLUBS ARE OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS

**SIBLING
DISCOUNT**

**50% OFF
ADDITIONAL
CHILDREN**

GYMNASTICS

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)

Learn new skills and enjoy using the apparatus to create dynamic sequences and imaginative shapes. Build physical confidence and coordination!



ARTS, CRAFTS & FUN GAMES

Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)

Make cool creations, and enjoy playful games with friends. The perfect blend of imagination, fun, and hands-on activities!



BENCHBALL

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)

Enhance your ball control, balance, and perseverance while boosting your health and fitness through this exciting game!



FOOTBALL

Fridays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)

All children (boys and girls) can enjoy a fun, safe, and engaging environment. Play exciting games, learn new skills, and share the love of football with friends!



MULTI-SPORT

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm
All Year Groups (YrR-Yr2)

Every week brings a new and exciting game or sport to try! Kids will quickly develop a wide range of sports skills and gain experience across different activities.



**£5 PER SESSION
£35 FOR THE TERM**

Book Via Our Website

WWW.PRO-SPORTS.CO.UK

For More Info Please Contact
marketing@pro-sports.co.uk



6 Friday sessions Due to Teacher Training

Please make sure children are appropriately dressed for physical activity and have a water bottle



FHIS PTA Year Group Cake Sale

IN ORDER TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR
OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL WE ARE GOING
TO BE INTRODUCING YEAR GROUP CAKE
SALES. TWICE WITHIN THE SCHOOL YEAR
A YEAR GROUP WILL BAKE/DONATE
CAKES FOR A FRIDAY CAKE SALE. ALL
PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR PTA.
YOU CAN BAKE OR BUY CAKES TO
DONATE WHEN IT IS YOUR CHILD'S YEAR
GROUPS TURN.

Thank
You!

DATES

Year 2- Friday 22nd November
Year 1- Friday 6th December
EYFS- Friday 7th February
Year 2- Friday 14th March
Year 1- Friday 9th May
EYFS- Friday 13th June





JOIN US FOR OUR

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024
2PM-4PM

**DONATIONS OF UNWANTED GIFTS,
PRIZES AND BRIC-A-BRAC NEEDED**

Any questions, please contact the school
office.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

To be held in the school grounds
Friday 6th December from 2:00pm-4:00pm
We will be starting our collections for the
Christmas Fayre from the Monday
4th November.



Please bring them to the collection boxes outside
the classrooms.

This would be a great opportunity to have a good clear out before Santa's
visit!

We are collecting:

Bric-a-Brac

Unwanted gifts, ornaments, games, toys or anything else
that would be suitable for our Bric-a-Brac stall.



Tombola

Smellies, chocolates, biscuits any new or unused items.

Hampers

We are also collecting donations for our prize hampers.



Cakes, Sweets and biscuits

If you would like to donate to our cake stall, please **ONLY** bring these into school on 5th and
6th December.

Any donations are gratefully appreciated.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Raffle!

Does anyone work for, or know of, a company we could
approach to help with Raffle Prize donations for our
Christmas Fayre?

PRIZES

**Thank
You!**

AUTUMN TERM 2 KEY DATES

**·WE RE-OPEN AFTER THE OCTOBER HALF
TERM BREAK ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
2024.**

**DIWALI SMART DAY - MONDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER 2024.**

**·BONFIRE SMART DAY - FRIDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER 2024.**

**PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - FRIDAY 6TH
DECEMBER 2024.**

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - THURSDAY
12TH DECEMBER 2024.**

**WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
DATES, WC - MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER
2024**

**·CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING, WC -
MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2024 (3PM-
3:25PM)**

**·SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS
BREAK- FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024.**



ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE

With the
support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!



#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ChooseRespect

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...



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