



# Folville Junior School Newsletter January 2023

A warm welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. I hope that the New Year brings you and your family health and happiness. School has started calmly, although I am aware that we have a few bugs around. The government advice to all families is to keep children at home if they have a temperature and feel poorly. You know your children best, so please only send them in if they feel well.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas show for Years 3 and 4, and at the Christmas Fair. Thank you for helping the school raise over £1,700. This money will be spent on new books and lunchtime play equipment. We understand that things are difficult for many families in our community so we promise to keep the cost of trips and residentials to a minimum. No child will ever miss out on these activities so if you need help in paying, please contact me or the office.

I am really excited by the launch of The Folville Community Café. More details are below, but thank you to Alison in the office for coming up with the idea and securing the finances.

Finally, we need some parent governors to join our governing body. It is vital that we secure some more kind people to help guide the school. Please come to see me if you would like more details. Take care and please contact me if you have any concerns on...

- [bwells@folville.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:bwells@folville.leicester.sch.uk)
- 0116 2824368
- 07731620990
- Or see me in the playground.

## *Christmas Fair Success £1,700*

Best wishes,

Bruce Wells



Another thank you for all the money raised for the Poppy Appeal. We raised £587.29 another great achievement

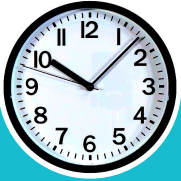


*Thank you Santa & Mrs Claws for your help, in making the Christmas Fair, an enjoyable evening for all of our children and families.*

*Also a special thank you to Mrs Major for all of her hard work in providing all the prizes on the 0's & 5's stall, Mrs Major has always been a special part of Folville and even in her retirement continues to help us.*



Grand Opening  
Thursday 12th January  
3:45-4:45pm



**School Times**

8:00am Breakfast Club opens  
 8:30am Gates open  
 8:45am Children line up in playground  
 8:50am School starts  
 9:00am Register closes



**Absence**

We get concerned when your child does not come to school. We have introduced a new system in school, where if your child is marked away absent on the class register after 9:15am a text message will be sent requesting parents to contact the school office to advise the reason of absence. If we do not receive a response by 10:00am your child will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence.

Please contact the office by telephone **0116 282 4368** to report the reason for absence.



**Late**

If your child is late they need to sign in at the school office to avoid unnecessary text messages being sent out to parents. Please remind your child of the importance of signing in. **Registers Close at 9:00am.**

Can you please ensure your child is in school for 8:50am each day. Registration is an important part of the school day.

# Term Dates 2022-23

**Spring**

**Term 2023**

*School Open Wednesday 4th Jan 2023*

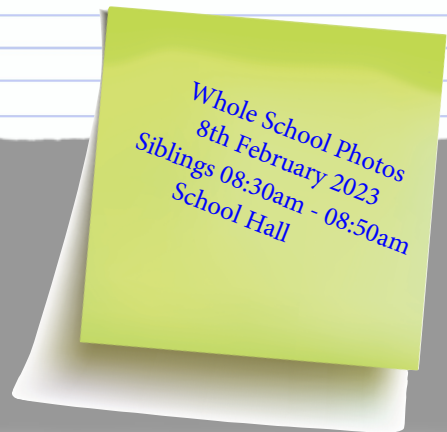
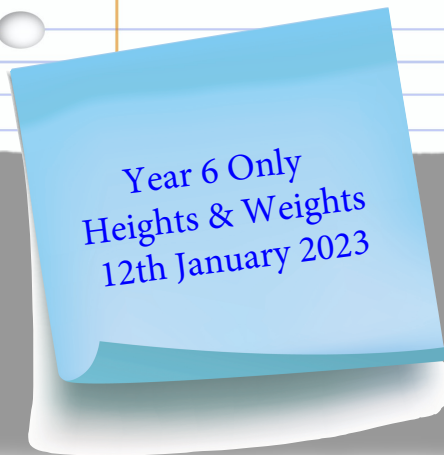
*School Close Friday 17th Feb 2023*

*Half Term Monday 20th - Friday 24th Feb 2023*

*School Open Monday 27th Feb 2023*

*School Close Friday 31st March 2023*

*Easter Holidays Monday 3rd Apr - Friday 14th Apr 2023*



**Grand opening Community Café Thursday 12th January 3:45pm**

We have been very lucky to secure funding through the lottery community fund to open a community café. We hope the café will be a place that can bring the community and families of Folville together. We will have an information corner and notices which will provide information on services and support available. We will work with local food banks, and can support any needy families in making referrals. We will invite other service providers along to offer information on the services and support they can provide.

The community side of the café will be a place for face to face social interaction, book club, learning new skills, sewing, knitting and arts and crafts.

We will also use the café to offer a uniform swap shop, recycling uniform. We will have iPads available for use and offer some online training and safety sessions. For any local trades people, we will have a specific notice board where you can leave your business card or small advertisement.

Alongside all of this we will provide hot and cold food cooked and prepared on site, all the sales of food and drinks will be to cover costs and the café will be a non- profit making project. With the funding secured this will help us run the Café for the first year, but thereafter we will need to make sure that the café is self-funding.

The grand opening will be Thursday 12th January 3:45pm – we will have hot food available, but this will be limited until we know the number of visitors we receive, so please bear with us, if we don't quite have enough on the opening day. Please come along and join us.

The café will have a capacity restriction of 50 adults and children at any one time. All visitors will be welcomed.

Thank you

**Bruce Wells**

