

Weekly Update: Monday 9th January - Friday 13th January 2017

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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Mon 16 th January	Debate Club - Visit to Eton (5.15pm - 8pm)
Thurs 19 th January	Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Fri 20 th January	Late start: school starts at 9.10am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 26 th January	Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Fri 27 th January	Late start: school starts at 9.10am
Sun 29 th January	PTFA Table Top Sale - gates open at 7am for sellers (7am - 10.30am)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PTFA MEETING UPDATE

Tuesday 10th January 2017



Thank you to those who attended our meeting on Tuesday. We are delighted to report that the committee agreed to fund Furze Platt's Drama department's requests for extra resources to assist with stage management and set design, as well as for additional modular seating.

Can you help?

- Treasurer required (approx. one hour per week)
- Administrator needed for 200 Club (approx. one hour per month plus promotional work)
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Car Boot Sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee)
- Two more volunteers needed for our school production 6th-9th February 2017 to serve refreshments in the evenings

Upcoming events:

- Indoor Table Top Sale, Sunday 29th January. Buyers and sellers welcome.
- AGM meeting, Tuesday 7th March, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Big Quiz (No.4) on Friday 21st April (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.

For further details on any of the above please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

[Home](#) > [Sixth Form](#) > [Prospectus and Course Guide](#)

Thank you to all our visitors who attended last night's event, it was extremely busy with hundreds of families coming to see what our Sixth Form can offer.

Unable to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening?

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday 18th January 2017

Tuesday 24th January 2017

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Tuesday 7th February 2017

[Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Guide 2017](#)

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LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

On the following days **school will start for students at 9.10**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

Friday 20th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 17th March

Friday 24th March



REPORTS

[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Reports](#)

Year 7 Geography reports for Cookham, Henley and Marlow Houses have been issued to students this week to bring home. This information was previously unavailable for the reports issued at the end of last term.

We still hope to make the Year 7 reports available online via Go 4 Schools later in the year.

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE - SPRING TERM 2017

[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Useful Information](#) > [School Clubs - Spring Term 2017](#)

We are proud to be able to offer a huge variety of activities. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them. Full list of our current school clubs is available from the link below.

Please note changes to sporting activities for next week

No Year 8 football training

No Years 7 or 9 football training

No Years 9/10 netball training

[School Clubs Schedule - Spring Term 2017](#)



END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES

As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these.

Please see the letter below with full details.

Miss L Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)

[END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES LETTER](#)



REVISION SKILLS SESSION REMINDER

Date	Day	House
16 th Jan	Monday	Bisham
17 th Jan	Tuesday	Eton
19 th Jan	Thursday	Cookham
23 rd Jan	Monday	Marlow
24 th Jan	Tuesday	Henley
26 th Jan	Friday	Bray



SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMARATHON

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented Furze Platt Senior School in the annual Lions Club Swimathon last weekend. Special mention to Mrs Threlfall, Teacher of Mathematics, for participating in her 20th Swimathon! We are now collecting sponsor money for this event, please make cheques payable to Lions Club Maidenhead and return to Furze Platt's Main Reception. Thank you.



BERKSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A number of Furze Platt students took part in the Berkshire Cross Country Championships last Saturday in Maidenhead, placing extremely well. Special mention to Adam Gambrill and Sammy March (both Year 10) who will now compete in the National Inter-Counties Championship in March. The boys, both members of Cookham Running Club, also won second place in the team event. In the U13 race, Frank McGrath and Alex Bate were nominated as reserves for the County team.



OUR TEAM

Josh Dilley U13
 Alex Bate U13
 Frank McGrath U13
 Harry Shrimpton U13
 Kensa Horner U13
 Toby Ralphs U15
 Adam Gambrill U15
 Sammy March U15
 Beth Murray U15
 Sonny Lewis U17



FOOTBALL / NETBALL NEWS



Brilliant play from our Year 7 Boys' football team who beat John Madjeski Academy 6-1 in the County Cup.

Our Year 10 Boys' Football team were very unfortunate to lose on penalties 6-4 after extra time, and our Year 10 Girls' Netball team lost 3 games and won 1 in the tournament.

FPSS TO HELP CONSERVATION IN INDONESIA



Team Indonesia (picture courtesy of Lucy Harris Year 11)

Last year, a group of students from Furze Platt set off to Calakmul in the Mexican forest, to help collect data on the native flora and fauna. Their conservation work directly contributed to a presentation at the recent annual Selva Maya Conference. Not only did this directly influence the policies of Calakmul and the department of protected areas in other Mexican locations but it also attracted the attention of forest protection agencies in Guatemala and Belize.

Following on from this very successful school expedition, Furze Platt has now started preparing for its latest mission to help with world conservation. In July 2018, 15 budding “David Attenboroughs” will be embarking on a trip to the cloud forests of Sulawesi in Indonesia. Each student will be studying and collecting data that will be used to secure funding to help protect this unique bio-geographic region.

However, this will not only be a two-week trip designed to help protect the endemic species but also a test of each student’s organisational and entrepreneurial skills, because each student must raise £2,800 to go on the expedition. So over the next eighteen months, “Team Indonesia” will be organising a number of fund raising events to help their cause.

Each week, you’ll get to meet a different member of the team, who will tell you a little something about themselves, as well as keeping you updated on the latest fund raising progress.

There are a limited number of spaces left on this trip. If you are in Year 11 or 12 and would be interested in joining the team, contact Mr A Molin or Dr M Scott for more details.

If you have any ideas about how the team could raise funds for the expedition, please contact:

Mr A Molin andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net

Dr M Scott michele.scott@furzeplatt.net

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.



PTFA TABLE TOP SALE NEXT SUNDAY:

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 2017



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

2017 PTFA MEETING
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 7th March (AGM)

Tues 13th June

Each starts 7.30pm in the
library, all welcome.



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PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Headteacher's PA
- Cover Supervisor



REMINDERS

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Food and Nutrition department needs 'Gu' style glass ramekin dishes. If you have any spare, please bring to Reception. Thank you.

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food and Nutrition)



GCSE TASTER LESSONS



Year 8 students will be choosing their GCSE options this year. To start this process, they will have GCSE taster lessons over the next fortnight in all subjects they currently study. Separate arrangements will be made for subjects not currently studied in Year 8, including Business, Child Development, Construction, ICT and Computing.

The Year 8 Options Evening takes place on Thursday 2nd February. During this evening parents and students will be able to find out in detail about our options process and about what each subject involves at GCSE.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



Eat Well For Less?
is back on the hunt for households looking to save on their food shop!

Email:
eatwell@rdftlevision.com

Or Call:
0117 970 7635
To Apply



**TABLE TOP
SALE**

Indoor Table Top Sale

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

Time: 9am-12pm (Sellers from 7.30am, Buyers from 9am)

**Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person,
Children Free**

Table spaces can be booked
for £10 per table by contacting jeff@iifa.co.uk

- Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- This is the time to do a full spring clean.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors!
And without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money to the Furze Platt PTFA

SUNDAY

29TH JAN



New from Maidenhead based charity The Autism Group – a free visit at home service offering 1:1 support to parents and carers of individuals of any age with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

An initial phone consultation is followed by two visits from a qualified autism professional who is also a parent of someone on the spectrum. Each session of up to two hours is delivered in the carer's home:

1st

To listen and respond to specific areas of difficulty by suggesting tried and tested strategies aimed at improving communication, behaviour and well-being for those on the spectrum and those caring for them.

2nd

A follow up visit a month later to provide an opportunity to discuss, reflect, assess the effectiveness of suggested approaches and signpost to other useful sources of support.

To access this free to use service, build on your knowledge, confidence and skills in supporting people on the spectrum:

**Contact The Autism Group on 07423 636339
or email Tricia Kempton at tricia@theautismgroup.org.uk**

For more information about The Autism Group visit our website at www.theautismgroup.org.uk

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