

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Update: Monday 26th September - Friday 30th September 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Sun 2nd October	PTFA Table Top Sale (9am - 12pm)
Tues 4th October	Year 7 PGL - Trip Information Evening for Parents (6pm - 7pm)
Thurs 6th October	Whole School Open Evening (6pm - 9pm)
Fri 7th October	INSET Day

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 13th October	Year 7 Head of House / Parents' Consultation Evening (5pm - 7pm)
Fri 14th October - Sun 16th October	Year 7 - PGL Trip, Osmington Bay



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REMINDER: EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE ON THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 12.45PM DUE TO WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

HELPERS NEEDED FOR OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6th October 6-9pm

Year 8 – Guides

All other Years – Help needed

Our annual Open Evening is our major event showcasing the school to prospective students, and this year we are asking our Year 8s to play a key role in escorting and guiding visitors around the school. This is an excellent opportunity for them to take some leadership responsibility and to be ambassadors for the school. We are also asking for students from other years to volunteer to help on the night as we have a very high number of visitors expected on site that evening.

It is our expectation that as many of our students will be involved if at all possible as well as all our Year 8s. As you will be aware, school is finishing at 12.45pm on Thursday 6th October to enable students to go home early before returning.

Year 8: All Year 8s will have an assembly in which we will outline their role and our expectations, but for your information we are suggesting the following:

we would like all students to be back at school by 5.30pm at the latest. Students should go to the gym.

All other years: We would like all students to be back at school by 6pm at the latest.

Please could you emphasise to your child that if they attend the Open Evening as helpers, they must wear school uniform. They should also note that bicycles must not be ridden on the school site anywhere at any time. The chances of an accident while strangers are coming to and going from the school premises are very high. Wherever possible, we would like students to stay for the duration of the evening, which will finish at 9pm at the latest.

We will provide soft drinks as refreshments, but they may also wish to bring additional food/ drink with them, as they will not be able to use the café facilities during the evening.

If your child is returning to school to help, would you please sign and return the permission slip below. Please be aware that there will be a large number of visitors on site and it will be most helpful if you could drop your sons and daughters off just outside school.

May I conclude by thanking you for allowing your child to support the school in this way. Their assistance is of great value to the school and gives them practice and confidence in presenting themselves and their school in public.

Please note that Friday 7th October is an INSET Day, therefore the school will be closed for students.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

YEAR 8 TOUR GUIDE REPLY SLIP

GENERAL HELPER REPLY SLIP



PGL TRIP INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 4th October, 6pm



**Year 7 PGL Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Trip
Friday 14th - Sunday 16th October 2016**

In preparation for the trip, we will be holding a meeting for all students and parents on Tuesday 4th October 2016 from 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Main Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that you all know what to bring and what not to bring, what to expect of us, what to expect of Osmington Bay's accommodation and catering and what sort of activities the children will be doing. It is also essential that we have the most up to date details regarding your child's medical and dietary information and physical capabilities.

Please could you check any medical requirements and if there are any updates, please contact Miss Hussey directly (charlotte.hussey@furzeplatt.net / 01628 625308) or bring any relevant information to the meeting.

It is very important that everybody attends the meeting, however, if for any reason you are unable to attend, please could you make contact with the school so that any important documentation can be passed onto you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Hussey (PGL Trip Leader 2016)

LOST PROPERTY LOCATION ON OUR NEW WEBSITE

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LOST PROPERTY



SCHOOL NEWS

FURZE PLATT STUDENT MEETS PRIME MINISTER

Alessio Reina (Year 7) was invited to St Mary's Primary School this week to meet Theresa May, Prime Minister. Alessio, previous Head Boy and Eco Champion at St Mary's, was on the Eco Council for 6 years and when the Green Flag Assessment took place earlier this year, he was invited to the presentation as he had contributed enormously. The CEO of Keep Britain Tidy also attended as they oversee the Eco Schools programme. Theresa May asked Alessio if there was an Eco Council at Furze Platt Senior School to which he replied "yes, it is open to the older children."

(Alessio pictured right with Theresa May, PM and the children of St Mary's Primary School)



SUPPORTING LEARNING

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Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings this week on Supporting Learning. For those who could not attend, please find the presentations below.

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11



STUDY SKILLS SESSIONS



During the next week, Year 7s will all participate in a session on Time Management. This is with a view to help support students planning their homework around other commitments and thus enable their work/life balance.

They will ultimately produce a flexible timetable to take home and use on a daily basis. Please ask your child about what they have produced and how it works.

There will be follow up sessions later on in the academic year to help them with note taking and the use of command words.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor on extension 127 or email Debbie.Slater@furzeplatt.net.

NETTLECOMBE TRIP

By Cameron Aird, Year 13

Last Friday, I was one of 22 Year 13 biology students who visited Nettlecombe Court Field Centre in Somerset for a 4-day field trip focused around our assessed practical coursework. Once we arrived, the remainder of the day was spent getting settled in and after dinner we went out for a bat walk using ultrasonic detectors to detect bat activity.

On Saturday we took the minibuses down to Embercombe in Exmoor where we sampled and identified freshwater invertebrates. In the evening after dinner, we were taught how to analyse these results statistically to determine if there was any difference in the samples taken in slow-moving compared with fast running water. Although this wasn't a required practical we needed to do, it was good practice for Sunday's practical, which was one of our assessed ones.

We went to the North Devon coast on Sunday in order to carry out our practical, which was finding out how the species of plants found on the sand dunes there varies as you move further inland. The sand dunes we visited were one of the most extensive in Europe and are called the Braunton Burrows.

Before travelling back on Monday afternoon, we carried out our last practical which involved using chromatography to separate and identify the different pigments present in the leaves of nettles found in light and dark areas, as well as seeing if the difference in the amount of light they received had any influence in the pigments present in the leaves. We had to crush up the leaves in order to release the pigments from the cells, and then used thin layer chromatography to separate them.

It was a great way to get our assessed practical work done as we weren't stuck in a classroom the whole time, and actually got to go out and collect the data we used ourselves and we visited some really nice places in doing so as well.



SPORTS RESULTS



There were a number of matches played this week by our Hockey and Netball and Rugby teams. In Rugby, Furze Platt played and beat Leighton Park School twice. Our Sixth Form were first, with a decisive 39-0 victory. The try scorers were: Oliver Baldwin, Will King x 2, Aran Wellman x2, Amit Avtar and Henry Cogswell. The next match was our Year 9 v Leighton Park where Furze Platt were triumphant again, with a 29-24 win.

Well done to everyone who competed this week.



CURRENT VACANCIES

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REMINDERS

OFSTED VISIT

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week we had our Ofsted inspection. Thank you to everyone who filled in their questionnaires, it was lovely to know that so many of you think so highly of Furze Platt and we appreciate your comments.

We look forward to seeing our feedback from Ofsted, which we will share with you as soon as we are able.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

Please be advised that all students, including 6th Formers, must be on school site before 8.40am. Our gates close at 8.40am promptly so your child will need to be here earlier than that to ensure they are on time. Good punctuality is very important and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your sons and daughters allow sufficient time to arrive at school. We will contact you if your child is late and persistent lateness will incur sanctions.

Thank you for your support.

Ms T White (Headteacher)



JAM JARS



The Food Technology Department are in need jam jars. If you have any small (individual portion size) or medium jars, please could you bring them to reception. Many thanks,

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food Technology)

**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Open
Evening**



**Thursday 6th Oct 2016
All Welcome**



**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2016
All Welcome***

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office@furzeplatt.com

www.furzeplatt.com

*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.



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P/T ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER REQUIRED

TERM TIME ONLY - 20 hours per week, evenings

This highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 comprehensive school is looking to appoint a Part Time Assistant Site Controller.

Salary £7,600 to £7,900

The successful applicant will work Monday to Friday. We are looking for someone who is prepared to work four hours between a core time of 4pm and 9pm.

An element of flexibility is important, particularly when the school is open for evening events.

We require a hard-working individual to join our team of site staff, assisting the Facilities Manager in providing an efficient on-site service. Relevant experience is desirable. A full driving licence is not necessary, however may be useful.

Tasks and duties will include:

Carrying out caretaking duties as directed by the Facilities Manager; dealing with lettings as agreed; carrying out minor maintenance and repairs such as painting; being a key holder for the school premises; assisting the Facilities Manager with Health and Safety matters and administrative tasks as necessary.

The successful candidate will be: well organised and conscientious, able to work on their own initiative, able to prioritise workload and flexible with regard to the working hours and pattern.

Further details and application information are available on our website www.furzeplatt.com. Please return to Mrs G Dandridge via email: gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net.

*Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.
Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.
This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.*

JOIN THE

200 CLUB FOR JUST

£5 PER MONTH

"I'm too busy to help out or attend

PTFA events"

"I'm done with the PTFA now that my

child is at secondary school"

"I'd like to support the school but I'm

not really into the events that are

organised"

"If I could just make a donation to say

'I support the school' I'd do it"

**Do any of these
sound like you?**

If so, the 200 Club is the simplest, and easiest, way to support the school and PTFA.

Anyone in the school's 'extended' community (parents, carers, family and friends, school staff, students over 16,) can enter by filling in the form to set up the monthly payments. We ask that you commit to a minimum of 12 months (£60 per year per number).

It's a simple lottery style draw that takes place in November, February, May and August and the prize fund is 50% of all money raised in the year going to 3 lucky winners each draw*.

You join by purchasing one or more numbers at £5 per number per month, either payable by direct debit to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, NatWest a/c no 64289788 sort code 60-13-35 quoting '200' and your surname, or you can send a cheque payable to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and hand in at our main school reception marked '200'.

200 Club: Application Form

Please issue me with _____ number(s) at £60 each per year. Numbers are allocated on receipt of this form and will be generated by the PTFA. I have paid online / by cheque (**please delete as appropriate**)

Total amount paid: £ Amount in words _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

I am over 16 years of age – please sign to confirm:

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Tel No: _____

**FPSS PTFA 200 Club
Account Details:**

a/c: 64289788

sort code: 60-13-35

Please return forms to Maria Dunstan, Treasurer, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, c/o Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead SL6 7NQ or email mazdunstan5@sky.com.

*The number and size of the cash prizes depends on how many numbers have been sold. The PTFA reserve the right to vary the prize fund.

EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS SUNDAY!



**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

2ND OCT

