

We would like to extend a warm welcome to over 35 new children joining us this year!

Welcome to the New School Year



It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the new school year here at FS & FSB, I hope that you all had a pleasant summer. It has been an absolute delight to meet you and your children this week. The sound of chatter and friends connecting is wonderful.

Covid - 19 Protocols

As I wrote last week, mask wearing is optional when outside for our whole community. I ask that we all respect one another's choice around this issue and continue to be aware that different views and perspectives exist within the community. Whilst indoors, students are currently asked to wear masks. Teachers will wear masks whilst working with students at their desks but will have the choice to remove them when they are teaching from the front of the classroom. Masks are required to be worn on the bus. Please be sure to provide a spare mask in your child's bag. Thank you for your cooperation with this and I will keep you updated regarding ATK testing.

Thank you all for your patience as we get used to the new school day routines and timings. You should have all received your child's timetable and now know their days for PE and Swimming.

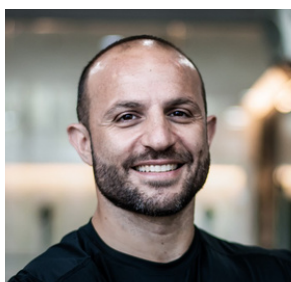
Primary Swim Squad Trials

A message from Mr. Richard, our new PE teacher:

As we get ready to ramp up our ECA offerings, we would like to create a tryouts for our school swim squad which will run 2 x per week on Monday's and Friday's 2.30 - 3.30pm for Years 1 - 6

The swim squad is for those that really want to seek out more advanced swimming techniques and focus on improving their stroke forms, enjoy competitive swimming and increase their swimming fitness.

Trials will take place on Tuesday 30th August, 2.30-3.30. Please let your child class teacher know if they will be joining.



Please make sure the office have the most up to date contact details on file. Class teachers will be double checking these, if you have not received emails and information please let them know. Please make sure we are aware of any allergies or medical conditions your child may have.



Communication and Seesaw

You will by now have seen the emails sent from our new MIS, this allows us to communicate more securely with each other and gives more accountability. Seesaw will still be used for announcements and reminders and the teachers will send an short update each Friday about any upcoming special events. By the end of next week you will have received a detailed Curriculum Overview for the half term and I plan to send a weekly whole school newsletter.

We are teaching the children to use Seesaw to enable them to document and reflect upon their own learning and to share those 'wow' moments with you. Use of Seesaw will differ throughout the school depending upon the ages of the children and we will be talking to the children about good digital etiquette.

Teachers will be in touch to arrange a quick "getting to know your child" discussion next week. This can be either in person or online. Look out for the sign up!



ECAs (Extra Curricular Activities)

We are currently compiling our list of ECAs and teachers are talking to the children about the kinds of activities they would like. Sign ups will be live soon and we will keep you updated.

Thank you for all of your wonderful support this week, I truly feel very welcome here at FS & FSB. I look forward to getting to know more of you soon and arranging some coffee mornings together to find out more about the needs of our community. Any queries, please get in touch head@thefirststeps.ac.th
Kind regards,
Ms. Emma