



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to deal as a community with the challenges of Covid. I also need to update you on some key information about plans and events here at school and to pass on details of Hertfordshire County Council's Launch of the Plan for Children and Young People, 2022-26.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2022 – extra bank holiday

I am sure you are aware that there is an extra bank holiday in the UK this year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The date is Thursday 2nd June. As that falls within the half term break, there is an extra occasional day to add to our calendar. At Fearnhill we will take **Friday 1st July** as this extra day. School will be closed on that day. There is an **INSET day for staff on Monday 4th July**, so this will be a long weekend break for students.

Second hand uniform

We are very aware of the costs of school uniform and welcome any pre-used items you may have at home. Please do drop them off in reception so that we can make them available to others.

Homework at Fearnhill School

As you know, we are always looking for ways to improve teaching and learning for our students. Homework is a big focus for us currently; we have carried out surveys with students and researched best practice across many schools. We are making some changes to the way homework is set, marked and followed up and Mrs Nunneley, our assistant headteacher for teaching and learning, will be in touch with you soon with full details. We welcome feedback on this issue so that we can work together to keep improving your child's experience with us.

HCC Plan for Children and Young People, 2021-26

Please see below a message from HCC:

Hertfordshire County Council's Children's Services is pleased to announce the publication of 'Our Way Forward - Plan for Children and Young People 2021-26'. It sets out the ambitions to improve outcomes for children, young people and families within Hertfordshire to support them to get their lives back on track following the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is supported by the Strategic Priorities, which will be updated annually, and will contribute to the achievement of the ambitions outlined within the plan. To view the Plan, Strategic Priorities and an animation of the ambitions visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/data-and-information/cs-strategic-priorities-2021-22.pdf>. Many of our strategies contained within this Plan and other key Children's Services strategies are publicly available at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/csstrategies>.

Yours faithfully

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