

# First Class 2000 Release Notes – Version 3 Build 566

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Please note: These Release notes are provided only to alert you to any changes in **First Class**. See the Help file in **First Class** for more on how to use the new features.

**This is a major release and requires a new registration key. Schools with a Service and Support agreement will be sent new registration keys automatically. Contact us if this doesn't arrive shortly.**

## Notes for users with version 445 or earlier installed

If you currently have version 445 installed, you need to uninstall that version of **First Class** before installing this version.

There are a large number of changes to the **First Class** database between versions up to 445 and later versions. Therefore, if you have version 445 or earlier, the update on first opening your database may take up to 10 minutes.

In order that the Help file performs correctly, it is recommended you install Internet Explorer Version 5 or later, or an equivalent browser.

Shaded items are new features or major changes to old ones.

Menu	Sub-Menu	Details
General		<p>This version of <b>First Class</b> sees the first stages of integration between <b>First Class</b> and our new Student Attendance package called <b>A+</b>.</p> <p>All users will have a <b>free trial version</b> of <b>A+</b> available until <b>August 31</b>. For an extension of this time, call 1300 301 931. This is the first phase of the release of <b>A+</b> and has most of the functionality that will eventually be included in <b>A+</b>.</p> <p>What you will notice that a new <b>A+</b> menu will appear in <b>First Class</b>. This is to support the maintenance / setup programs that relate to new <b>A+</b> tables. <b>A+</b> relies on having several other components installed before the maintenance items can be used fully. It requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A+</b> installed.</li> <li>- A PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), and a computer it can synchronize with.</li> <li>- MSDE installed on one computer along with either Windows 2000 or XP. This will be for the central database.</li> </ul> <p>Note: If you wish to hide this extra menu you can use First Class Security, found under MAINTENANCE &gt; SECURITY.</p>
File	Import-Blocking	This import has been overhauled so that it attempts to match GRID ITEMS with their equivalent classes on the blocking grid. You will still need to check the blocks in case some GRID ITEMS could not be matched.
	Change Password	There is now a new option for the user currently logged on to change their password. The administrator can turn this off for certain users, if necessary.
Maintenance	Form - Houses	This is a new option in the MAINTENANCE>FORM screen. Define school HOUSES here, and place students into HOUSES using the drop-arrow in the new field that appears in MAINTENANCE> STUDENT>EDIT.
	Student – Edit	There is a new column that allows you to put students into HOUSES using a drop-arrow (see above). Entering data into this column is optional.
	Allocations	<p>These are now sorted in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Blocks, alphanumerically sorted by block code.</li> <li>2) Single form classes, sorted alphanumerically by subject code then <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) by teacher in form allocations</li> <li>ii) by form in teacher allocations</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<b>Extras</b>	<p>Rooms are now included in the left pane when teachers are displayed, and teachers are included when rooms are displayed.</p> <p>You can now give the whole load of an absent teacher to a replacement teacher in one step.</p> <p>If the form(s) on an excursion are away for only part of a consecutive (double), the teachers who lost classes will only be available for the appropriate number of in lieu's.</p>
<b>Tools</b>	<b>Block Generation</b>	There are some new items on the right-mouse menu, "Copy", "Preview" and "View in Excel".
	<b>Class Allocations</b>	Both "Abs Max" (absolute maximum) and "Max" (individual class maxima) are now working. Priority is "Max" then "Abs Max" and finally "Nominal maximum".
	<b>Copy Blocks</b>	Some buttons that no longer apply here (moved to End of Year Rollover), have been removed.
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Class – Form Lists</b>	You can now print lists of students by form. This printout can also include tick boxes.
	<b>Student Choices</b>	This now has a TREE-VIEW selector that allows you to display all students, all students in a year, or all students in a form.
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<b>First Class Web</b>	<b>Timetable Viewer</b>	Rooms are now listed alphanumerically by code in the rooms branch of the tree-view.
	<b>Explorer</b>	This now shows all the periods of a consecutive allocation, instead of just the first.