

First Class 2000 Release Notes – Version 3 Build 486

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As there are a large number of changes that have to be made to the database, the update on first opening may take up to 10 minutes.

In order that the Help file performs correctly, you need to install Internet Explorer Version 5.

Shaded items are new features.

Menu	Sub-Menu	Details
General		You can now drag-and-drop a First Class 2000 database onto the First Class 2000 icon, using Explorer, and the database will open with First Class 2000.
File	SQL	This is a new export.
Maintenance	Extras	When adding an "Extra Class", the date now defaults to the date in the "Today's Date" field.
		There are now options in the right mouse button context sensitive menu to select just emergency teachers or normal staff when previewing and printing advice slips.
		Teacher unavailabilities now appear on the "Show Timetable" and "Show Full Timetable" screens.
		The "Absentee Summary" is now broken down into individual reasons and camps/excursions.
		Now takes fractional periods into account when calculating all types of periods lost and for extras given, and for the number of frees in the day, so now a teacher who loses a fraction of a period can only be given that amount back as an in lieu, otherwise, the in lieu's "left" will be negative.
		If an absent teacher extra also involves a room change, the new room now shows on reports.
	There has been a new report added called "Today's Changes" which gives you an overall picture of the changes for the day. This may, eventually, replace the "Changes Summary".	
	Blocks	There is now a "Copy Block" button, which creates a new block identical to the currently selected one. This is different from a "daughter" block, in that it treats this as a newblock.
Tools	Timetables	A new branch has been added to the tree-view for students. This stops the complicated steps you needed to go through to print just student timetables and not the form timetable.
		Students now appear in the timetable preview setup, giving you the opportunity to set default and individual print options.
		There is a right-click option for students on the tree-view that allows you to uncheck all selected students, or select student in particular classes.
		The preview setup has been condensed a little so that it better fits on the screen.
		The "Remove allocation" button has been enhanced so that you can now remove allocations by row, column, or you can clear the whole timetable.
	There is a "Show free" option in the "Properties" box when viewing master timetables. This shows free teachers and rooms at the end of the list of teachers/rooms/forms on master timetables.	
	Enrol Student	This has been added to make enrolling a new student, and placing them into their classes, a single step process. Passing the mouse over a subject highlights in blue font, all occurrences, on the grid, of that subject. This feature can also be used to alter choices for current students.
Reports	Student Choices	This report now shows subjects in selection order.

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	Bar Codes	There are two new items here. A generic "Selection Sheet" and the facility to customize your own, with text etc included.
Help		Now uses HTML Help.