



Forest Lodge Academy Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 1
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**We hope you all
have a lovely half
term break!**



What a great return to school!

Whats going on this term. Dates

**Week Beginning 26th
October**
Parents Evening Phone
Calls

Tuesday 27th October
Flu Immunisation
Reception—Year 6

4th November
KS1 Individual Photos

5th November
KS2 Individual Photos

16th—20th November
National Anti Bullying
Week

20th November
Vocab Day

4th December
X-MAS Activity/Day
Only for pupils at
school.



We are really starting to get in to the swing of the Autumn Term now and the children are much more used to the new measures and routines we have in place. As I said before, we have been so impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm they have shown since their return to school.

Thank you for your continued support at the start and end of the school day. Please do continue to stick to

These will take place the week beginning 26th October and as with many aspects of school at the moment, will need to be very different. For obvious reasons, we are avoiding visitors in school unless absolutely necessary.

your allotted drop off and pick up times, keep a distance from others and move away from the school site as soon as you have picked up your children.

Reception Pupils

Reception pupils have settled well into school and are getting used to the routines and the full day. They have done extremely well with their start to full time school. It has been lovely to see them around school. Also a Big welcome to new pupils that joined us in Reception this year.

Nursery Pupils

Nursery staff have had a lovely first half term with the new pupils who started part time Nursery. The children seem to be settling well into Nursery and getting used to the little routines.



Parents' Evening

Unfortunately, the usual face to face meetings will be unable to take place this term. Instead, we will be organising a 10 minute phone appointment with your child's teacher. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and

achievements so far and the targets they are working on currently. A letter with further details and an opportunity to book an appointment has gone home with your child recently.

Flu Vaccinations

Just to remind you that flu vaccinations will take place on the 27th October for children in Reception to Year 6. Please make sure you have filled the consent form online that was sent across to your email address from the NHS.

Healthy Packed Lunch

As many children are having a packed lunch from home, can we please remind parents that these should consist of healthy snacks.

Hot meals will be trialled for Year 5/6 FSM pupils after half term in their classrooms. Hopefully this can then be rolled out later to Yr3, Yr4 FSM children.

Keep warm

The scientific advice for schools is to keep fresh air circulating throughout the school. To do this we keep many of our windows open. As the weather is now turning colder, please make sure your child has a jumper to keep them nice and warm. Also to remind them about bringing in a coat into school.

Can we also remind parents about outdoor PE kits for PE especially now that the weather is getting colder. Being active is an important part of a healthy lifestyle.

Face Masks

We are asking all parents who drop off and pick up children to wear a mask when on-site. This is a sensible precaution to protect you, your child, our staff and the community. You may see some of our parents not wearing a face mask as they may be exempt. If we see you without a face mask, we may discretely ask you about this - or let us know in advance.



Virtual Assemblies

Due to classes working within a bubble, assemblies each week have been delivered virtually. Assemblies have focused on key character muscles each week, so far communication, team work, resilience, courage, fairness and reflection have been covered.

School Admissions

Just to remind parents of children in Year 6 that closing date for the completion of Secondary applications online is 31st October 2020.

If your child will be 4 years old before 1st September 2021 the closing date for school applications is January 15th 2021. You need to apply through the local authority website for your school place.

Communication

Communication has had to be adapted recently in different ways. A lot of key messages are being sent through the school app, Weduc, Facebook and Parent Pay. We ask parents to please check these on a regular basis.

Class emails are still in use for you to have direct communication with your child's class teacher. Please use this as a form for support in any way.

Online Safety

Computers are everywhere. No matter where we go, there is no escaping their reach. Our children are growing up in a world where these devices are common in everyday lives. Unlike many adults, children are not fazed by computers and smart devices and accept them as part of their way of life. At Forest Lodge we acknowledge that computers,

devices and of course the internet are all amazing technologies both now and for the future. However, we are aware of the necessity to keep our children safe. We would like to make you aware of CEOP, which is the government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. If you wish to report some inappropriate content or behaviour online follow the directions on their pages. We

would also like to introduce you to a new industry backed website for parents, which aims to provide a good understanding of issues affecting children today.

**internet
matters.org**

Amazing Mathletics News

A very well done to all pupils that have been on Mathletics this terms so far. We are so proud of their achievements and especially all pupils that have achieved a gold certificate.

The following pupils have achieved a gold certificate.

Amelia Ahmad (3RM)

Felicity Elms(3VJ)

Alfie Johnson (6CSH)

Gilby Mesia (5HT)

Darius Surdu (2CG)

Betiel Tesfaeyesus (4AF)

Esey Tesfaeyesus (3RM)

David Ursachi (3RM)

Class 3RM have spent the most time on Mathletics with over a staggering 105 hours completed and achieving 26 bronze certificates.

Certificates achieved so far:

8 Gold certificates across the school.

28 Silver certificates

146 Bronze certificates

A well done to all pupils!

A reminder that homework is set on Mathletics every other week and also children can access this at any time and choose areas to revise or learn from home.

We are also really pleased with the efforts of children using Reading eggs and Spelling Shed.

Can we please encourage reading each week and for the diary to be signed at least 3 times a week.

Year 6 Work

As part of Year 6 Explorers topic, pupils have been studying Inuit art. Pupils used animal drawings and designed patterns on to them. They then carved these into polystyrene, making a stencil, and used them to print their designs. Some great work was produced.



Safety Notices

Can we please remind all parents and pupils that they should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the playground., This is to ensure that the school is a safe environment for the pupils.

Also pupils that bring bikes to school, can these be locked in the bike shed please. As recently we have unfortunately had a few attempts at bike thefts

Hand Washing



Can we remind all pupils to keep washing their hands on entry into school each time. We are pleased to say that we have had no positive cases of COVID-19 within the school.

Trips/Residential

We have made the difficult decision to postpone all residential trips this year. We will ensure that all year groups do take part in some fun enrichment days throughout the year. These maybe in the form of workshops from outside specialist providers coming into school and working in bubbles.



School Attendance

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Whole school attendance for the first half term.

Our whole school attendance for this half term was 94.4%. This is lower than we would like, however over the last few weeks this has been increasing. Let's try to get it to over 96%.



5CK	97.8%
6CSH	97.1%
4CS	96.4%
5BX	96.2%
3ID	96.1%
4AW	96%
3RM	95.9%
6SJ	95.8%
1AA	95.2%
1BB	94.8%
2JM	94.6%
2CG	94.5%
5HT	94.4%
1JB	94.2%
RVP	93.8%
6NR	93.3%
4AF	93.2%
RRH	92.3%
RSS	92.2%
2ET	92%
3VJ	91.7%
NAM	91.4%
NPM	82.2%

Well done 5CK, you have the highest attendance for this half term!! Also a well done to all of those classes that got over 96% this half term! Let's try and get more classes above 96% next term.

Please ensure you adhere to timings to avoid crossing bubbles and please stick to your allocated entrance time into school. As we are unable to accept lates into school.



Thankyou to all Staff, Parent, Carers and Pupils for all your support over the last term.

Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Malik and Mrs Meer.