



Forest Lodge Academy Newsletter

We hope you all have
a lovely Easter
Break!

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We hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

What's going on next term?
Dates

12th April

Pupils return to school

3rd May

Bank Holiday

28th May

Last day of term

On School Site



Monday 3rd May 2021

Bank Holiday

The days are finally getting longer and the weather is getting brighter. It is just what is needed after such a challenging time. It was great to see all of our pupils back on March 8th. The pupils got into the swing of things really quickly and the measures and routines we have put in place. Thank you for all your support and hard work during lockdown 3

and remote learning. Forest Lodge families have definitely shown our character muscles of resilience and kindness.

As we have mentioned before, we have been so impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm they have shown since their return to school after lockdown.

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

Many Thanks

Mrs Caldwell.

Nursery having fun with their Balanceability



Pupils in Nursery are currently having Balanceability lessons. Learning to ride a bicycle is one of life's milestones. Pupils in nursery have thoroughly enjoyed their first taste of independence.

World Book Day

On March 3rd this year, Forest Lodge celebrated World Book Day. Just like everything else this year it was slightly different. It was great to see over Teams that pupils at home in lockdown made a great effort. It was lovely to see that this powerful message about books and reading was still celebrated in such a great way. Thank you to all parents that helped getting masks and outfits ready.

Prizes for Our World Book Day competition will be awarded to pupils after they return from the Easter break.



What to do if your child tests positive over the Easter Break

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more** than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 4 days after teaching ends, Saturday 27th March to Tuesday 30th March if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within **48 hours** of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

If this is the case please email covid19@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk

with the following information.

- Name of pupil, staff member, class
- Date symptoms started
- Date of positive test result
- Date last attended the academy

- This system is in place from Saturday 27th March to Tuesday 30th March.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after Tuesday 16th February, you do not need to inform us about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Remote Learning

If your child is unwell, we would not expect them to do work at home but rest and concentrate on getting better as they would under normal circumstances. However, if they are self-isolating while waiting for a test result and are feeling well enough, work will be set for them via Class Teams. If a whole class bubble needs to isolate for a longer period, we are hoping to deliver a mixture of work set on Class Teams and the school website and 'live' lessons delivered through Microsoft Teams.

School Council

School council pupils from Year 1-6 have met twice during lockdown. The pupils have been amazing at connecting up via teams. Look out for a very exciting project that the school council pupils will be working on over the Summer Term.



Red Nose Day



New Baby News

We had the lovely news last week, that Miss Marie and her partner welcomed the arrival of their beautiful little son. A huge congratulations to the family. We can't wait to meet the new baby.



Community Partnership with Leicester City

During February, year 4 key worker group celebrated National Story Telling week. As part of celebrating this week, year 4 children were invited along with Leicester City in the Community to attend a Live Virtual Literacy workshop in partnership with the National Literacy Trust and the Premier League Charitable Fund.

The workshop was all about creating your own character and trying to predict what would

happen in the second part of the story from one of Helena's books. As part of this event, we were joined by CBBC TV presenter Ben Shires and book author Helena Piechaty where she spoke about her books and gave the children some top tips on how to come up with a character's name. The children shared their ideas with the author. The event was a huge success and children were all given a copy of one of Helena's books Girls FC - Do Goalkeepers

Wear Tiaras?

Children who took part in the workshop helped to represent Forest Lodge Academy with all their fantastic ideas. A really big thank you to everyone who took part.



Messages from the school office

News School Catering Supplier - Leicestershire Traded Services

As you are aware our new catering supplier will be starting with us after we return from Easter. A copy of the new Menu has been sent out to all Parents through our normal communications links being WEDUC and ParentPay a couple of weeks ago. Meal prices will remain the same at £2.30 per child.

To ensure you do not get incorrectly charged for a meal. Please can we ask that completed Lunchtime Arrangement forms are returned to school before we break up for the Easter holidays. If these are not returned we will assume your child's Lunchtime arrangements remain the same from the last completed form returned.

ParentPay Accounts - Outstanding Arrears

Please could we ask that all Parents clear any outstanding balances on their child's ParentPay account. Please can we ask that funds are uploaded to your account before payment is due to be taken for a payment item.

Attendance

It has been so lovely to see the children back in school and attendance has been really good over the last 3 weeks. A few quick reminders, if your child has got a cold (sneezing, runny nose, with no temperature) then they are perfectly fine to come into school. If your child deteriorates throughout the day we will always give you a call and ask you to come and collect if we feel they are too poorly. After missing so much school already this year it is vital that your children attend school when they can.

Overall attendance for the last 3 weeks has been 95% which is slightly lower than we would like, however it's definitely going in the right direction!

The top 3 classes for attendance are:

1st Place is 5CK with 98.6%

2nd Place is 3VJ with 97.6%

3rd Place is 6SJ with 97.5%

Well done to these classes. We hope you have a lovely Easter Break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 12th April.

Goodbye

Mrs Khan has sadly left Forest Lodge Academy after 7 years of teaching. We wish her all the best in her new adventures. She was a real asset to the school and will be missed greatly.

Good Luck Mrs Khan

Forest Lodge Academy Children's Easter Competition 2021

Free to Enter

This year we are holding a 'virtual' Easter design competition!

Over the Easter holidays, we are asking that children design an Easter Bonnet, Easter Egg or create Easter art using any medium and email a picture of it including your child's name and class to:

Easter@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk

Entries will close on Friday 9th April 2021

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded and announced when we return to school after the Easter holidays.

The Easter competition will be judged on the child's own work (made and created by the child)

GOOD LUCK!

We wish you all a restful break and a Happy Easter.

Comic Relief 2021

Mask Winners

Winners from our Mask competition, well done to everyone on your contributions.



From Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Malik & Mrs Meer