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Forest Lodge Academy Newsletter

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**Whats going on
next term?
Dates**

Again lots of exciting things have been happening over the last half term!

11th February
Reports go home

21st February
Pupils return to school

21st February-25th
Week Beginning
**Virtual and telephone
calls for Parents
Evening**

3rd March
World Book Day

14th-18th March
Science Week 2022

15th March
Class Photos

6th April
Easter Bonnet/Egg
Competition

7th April
Music Morning

8th April
End of term
Easter Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of Spring Term 1 is upon us already and within a few weeks we hope to see brighter, warmer days as we approach the end of the season.

Once again, I would like to express sincere thanks to the whole school family for showing resilience throughout what has been a challenging term for all. Everyone has shown true resilience and support for each other as we faced challenges of increased Covid cases meaning change for all, sometimes daily. Towards the end of his half term cases in school have begun to decrease which is good news. Many thanks to you all for keeping up with regular lateral flow testing when needed, so that we could mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in classes. Please ensure that this continues especially on the return of pupils

into school if anyone has visible symptoms. We hope that after a few weeks into Spring Term 2 if cases are minimal, we can return with face-to-face events having more visitors accessing the school site for special events. Fingers Crossed.

All pupils have had a great half term of learning along with enrichment events taking place. All parents/carers will receive their child's full report which will be discussed at parents evenings during the first week back. Dates have been sent by letter and Weduc allocating time slots.

We wish all of our families a great half term break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back for the start of Spring Term 2.

Mrs Caldwell.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February

Pupils took part in Safer Internet Day this week on Tuesday. A range of different activities took place in different year groups. All the activities highlighted the importance of Internet Safety. Pupils also explored the different websites dedicated to

staying safe online.

Some useful websites are:

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk



What to do if your child tests positive over Half Term

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus over the weekend. The school needs to be informed with the following details;

- Name of pupil, staff member, class
- Date symptoms started
- Date of positive test result

This needs to be emailed to the below email.

covid19@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk

Self isolation guidance then needs to be followed.



Jewellery

Just to remind you our policy for wearing jewellery follows the authority guidelines, which means that children should not wear jewellery to school other than a suitable wrist watch. If earrings need to be worn for any reason the parent should contact the Headteacher and complete a form taking responsibility for any accident which might occur. In this case ONE pair of small plain studs can be worn for 6 weeks for initial piercing which will need to be removed for PE lessons including swimming.

Peace Agents



This term we have been helping children on the playground and making sure everyone is having a positive break time and lunch time.

We are excited for the warmer and drier weather when we can return the book boxes to the Peace Garden and begin our sunflower competition!

Thanks,
Forest Lodge Peace Agents 😊

February Half Term

Forest Lodge Academy will be closed to all pupils for February half term from Monday 14th to Friday 18th February.



Year 6 Planting trees at Western Park

On Friday 11th February, 6SJ went to Western Park to help create a new woodland area.

They planted 60 new sapling trees. It is hoped these trees, will help bring new wildlife to the park.

These trees are to the left of the path as you enter the park from the crossing so look out for them on your next visit.



Mental Health Week 2022 (7th–11th February)

During Children's Mental Health Week pupils have been carrying out lots of work around mental health and wellbeing including a special assembly. All children have then taken part in class activities including making support bubble balloons and thinking about how they have grown emotionally. On Friday children came to school in whatever made them happy!



Farewell to Mrs Sharp and Ryan Bromyard

Mrs Sharp our Teaching Assistant in Year 5 will sadly be leaving today. Mrs Sharp has decided to retire early and enjoy her retirement with family and loved ones, and also pursue her hobbies. We wish her all the best for the future and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the past 12 years. All the best for the exciting adventures ahead Mrs Sharp.

We sadly said Goodbye to Ryan from Leicester City yesterday. He will be greatly missed by all pupils at Forest Lodge Academy, where he worked with us for 7 years. We wish Ryan all the best in his new job and adventure.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have both members of staff as part of the Forest Lodge Family. They will be greatly missed.



News from the school office

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings are taking place virtually week beginning 21st February. Thank you to all the parents that have already booked with class teachers. We have also made phone calls this week and letters have been sent out to remind some parents to book an appointment. Teachers are looking forward to these virtual appointments and telephone calls.

Money Debt on Parent Pay

Can we please remind all parents that all debts are cleared online before we come back to school after half term. The debts are for dinners, after school club and breakfast club.

Please can we remind parents to update all contact details at the school office. It is really important that we have these on our school contact system.

National Child Measurement



As you are aware all pupils in Reception and Year 6 took part in National Child Measurement initiative this term.

A special visit

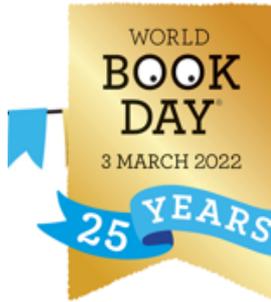
On Tuesday 1st February we had some very special visitors with two very special trophies come to Forest Lodge Academy. We would like to say a very special thank you to [Leicester City Football Club](#) and the staff for bringing in The FA Cup and The Community Shield and talking to the Children about the trophies and the history behind them.



Half Term Food Bank

Leicester City Council in partnership with Samworth Brothers held a food bank offer yesterday at Forest Lodge Academy. It was great to see the positive take up of this offer. We are grateful to all the volunteers that helped out at this event and staff from the local adventure playground.





WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 3rd March 2022

Relax and Read

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year's theme is 'Relax and Read' focusing on the benefits of reading at home especially before bedtime. We are asking that on **World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March**, that children come dressed in their **pyjamas** and could even bring along their favourite story or book (this could be a book they are reading from school or a book from home).

We will be doing many exciting activities in school on this day that have been organised by our Reading Ambassadors. We are sure the children will love telling you all about what they get up to! Some of the new things we are introducing on World Book Day we are aiming to continue throughout the year to really encourage reading for pleasure.

Children will be coming home with a book token at the end of World Book Day, which they can exchange for one of the £1 books at your local bookshop or supermarket. You can find your nearest bookseller at: www.booksaremybag.com

World Book Day doesn't have to be where the fun of reading stops there are many activities on the World Book Day website. We have copied the links to our favourite ones below:

- Find free audiobooks, competitions, book recommendations, and more in the World Book Day Family Hub: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>
- Check out the World Book Day Book Club and more on the World Book Day YouTube channel: youtube.com/WorldBookDayUK

Thank you for your support in this exciting event!

Miss Staley, Mrs Toone and the Reading Ambassadors
English Lead Teachers

IMPORTANT
Please let the office know any changes of contact numbers and email addresses to help you receive communication.

If your child has the following complaint/illness they **SHOULD** still come into school:

- A Cold
- A Sore Throat
- Headache
- Snotty Nose
- A Cough
- Bad night's sleep

A Few Reminders

Parking

Can we please remind parents about parking outside the school, over the last few weeks this has become really congested. Again at times it has become a hazard and very dangerous to our pupils crossing the road. Please be considerate.

Scooters/Bikes

If your child comes into school with a bike or a scooter, it is important that it is locked or placed in an orderly manner. These are parked at your own risk. This is to avoid hazards to pedestrians.

School Car Park

The car park barrier has been damaged a few times this year. Can we remind parents that, the car park is for staff use only. There are some parents/carers who have a disability that may use the car park, which has been arranged with the school office in receipt of a blue badge.



Attendance

This term's attendance has been heavily hit again with Covid absence and also a nasty tummy bug that has been going around our school over the last two weeks. However, well done to 6NR who has the best attendance so far this year, closely followed by 6CSH. We haven't got any classes with over 96% (which is our school target), but hopefully this will improve over the next term, once the weather starts to warm up a little.

The overall attendance so far this year is 93.4%, so we really need to work hard to improve this over the next few months, please see the box on the left as there are some illnesses where you can still come into school with.



Every student. Every day. **Autumn to Spring 1 Attendance**

6NR	95.2
6CSH	95
2ET	94.5
3RM	94.5
6SJ	94.5
4CS	94.4
5CK	94.4
4AW	94
2JM	93.9
1JB	93.7
3ID	93.7
4AF	93.2
2CG	92.9
5HT	92.9
RSS	92.4
1BB	91
3VJ	90.9
1AA	90.8
5BX	90.4
RRH	89.5
RVW	87.9
NAM	84.1

If you feel we can improve in any areas or have any recommendations or feedback to give us please contact the school office. Alternatively you can speak to an SLT member who is visible on the playground each morning.

We look forward to seeing more hard work and great efforts by our pupils next term. Have a great half term and hopefully we look forward to seeing all pupils back very soon. From Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Malik & Mrs Meer.