

Forest Academy News

Keeping you up to date!

Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for this academic year. I hope you have had a good week. The children have been working extremely hard on their project outcomes and there has been a real buzz of excitement around the school. Final preparations are being made for all pupils to return to school in September. We are really looking forward to seeing you all! You can watch the virtual end of year assembly [here](#) to see all the lovely messages from staff and children.

STAFFING

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Beyzade. We would like to thank them for all that they have contributed to Forest Academy during their time here and wish them all the very best in their future careers. We would like to welcome three new teachers - Ms. Green, Ms. Billiard and Ms. Naveed - who will be joining us in September.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Have you ever thought of becoming a parent governor? We need a parent governor to start in September 2020. Parent governors play a very important role as members of the school's governing body, which is responsible for supporting leaders in the school to promote high standards of educational achievement, good progress and ensure the wellbeing of all pupils and staff at the school. If you would like to find out more about this very worthwhile role, please email the school office.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to inform you that our excellent Breakfast and After School Club will resume in September. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact the school office and request an information pack. Fees for the forthcoming academic year are detailed below (there are discounts for siblings). Once you have registered, please ensure you book your child in for each session via text message using the following number 07538 030 914.

Breakfast Club	07.45 – 08.45
1 child per single day	£5.00
1 child per full week	£21.00

After School Club	Collection up to 6pm
1 child per single day	£12.00
1 child per full week	£52.00

Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept cash payments, instead, all fees should be paid via Parent Pay in advance. For further information, please ring the school office.

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ATTENDANCE

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term, which means from that point, the usual rules and procedures regarding school attendance will apply. You should have already received detailed information regarding your child's return. Further information can be found by clicking [here](#). We have put in place staggered start and finish times in September to facilitate social distancing. Please adhere strictly to these times to avoid congestion.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

RECEPTION

Reception have had a wonderful final week of the Summer Term. They have been reflecting on their achievements this term and have produced a Virtual Parade for you all to watch on Twitter. They have included personal, heartfelt messages to their friends at the end of the video. You will love it!



YEAR ONE

The final week in Year One has been a busy one! We have been putting the final touches to our Shaun Tan artwork and short stories, based on 'The Rules of Summer' text. I think you will agree that the final outcome looks fantastic. We have also planted our fir tree of hope, and hung messages of what we love about Forest Academy on its branches. The Year One team would like to say how proud they are of their small group of children over the past seven weeks. They have worked extremely hard and are all ready and looking forward to a new school year in September. We will miss them very much.



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OLIVE CLASS

In Olive class this week the children have been learning about decimals and using them to solve problems. After writing their diary entries about their experiences during lock down, they made their own iMovie's. This helped to develop their speaking and listening skills. They have also learnt to use Google Classroom this week. In reading lessons, the children have been developing their inference skills and in P.E. they have improved their throwing and catching skills. Our sketching skills have also been developing in our art lessons. Picking our own peas and then eating them was our reward for making sure they have been watered regularly!



YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a busy week putting the finishing touches to their lockdown speeches and art. They have been filming each other delivering their speeches, and have been working hard to memorise sections whilst making use of their voice, body language and hand gestures to draw the audience in. They have also been finishing their sketches of objects which have been important to them during lockdown and adding these to their art work. Can you see which objects they have chosen and think about the reasons why?

YEAR 6 PRESENTATION PICNIC



Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, our Year 6 pupils were not able to have their usual end of primary school celebrations such as activity week and the prom. However, we held a small, socially distanced picnic for them on Thursday to mark this very important milestone which was a wonderful occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the children in Year 6 every success as they move on to the next phase of their education.



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RECEPTION PLACES

Do you or someone you know have a child whose date of birth falls between the 1st of September 2015 and 31st August 2016? If so, the child is eligible for a place in Reception in September 2020. We still have a few spaces available at Forest. For further information, please contact the school office.



NRICH SUMMER MATHS CHALLENGES

NRICH, an online resource for enriching maths learning, have a challenge a day for children throughout the summer holidays. Each weekday from 20 July 2020 to 28 August 2020, they will be publishing a new poster problem for primary students <http://nrich.maths.org/summer-primary-posters> and secondary students <http://nrich.maths.org/summer-secondary-posters>.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed to all pupils from today for the summer holidays. What a year it has been! None of us could have predicted in September last year what lay ahead. I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and understanding during these extraordinary times.

On behalf of all the staff at Forest Academy, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September.



Mrs. Wray



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Happy Birthday wishes to:

Anthony	Maple Class	Nia	Oak Class	Chantelle	Sycamore Class
Ziyad	Pine Class	Ben	Elm Class	Emmanuela-Grace	Elm Class
Kyle	Sycamore Class	Arda	Willow Class	Dalanda	Pine Class
Nadire	Lime Class	Olivier	Oak Class	Layton	Lime Class
Aaliyah	Cherry Class	Zoe	Cherry Class	Ragheeb	Sycamore Class
George J	Lime Class	Marley	Lime Class	Lauren	Cherry Class
Riyadh	Elm Class	Bisila	Willow Class	Gabriella	Lime Class
Colin	Pine Class	Eve	Pine Class	Atiyeb	Pine Class
Najma	Willow Class	Hadassa	Sycamore Class		
Otavio	Pine Class	Ruben	Elm Class		
Wildher	Maple Class	Malachi	Willow Class		
Kapilan	Elm Class	Hamida	Willow Class		
Jessica	Maple Class	Alishba	Lime Class		
Jasmine	Elm Class	Roland	Elm Class		
Zohiar	Cherry Class	Rozay	Lime Class		
Krishny	Willow Class	Billy	Willow Class		



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Helping to keep children safe



When out and about

1. Remember there are good and bad people - move away from those who are acting in ways that make you feel uncomfortable
2. Ensure a trusted adult knows where you are and when you will be back
3. Know your address and parent's or carer's telephone number
4. Uniformed people like police and Croydon workers in pink can help
5. Go to places you know are safe, with friends you know
6. Talk to people you trust if you are worried and be sure to tell them more than once if you are not heard

Further safety advice for children:

www.croydonicsb.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/



Online Safety

1. Think before you share: who might see your photo, video or live stream? It's safest just to share your stuff with family and friends you know in real life.
2. If someone you don't know in real life asks you to share a photo or video or go on camera, don't reply, and tell an adult you trust.
3. Worried about something you've seen, shared online or sent to someone? Ask an adult you trust for help or visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk



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Support and Advice

These are very challenging times for everyone, but there is a lot of help available. Below you will find the contact details of a number of organisations to go to if you need help or advice:

- For help with welfare rights advice, call the council's free advice line on 0800 731 5920 to speak to an advisor or email welfare.rights@croydon.gov.uk.
- [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be available for a limited time to top up housing-related benefits to cover housing costs such as rent
- You may be able to claim a [discretionary reduction in council tax](#)- visit Croydon Council website to find out if you qualify
- There are three food stops with community partners in New Addington, Selsdon and Thornton Heath, where eligible residents can get £20 worth of food and groceries for £3.50 per week. For information email anita.konczack@croydon.gov.uk
- Gas and electricity prepayment meters during COVID-19. Contact your energy suppliers, to discuss options to ensure your supply is not interrupted. Visit this website for further information: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-and-your-energy-supply>
- The council's Gateway service helps residents avoid homelessness, and offers support ranging from one-to-one debt advice and maximising benefit entitlement. If you are a Croydon resident needing support from Gateway staff, email gcc@croydon.gov.uk including a mobile number so an adviser can call you back.
- Croydon Council have a [COVID-19 web page](#) which will be updated daily with any changes to services.
- Help for anyone experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse - Croydon Family Justice Centre
020 8688 0100 or email fjc@croydon.gov.uk

If you have concerns about a child (or their families) welfare, contact Croydon Council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Telephone: 020 8726 6400

Out of hours: 020 8726 6400 (ask for out of hours team)

Email: childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 16:00

If you think a child is at risk of immediate harm telephone 999