

# Forest Academy News

Keeping you up to date!

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely end to the Spring Term. The weather has been beautiful and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the outdoors. We are very lucky to have such extensive grounds and we will be sure to make the most of our outdoor spaces as much as possible when we return in the summer term.



## SPONSORED READ

A huge thank you to everyone who supported their children in the sponsored read. We raised a grand total of £618.53, which is a fantastic amount! Usborne books will boost the value of the total raised with 60% of that amount in extra FREE books for the school

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is now mandatory for all children unless they are shielding or self-isolating. Congratulations to Holly class where all children were in school every day last week! National attendance is 96%, so well done to the classes whose attendance is above this.

Class	8 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Reception Ash	95.00%	90%	91.84%
Y1 Cherry	97.69%	96.24%	95.45%
Y2 Elm	98.62%	97.62%	96.13%
Y3 Holly		96.99%	100%
Y3 Lime	100%	97.00%	99.00%
Y4 Oak	99.35%	95.28%	97.45%
Y5 Pine	93.75%	100%	97.89%
Y5 Poplar	98.10%	99.05%	98.10%
Y6 Rowan	95.73%	98.73%	95.00%
Y6 Willow	98.40%	99.20%	92.00%
Whole School	97.53%	97.01%	96.16%

## RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY

Do you or someone you know have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017? If so, they should be starting school in September this year. If you have not done so already, you should apply online for a school place with the borough in which you live. We may still have a few spaces available. If you need any help or wish to find out more about our provision in Reception, please call Mrs. Pizzy in the office.

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## TUTORING

More children are having tutoring outside of school hours to support their learning at home. Below you will find some guidance to help you ensure that the person or organization you choose to work with your child is operating in a way that keeps your children safe.

## ONLINE TUTORS KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

## GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

YOU MIGHT GET A TUTOR FROM SCHOOL, THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME, A GOOGLE SEARCH OR A RECOMMENDATION. BUT ANYONE CAN CALL THEMSELVES A TUTOR, SO HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHILE THEY CATCH UP?

### 1) Select the right tutor

- o Get to know them first - ask about qualifications, experience (freelance? umbrella body?) & approach
- o Take up references and speak to them if you can
- o Ask to see a DBS (criminal record) check. NB - private tutors can only get the basic check; (don't let a DBS give you a false sense of security though)
- o Find out which platform they will use and its safety features

### 2) Establish clear rules

- o Sessions must always be arranged via you; the tutor should not contact your child directly between sessions, send private messages or change communication platform
- o A tutor is not a friend - they should behave in a professional way, like a teacher
- o Sessions must not be recorded without your approval
- o Try to be in the room for all sessions, especially for younger children, and certainly the first time
- o Your child should not join a session from a bedroom. If this is unavoidable, pop in frequently, ensure they are fully dressed at all times, point the camera away from beds & personal information, and blur or change the background

### 3) Make sure your child knows

- o The rules apply to them and the tutor
- o A tutor is a teacher not a friend
- o Neither tutor nor child should share personal information, private messages or photos & videos
- o They must never meet without your approval or communicate on a different platform
- o Who their trusted adults are at home and school
- o They can tell you if they are asked to keep a secret or anything happens or is said that is strange or makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset

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School closes for the Easter holidays today.  
Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

From Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Wray and all the staff



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk)

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

### **NSPCC**

Tel: 0808 800 5000

Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

You may remain anonymous if you wish.

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