

Forest Academy News

Keeping you up to date!

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. It has been lovely to see all the children returning to their new classes so enthusiastic and ready to take on new learning challenges. They have settled well into the new systems and routines of the day. We are looking forward to a very positive year.



STAFF NEWS

Mrs. Austin, who many of you will know from your children's time in Nursery and Reception, left us at the end of August to take up a position nearer home. We would like to thank her for her contribution to Forest over the years and to wish her every success in the future.

CORE VALUES



This half term our core value is **RESPECT**. **Respect** is admiring or looking up to someone because that person has done something extraordinary or possesses impressive abilities. **Respect** is also an act of giving attention or showing care in a polite and kind way. You can respect things as well as people.

We will be having whole school assemblies once again. Each week we will explore the theme of respect – what it means, how we respect ourselves, how we show respect to others and our environment and what we each need to do to earn the respect of others. Children who have demonstrated the core value of respect will be presented with certificates in our weekly celebration assemblies every Friday.

YEAR GROUP WELCOME MEETINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week to come and find out about what your children will be learning this year and how you can help them to continue their learning at home. Meetings will start at 3.15pm and will take place in your child's classroom.

- Year 6 – Thursday 16th September
- Year 5 – Tuesday 14th September
- Year 4 – Monday 13th September
- Year 3 – Friday 17th September
- Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd September
- Year 1 – Monday 20th September



We hope to see as many of you as possible!

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E-SCOOTERS

Electric scooters must not be used to transport children to and from school. More and more adults are using this mode of transport in Croydon with children on board. Although Electric scooters are seen across the borough you are reminded that privately-owned e-scooters, which are widely available to buy online, are illegal to use on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements. **The only place a private e-scooter can be used is on private land**, with the permission of the landowner. There has sadly been an increase of E scooter collisions and unfortunately fatalities over the past few months.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

RECEPTION – ASH CLASS



Reception class have settled really well and the children have had a wonderful first week. They have been learning the classroom routines such as washing hands, tidying up, lining up and walking in the line. They also have participated in a range of indoor and outdoor activities, showing great listening, sharing and taking turns. In addition, they have engaged in singing numbers, days of the week and good morning songs. This week, they have listened to the Little Red Riding Hood story, and they have discussed what makes Little Red Riding Hood special. In maths, they have counted to 10 using fingers and objects. Lastly, they have discussed their feelings and emotions. To practise counting to 10 follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/numberblocks-make-and-play>

YEAR ONE – CHERRY CLASS

The children have been very excited about being in Year 1. They have settled well into the start of autumn term. The children have been making rules for their new class. In English, they have been looking at how they can establish and maintain relationships at school and what the characteristics are of being a good friend. In maths the children have been exploring numbers 1 to 10 and the different ways that this can be represented by either writing the number name, the numeral or using numicon to show the number. In science the children have been learning the names of different types of materials.



YEAR TWO – ELM CLASS



The children have had a wonderful first week in Year 2. They had a fantastic science lesson exploring the school grounds identifying micro-habitats. The children have loved participating in maths, identifying amounts to 100 and noticing the number of tens and ones in two-digit numbers. In English the children have been making predictions based on their core text Drawn Together by Dan Santat. The children have thoroughly enjoyed resuming gymnastics and multiskills in PE. In computing they have been learning about how you give clear instructions in coding. In PSHE, they have been discussing their hopes and worries in Year 2, reflecting on their successes last year and identifying who they can speak to if they are worried.

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YEAR THREE – LIME CLASS

Year 3 have made a great start to the year. They have settled in well and are enjoying learning about their new topics. They have started to read their core text 'Hidden Figures' (a true story of four women of colour who worked for NASA) in English and the children enjoyed making straw rockets to emulate Apollo 11. In maths the children are continuing to improve their knowledge of place value by explaining that a three-digit number is made of 100s, 10s and 1s. For Curriculum the children looked at primary and secondary sources to infer about the past. They then designed a piece of jewellery with some resemblance to what the royalty wore in Ancient Egypt, labelling them with the materials they thought would be best to use like rubies, gold, and diamonds. The reading strategy that they are focusing on this week is asking questions which they used to further their knowledge of the core text.



YEAR FOUR – OAK CLASS



It has been an amazing first week back in Oak class. The children have settled in really well and it is lovely to see how excited they are to be back at school and showing the core value of respect both in and out of the classroom. As a hook into the core text, the children turned detective to try to solve the mystery of our missing core text. Through deduction they worked out that Mrs Aling had read a few chapters at break time, but had forgotten to ask to borrow it! In maths, children have been collaborating to explore the place value of numbers. The PE coach has been teaching Year 4 to control a ball with a hockey stick using dribbling techniques. They have also been looking at the characteristics of living things in science and created a poster to present their findings. In art this half term is inspired by the artist Jill Pelto and children enjoyed creating a mood board to explore her artwork and the techniques and colour she uses.

YEAR FIVE – PINE CLASS

There has been a great start to our new year in Year 5. Lots of plants are growing in the classroom to help the children learn about how plants reproduce, for the Science topic. In history, they have been learning about the Tudors. This week they have had a focus on sequencing the major Tudor events on a timeline. There has also been a focus on status and position in society at that time. This links to the learning in English from the class book, *The Boy and the Globe*. It is about the original Globe Theatre in London. The children have been investigating Toby's background from the Tudor time period. They have been exploring the reasons for his actions. *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare, the reading focus text, has been very entertaining in the way characters trick each other. In maths, they have been investigating place value. They have been comparing how to write words in digits and in words. In computing, they have been learning about how material you post online is very difficult to get taken down completely and how this forms part of our digital footprint.



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YEAR 6 – ROWAN CLASS & WILLOW CLASS

It was lovely to welcome back the children into school this week and our pupils settled in well to their new routines. Year 6 started the week by going swimming at Royal Russell School. They have all been assessed and placed into groups. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are happy to be able to go for the whole year. The topic this half term is Human Rights and the core text they will be studying is Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. In whole class reading sessions, children have been making predictions after looking at the front cover and reading the blurb. They then looked at the difference between open and closed questions before creating their own. In art, children have created mood boards after researching the colours used by Leonardo Di Vinci and Paul Klee. Their outcome for this half term is to recreate an anatomical heart. In our curriculum lessons, children have been looking closely at their local community and how the land is used. They then located these on a map. They also discussed positive and negative aspects of the local area and discussed what we would like to change in the future.



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BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our breakfast and afterschool clubs are now operating as normal. For further information please call the school office. To book a place for your child, please call **07538 030914**.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your contact details please inform the school office as this information will be used for all communication. Please also let us know if the details of the emergency contacts you have provided us with have changed so that there is someone we can get hold of quickly if we are unable to contact you.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to send your child to school with a named, reusable water bottle. The water fountains are still not in use.
- On the days when children have PE, they should come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please make sure that it complies with the uniform rules.
- Jewelry must not be worn other than small studs and a watch (not a smart watch). This is for health and safety reasons.



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Have a lovely weekend.

From

Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Wray and all the staff.



Happy Birthday wishes to:

 Rashid	Ash Class
 Mohamed	Willow Class
 Destiny-Skye	Cherry Class

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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.konczaek@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>
- 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