

End of Term 4 Newsletter April 2021





Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March, students, pupils and staff came to school dressed as superheroes to support Comic Relief. A big thank you to all of you who participated, or made donations – we raised over £170. This money will help to make a difference to the lives of many families across the UK and around the world.

COVID-19 Testing over the Easter Holidays

All secondary students who are participating in the national programme have been issued with enough lateral flow test kits for them to continue testing twice weekly over the Easter holidays. Please continue with this programme as it supports the national effort and makes us safer as a school.



Can we ask that all participating students are tested before returning to school for Term 5, either the night before or morning of the first day back (Monday 19th April). On return to school, please let your class teacher know the results via email/ClassDojo or the home school contact book. Any positive results should also be reported using the generic email account: <u>foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk</u>.

Health Update

Please continue to update the Nurses (Sam Daniels and Helen Taylor) as well as our Health and Therapy Assistant (Chris Holmes) of any updates to your child's Health Care needs including updates to feeding regimes and medication. As always, pupil medication will be returned home at the end of term tomorrow.

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COVID-19 Reporting

Should any pupil/student test positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is up to and including Saturday 3rd April), can we ask that parents/carers inform us by email in order that we can inform any close contacts that they need to self-isolate.

Parents/carers should inform us via the generic email account:

foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk. This email account will be monitored on a daily basis. Could we ask that parents inform us of the date that their child first developed COVID-19 symptoms or, in the event of them being asymptomatic, the date the test was administered. Parents/carers of any child identified as a close contact will receive notification via ClassDojo or email stating the required period of isolation and links to Government guidance. Please note, parents/carers are not required to inform us if a pupil/student tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (specifically after Saturday 3rd April). Parents/carers should instead liaise with NHS Test and Trace.

Should a child test positive from a home LFD (Lateral Flow Device), parents/carers should book a PCR test to confirm the result however, until such point as confirmation is received, the child and any close contacts should continue to isolate.

Classroom Changes / Hello and Goodbye

We are pleased to welcome 2 new teaching staff to the school at the beginning of Term 5. Charlotte Macgregor will be moving to Red Class from Term 5, replacing Grace Martin who will be starting her maternity leave. Kelly Hobbs will be joining us as a Teacher in Octopus Class and will be job sharing with Cheryl Marks. Ashley Hitch will be teaching full time in Rainbow Class from Term 5.

Andi Gilmour will be replacing Alice Towndrow for Terms 5 and 6 in Jellyfish Class. Alice will be leaving us at the end of Term 4. We would like to wish her all the best in her new role.

Stacey Goodban who is a Teaching Assistant in our 6th Form Department, will soon be leaving us to work in another KsENT school. In addition, one of our long-standing Teaching Assistants, Lynda Brooks will also be moving on to pastures new within the next few weeks. Amanda Griffiths, who is also a TA in our upper school, will also be leaving towards the beginning of Term 5. We would like to thank Stacey, Lynda and Amanda for their valued contributions at the school.

Victoria Barlow, who is a midday meal supervisor will also be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to pass on huge thanks to Victoria and wish her good luck in her future ventures.

After the break we will be welcoming 2 new midday meal supervisors, Emma Tonge and Lucy Spencer.

Fundraising Update – Hilary Plowman

Sport Field Project - FORELAND FIELD OF DREAMS

Exciting times lay ahead! We are now in the position to start fundraising in earnest to complete our back field project and turn it into an amazing community facility with a football pitch / sports field, inclusive pavilion, horticulture area, and forest school.

The students have been busy thinking up a name for our project in a project naming competition, and also drew some amazing designs of what they think it will look like:





The winning project name is **Foreland Field of Dreams**. This project name was chosen by Charity Trustees on 30th March. A huge thank you must go to all pupils and students who came up with some amazing and inspirational names for the project.

We are hoping that the build of the new facilities will take place in Autumn 2023 and need to raise over £400k to complete the works. The majority of the funds will come from grants and donations from charitable trust foundations but we will also be raising funds from the local community and fundraising events. If you would like to help with our fundraising

efforts, or if you work for a company that fundraises for local charities, please get in touch with me at: <u>fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk</u>

Sponsored Event

Are you brave enough to walk over hot coals, or do you enjoy the challenge of a colour run? Kent Wish Foundation, a charity that helps grant the wishes of life limited children in Kent, are hosting 2 sponsored fundraising events this summer – a Fire Walk at Broome Park Hotel in Canterbury on Sunday 16th May, and a 5k colour and foam fun run at Betteshanger Park, Deal on Sunday 27th June.

Entrants are asked to raise sponsorship money, minimum of £100, which will be split between Kent Wish Foundation and a Charity of the entrants choosing. 30% will go to Kent Wish and 70% to the chosen Charity, so if you took part for Foreland Fields we would receive 70% of any sponsorship money raised.

If you would like to take part in either event and help Foreland Fields raise money towards our sport field project, as well as helping a worthy Kent Charity, please contact me at: <u>fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk</u>

Amazon Smile

Please keep supporting us through the Amazon Smile scheme. We now have over 50 supporters using the scheme and have raised over £270 in donations. We never get to see any



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personal data, only numbers of supporters. It really is a simple way of raising money for the school at no cost to you. If you shop online through Amazon please remember to use the Amazon Smile page, and please encourage family and friends to do the same; the more supporters we gain will increase the amount of donations received. If you work for a business that buys through Amazon they can also help support us by using the Smile website.

If you would like to support Foreland Fields with our fundraising efforts, if you have your own fundraising ideas, or work for a business that can support Foreland Fields or provides match funding, then please feel free to get in touch with Hilary on 01843 268992, or email <u>fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk</u>

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter break,

Hilary.



Wheelability

We are excited to announce that we have secured exclusive FREE access to an Easter holiday activity for our pupils and families. This includes FREE use of an amazing range of fully accessible bikes at the Wheelability project, located at Minnis Bay car park, near Birchington and FREE healthy food for the children.

Sessions will take place between 10am and 2pm, on either the 7th, 8th, 14th or 15th of April. To avoid disappointment please email <u>wellbeing@yourleisure.uk.com</u> or call 0333 366 0834 to book places, although you can just turn up on any of the days if you would prefer and at this stage aren't sure if you can make the activity.

Please note, it is **NOT** a "drop off" activity and children will need to be accompanied at all times.

Dates for your Diary

Pupils/Students Return for Term 5 on Monday 19th April 2021.

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021. School closed to all pupils and students.

Last Day of Term 5 – Friday 28th May 2021 at 2.30pm.



Please remember that from September 2021, school will close every Thursday at 1.45pm in order to allow time for staff training and ensure opportunities for staff to meet to discuss pupils, provision and development.

