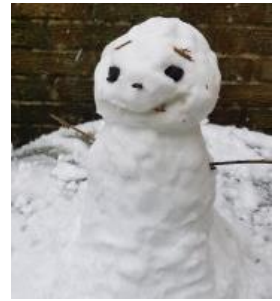




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Website Update



Before the pandemic hit, we had planned an update to our website. Over the next few months however, priorities changed and we put this on the back-burner. I am pleased to announce that our new website will be launching over the next couple of weeks. The site is more visually pleasing and we have reduced the amount of tabs therefore, making information easier to access.

We will let you know when this is being launched.

New Special School Nursing Service

Hopefully you will have by now received in the post the letters from ourselves and Heidi Payne (Lead Nurse) introducing the new Special School Nursing Service. It is our pleasure to introduce our two new School Nurses, Sam Daniels and Helen Taylor.

Sam and Helen are job sharing and will work alongside Chris Holmes, our Health and Therapy Assistant. The Nurses will be involved in Health Care planning, assessment and review as well as training our staff through an enablement model. Please see the Nursing Service brochure, that we attached with the letters sent home earlier this term, for full details regarding the provision. The Nurses will focus on our pupils with the most complex health needs. Both Sam and Helen will work with Chris out of the Health and Therapy room, close to reception. They can be contacted by emailing the address below or by phoning main reception.



kentcft.forelandfieldsnurses@nhs.net

Red Nose Day Friday 19th March – *Funny is Power!*



Help us to raise money for children in the UK and around the world on Friday 19th March 2021.

Come to school dressed as your favourite Superhero, tell your favourite joke in assembly and make a superhero mask in class!

Every child will be invited to “pick their own nose”, as we have ordered one for each pupil to take home.

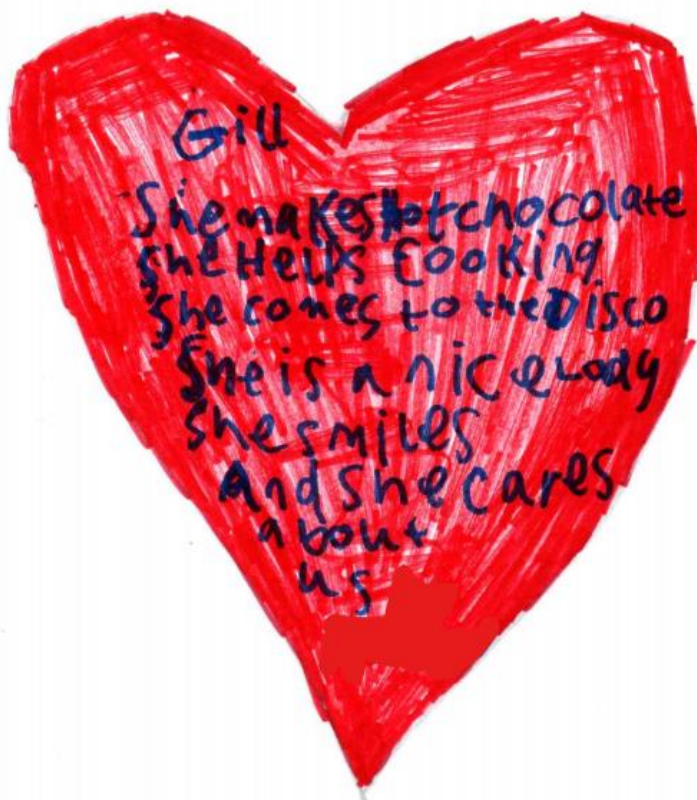
Gill Greenwood

We had some very sad news at the beginning of this week. One of our long-standing Teaching Assistants, Gill Greenwood, has passed away.

As well as working full time, Gill also represented staff on the Governing Body and had done so for a number of years.

Gill loved spending time with pupils/students and supporting them in their learning. She especially enjoyed leading food technology sessions.

It is such a shame that we have lost such a selfless, giving person – Gill was a real one in a million!



We are planning a special staff event to celebrate Gill's Foreland Fields life in the next few days.

We appreciate that some of our pupils will also be saddened by this news as she was so loved by all who knew her. We will be addressing this with students, talking about how she touched our lives and celebrating the good times. Please get in touch with us if you feel your child requires additional support to process this loss.



We are pleased to welcome 2 new staff to the school at the beginning of Term 4. Natasha Stevens will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant and Jasmine Woolley will support pupils at lunch time as part of our Midday Meal Supervisor team.

Earlier this term we said goodbye to Steve Corb, one of our Housekeepers. Steve had worked at the school for a number of years, including at the old site, and we all wish him well.

Snowmen

You will notice that we have photographs of snowmen placed within this newsletter. These are all photographs our parents/carers sent us of the snowmen made by their children whilst school was shut due to the bad weather. In addition, Louise (one of our Midday Meal Supervisors) also made her own creation.

Can your child spot their snowman?

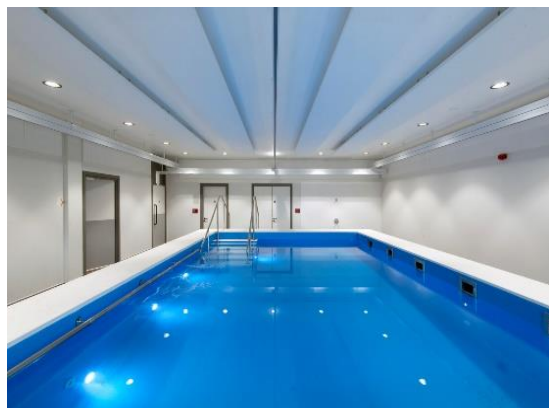
Thank you to everyone who took the time to send us pictures. We always like to know what the pupils/students are doing whilst they are at home.



Fundraising Update – Hilary Plowman

I hope that you have all managed to stay safe and warm in this cold weather and enjoyed the odd snowball fight or snowman making.

Hydrotherapy Pool Update



In the December newsletter, I mentioned the grant received from FB Coales (No. 4) Family Trust to install sensory lighting and audio in the hydrotherapy pool room. We have now selected a company to deal with the installation and the equipment is on order. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of the Easter holidays. It is



so exciting to know this project is near completion and the difference it will make to hydrotherapy sessions.

Amazon Smile

Our Amazon Smile scheme has been running for just over a year now. We currently have 47 supporters using the scheme and have raised over £200 in donations. We never get to see any 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.



Thank you

ASDA



Once again we would like to thank our friends at Asda.

The fruit supply for our Infant and Junior classes, normally provided by the Government, had ceased during the first few weeks back after the Christmas holidays due to lockdown. We approached our local Asda Community Champion who arranged a whole trolley full of dried and fresh fruit for donation to the school.

Thank you Asda for helping the school keep our morning routine and providing healthy snacks for the younger students to enjoy.

MORRISONS

The Community Champion at Morrisons also heard about the lack of fruit for our younger classes.

Morrisons very kindly donated a high value gift card to the school to allow us to purchase fruit as and when needed.

Normal fruit delivery from the Government scheme has now resumed and Morrisons have allowed us to keep the gift card for future use.

Thank you Morrisons for your generous gift.



MORRISONS

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 provide match funding, then please feel free to get in touch with me on 01843 268992, or email fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk

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 Monday 15th February), 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.

Dates for your Diary

Pupils/Students Return for Term 4 on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Please note – Monday 22nd February is a Staff Training Day and school is therefore closed to all pupils and students.

Last Day of Term 4 – Thursday 1st April 2021 @ 1.35pm.



In addition to this newsletter, we have sent home the term dates for 2021-22. Please ensure you note down these dates, especially staff training days, as these may differ from other schools.

In addition, 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.

Enjoy the break and please remember that the first day of Term 4 for pupils and students is Tuesday 23rd February.

Adrian

