



## End of Term 3 Newsletter February 2022

### COVID-19 Reporting

Should any pupil/student test positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19) over the break, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is up to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February), can we ask that parents/carers inform us by email/ClassDojo in order that we can inform any close contacts.



Parents/carers of any child identified as a close contact will receive notification via ClassDojo or email stating that, if possible, their child should take Lateral Flow Device tests for 7 days.

The school continues to have a number of positive cases each week and therefore, we will not be making any changes to our current risk assessment. We will keep an eye out for any updates to the school guidance from the DFE and will act accordingly.

Can we please ask that our secondary students continue with weekly testing, taking one test immediately before coming back to school.

### UNICEF – Rights Respecting School Gold Award

School Council, parents, governors and staff met virtually with assessors from Unicef on 26<sup>th</sup> January to see whether we were still meeting the criteria for the Gold Level Rights Respecting Schools Award.

To achieve this award, we have put children's rights at the heart of everything that we do in school. Pupils and students learn about their rights and how they can support the rights of other children by participating in campaigns such as Red Nose Day and Jeans for Genes day.



Although we have not officially had the result yet, the assessors said that it had been an "inspirational" visit and they have since invited us to participate in a video for Unicef about every child's right to a voice.



## Red Nose Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022



We will once again be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>. We are currently in discussion as to how to raise money for this worthwhile charity. More news as we have it.

### Consultation – Proposed Changes to Foreland Fields School

The consultation for the proposal to make changes to Foreland Fields School closes at midday on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The proposed changes are:

- Open a satellite provision for 6 Year R/Key Stage 1 primary aged pupils at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery.
- Open a satellite provision for 12 Key Stage 4 students and 12 Post -16 students at EKC Group (Broadstairs College).
- Increase the designated number for Foreland Fields School from 200 to 230.

Details of each proposal and response forms can be found on the school website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/proposal-to-make-prescribed-alterations-to-foreland-fields-special-school/>

Hard copies can be requested/collected from the main school office.

### Internet Safety – Free iPad Workshop

We will be hosting a free 1 hour iPad workshop for parents/carers on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. This session, which is being funded by the Family Fund, will cover

- Parental controls and creating passcodes
- Setting up screen time limit times
- Adding restrictions to websites or other content

Parents/carers are encouraged to bring their iPads along with them however, if they do not have one, are still invited to attend.

Please click on the following link to register

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VGWIDM/>

Alternatively, contact Sharon Bremner who will register a place for you.

**Family Fund**  
Helping disabled children

**Free iPad Workshop**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30am

Meet at school with your iPad to join the workshop online.

**Staying safe**

Family Fund are pleased to welcome Foreland Fields School parents to our free 1 hour workshop via Zoom.

Sign up to our 'Staying Safe' 1 hour workshop where we will cover:

- Parental controls and creating passcodes
- Setting up screen time limits
- Adding restrictions to websites or other content

Plus Q&A with our experienced and friendly trainer

**Register here!**

Any questions? Please email **Sharon (Family Liaison Officer)** at [sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk), or email / ring [ring.digitalskills@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:ring.digitalskills@familyfund.org.uk) / 01904 550066.

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## Internet Safety

The school website provides guidance to support our students to be smart and safe online. The website also includes parent/carer guides for WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat.



This guidance can be found by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/our-school-community/parents-and-carers/online-safety-e-safety/>

Should any parent/carer have any questions or concerns regarding online safety, please contact our online safety coordinator Jeremy Edwards.

## Staff Training Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Please note, pupils and students return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February is a staff training day.

## National Kite Flying Day

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the school celebrated the National Kite Flying Day. All pupils/students who wanted to take part made their own kites to test fly in the afternoon. The outside areas were fully utilised with kites flying everywhere! So much fun and laughter was had by all!



It was so lovely to see a wide range of materials being recycled to create a motivating and exciting outdoor event. Thank you to everyone that took part, including our fabulous poster designers, and also all the adults that helped to collect materials.



## World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We are participating in World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We will be celebrating in school with a range of activities based around storytelling in all different forms.

We are inviting pupils and staff to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite story.

# Fundraising Update

## Crowdfunding Campaign

### We did it!!

A massive 'Thank You' to everybody who shared and/or donated to our Crowdfunding campaign. We managed to raise over £25,000

The money raised will be used to fund the Changing Places Suite within the pavilion on our Field of Dreams.



This is a fantastic effort by everybody and we would especially like to thank the following companies for their generous donations:

Flat Build Ltd, Aurora Electricals, Day Lewis Plc, Hazel McCormack Young LLP, Prima Solutions, Hodel Ltd, Hawk Surveying, Byford Roofing, CA Drillers, Pegasus Storage, PA Grant Electrical, Waverley Construction, Oxden Floors, Truecut Diamond Drilling, Horizon Environments, DWHP Ltd, Miles and Barr, TCS Screeding, E. Saunders Ltd, D. Whall Carpentry, London Array, Thanet Community Counselling, Linden Homes.

## 5 Day Disco



Thank you again to everybody who raised sponsorship for our 5 Day Disco. The total amount raised to date is £3,145.

The week was a huge success, with students and staff donning their best disco outfits and showing us their best moves. A lot of fun was had by all, and a great amount was raised for the Field of Dreams.

Thank you everyone.

## Charity of the year

Do you work for a company that supports a charity each year? If so, please consider putting Foreland Fields Charity forward to be supported, or let us know so we can contact the company directly. Many companies now support a different charity each year and staff vote for who they would like to support, and take on fundraising challenges over the year to raise funds. It would be fantastic to be chosen as a Charity of the Year and receive extra support towards our Field of Dreams project.





## **The Bike Shed**

The Bike Shed, Margate, have been supporters of the Charity for a number of years now, and have kindly provided bikes as prizes for our raffles in the past.



To help us raise more funds for the Field of Dreams project, The Bike Shed are arranging a sponsored bike ride to take place sometime around May. The route of the ride will cover the Viking Coastal Trail (32 miles) with various different starting points along the route, making sure that everyone can be included, with the last starting point being the tidal pool at Minnis Bay. Adapted bikes, and a rickshaw, will also be available to use on the day. The ride will finish at the Minnis Bay pub and will end with a BBQ and refreshments.

The Bike Shed are hoping to make this an annual event for charities, and we are fortunate that they have chosen our charity to support first. This looks to be a great family event. More details will be sent out about this nearer the time. It would be great to see some of our school community getting involved with this fantastic event.



## **Sponsored Fitness Event**

Bounce Beyond Fitness are also supporters of the charity and are arranging for a sponsored fitness class morning to take place in the school hall. The event will be

held on a Saturday morning, and Bounce Beyond are encouraging their regular class attendees, as well as members of our school community, to take part. More details will be sent out about this soon.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Foreland Fields but I have accepted an exciting new post at another Trust and will be leaving the school at the end of this term.

Your support and friendship over the years has been amazing, and I leave with many fond memories and new friends. I wish the Field of Dreams project every success, and know the school will have this fantastic facility built within no time.

## **Hilary**

## Dates for your Diary

Pupils/Students Return for Term 4 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

**Please note – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 is a Staff Training Day and school is therefore closed to all pupils and students.**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 – World Book Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – National Careers Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 – Holi Festival Celebration

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Easter Assembly with Steve Cave (10am)

**Last Day of Term 4 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 @ 2.50pm.**



# GOODBYE

As already stated Hilary Plowman, our funding development officer, will be leaving in the next 2 weeks. We would like to thank Hilary for her contribution over the past few years and wish her the best of luck in her new venture.

We would also like to say a fond farewell and thank you to Angela Mills, one of our midday meal supervisors.



Over the past month we have welcomed Tanya Brandon as one of our Teaching Assistants. In addition, Zara Floyd has joined our midday meal supervisor team.

We hope you all have a good week and look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

*Adrian*