



Newsletter July 2022



Satellite Provision

September sees the opening of our new Key Stage 4 / 6th Form satellite provision at East Kent College and the re-opening of our Key Stage 3 satellite provision at Hartsdown Academy. In addition, our new Year R / Key Stage 1 satellite class opens at Garlinge Primary School.



We are very excited to be extending our provision and look forward to working with these schools over the coming months and years.



Parents/carers should have received information this week providing more information for our satellite provisions.

Reporting an absence.



When your child is absent from school, parents/carers should phone the school office between 8.00am and 9.00am on the first morning of absence and keep the school updated on a daily basis of any further absence.

From September, there will be an absence option on the answerphone where parents can leave a message notifying the school of their child's absence.

Any absence not reported directly to the school has to be recorded as 'unauthorised'. This is a safeguarding requirement in order that all parties know that children are safe and their whereabouts are known. If the school is not contacted to give a reason for an absence, it is registered as unauthorised.

Can we remind parents/carers that absence should not be reported on ClassDojo, or through drivers/escorts.

Emergency Contacts

It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil/student. Could you please ensure you provide at least one, but preferably two, additional emergency contact numbers for your child and that these numbers are current.



Free School Meal Vouchers



Parents/carers in receipt of Free School Meals will be receiving supermarket vouchers to the sum of £50 per eligible child to cover the summer holidays. Any parent/carer of a child that receives Free School Meals who has not received vouchers should contact Karen Glover, School Business Manager, at karenglover@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Summer Fair

The summer fair was a huge success. Despite the weather, many of you came along to show your support for the school.

A huge thank you to the Police and Fire Services for coming along to support the event. I know our pupils/students really enjoyed being able to sit in the vehicles.

The magician, animals and tea cup ride were also very popular.



Roll on next July!

Youth Action



Students in Helen Newman's class have been volunteering at Quex Park gardens in Birchington since May.

Sue Harris, the Head Gardener, gave students a simple brief: make an area of woodland appealing to younger children when visiting the gardens with parents/carers.

The students loved having an input as to how the wooded area would look, and they sketched some designs and shared ideas.

Clearing the ivy which covered the woodland floor was a huge task, and was one they worked on over several weeks. They then created a seated area – a circle of chopped down tree trunks. This had the effect of making the clearing look magical and inviting to young children.

Bamboo was used to craft arches as the entrance to the area.

Future plans for the area include using a huge tyre to make a swing. It has been a wonderful experience for our students and we hope to be invited back in the future to take part in more projects.



Holidays in Term Time

Parents/carers are required to get permission from the Headteacher to take a child out of school during term time.

This can only be done if:

- An application is made to the Headteacher in advance.
- There are exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances could include:

- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.
- Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of 1 to 4 above.

Please note, evidence will be required in each case.

It is the decision of the Headteacher how many days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

Uniform

We have noticed that increasingly, more pupils/students are coming to school not dressed in school uniform. We encourage our young people to wear uniform as it promotes a sense of belonging and boosts self-confidence. After the break we will be expecting all of our pupils and students, other than those in our 6th Form, or those in Key Stage 4 attending our East Kent College satellite provision, to attend school in full uniform. This can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate. Please contact us if this causes any problems for parents/carers.

The school holds a limited selection of second-hand uniform which can be purchased at a small cost. Please contact Sharon Bremner, Family Liaison Officer, for details.



Trips and Visits

We have had lots of exciting things happening during Term 6.

The majority of our pupils/students had a trip to either



Wingham Wildlife Park or Quex Farm Adventure Park where they have had a

chance to explore and meet a range of animals.

Monkton Nature reserve has also welcomed us back and quite a few pupils have enjoyed sessions there too. They have flown kites, participated in pond dipping sessions and created art outdoors.





We have also watched life cycles of frogs and butterflies and were also fortunate in observing the hatching of the grey partridges. These experiences help to conserve these species in our natural habitat.

Some of our pupils had a trip on a speed boat around Dover Harbour, where they had a turn at being the captain of the boat. Wetwheels was a fantastic experience for all that attended and we hope to return next year for more pupils to experience the excitement of being out on the sea.



Outdoor Learning Opportunities



We have recently updated our outdoor areas within our Junior department in order to set up individual classes for needs based sessions and also open the gates to join the classes together for free flow play.

The pupils have really enjoyed a wide range of activities from growing herbs, flowers and vegetables to exciting water play.

Moving House / Changes to Contact Details



If you are planning on moving home during the school holidays and are in receipt of school transport, please contact homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk or telephone 03000 416777. Please also inform the school as soon as possible.

During the holidays we can be contacted via foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk This email address will be monitored regularly throughout the holiday and urgent emails distributed to the intended recipient.

Should any contact details change, including new mobile phone numbers, please ensure you inform the school office after the break in order that our records are kept up to date.

Changes to Health Care Plans

Should there be any changes to your child's health needs over the holiday, including changes to medication, please email Sam Daniels, our school nurse, copying in Chris Holmes, as you will need to book an appointment to meet to update your child's Health Care Plan. Sam can be contacted on kentcft.forelandfieldsnurses@nhs.net Chris can be contacted via her email address chrisholmes@foreland.kent.sch.uk



Due to the opening of the new satellites, after the break we will be welcoming a number of new staff. New teachers to the school are, Natalie Rowe, Karina McMaster, Anna Oram, Emily Sayer and Sarah Wood.

We also have a number of new Teaching Assistants starting with us, Ria Foulds, Billie Haine, Harry Grafton, Laura Jackson, Dawn Baldwin, Sophie Webster, Olivia Wix, Rebecca Scott, Jody Linder, Aime Thornton, Nikita Morgan, Amanda Wilson, Clair Howe, Josie Green and Summer Greenfield.

We have Naomi Tweedale and Eve Hempsted joining as midday meal supervisors. We are still in the process of interviewing so will have other staff joining us in the new term.

At this time of year, it is very sad that we are forced to say goodbye to some of our staff.

Maggie Colvin has been a Key Stage 3 teacher for the past year and whilst only being with us for such a short time, she has made



an impression on us all. Sharon Foord has been one of our Teaching Assistant for 19 years and has been a real asset to the school. We are all very sad to see Sharon go and wish her luck in her next venture. Elizabeth McMillan, our EHCP administrator, will be moving schools from September and we wish her lots of luck. Tony Dannell has worked at the school as part of the site team for the past 12 years. We wish Tony a happy and healthy retirement. It is sad that we also have to say goodbye to Emma Borrer. Emma has been at the school since 2013 and will be sorely missed by all pupils/students and staff. In addition, we are saying goodbye to Polly Wells. Polly has only been with us a year but again, she made her mark on the school and will be missed. Sam Hill, one of our TAs, will also be leaving at the end of term. We wish Sam all the luck in her future ventures.

In addition to the above Katie Molloy, previously the Key Stage 4/6th Form Leader of Learning and more recently class teacher at Key Stage 3, is leaving the school. Katie has been a real asset during her time with us and we are all very sad to see her go. I'm sure this is not the last we have seen of Katie at Foreland Fields.

Kurtis Coombe will no longer be working in the classroom. After the break he starts his new role as IT Technician. Jason Bremner will be joining us as Administrative Assistant.

Year 14 Graduation

After a few false starts, our 6th Form graduation finally took place on Wednesday 20th July. Many of our leavers have been at the school for a number of years so this event is very special, marking the time these students have spent with us, whilst looking forward to the future.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2022, Ayrton, Joseph, Alex, Saul, Alisdair, Thomas, Sacha, Poppy, Megan and Alex.

We are very proud of each and every one of you and wish you the best of luck in your new adventures.



In addition to our Year 14 leavers, we would like to say goodbye and good luck to Terry and Ethan.

Dates for your Diary

Whole School Events

When we come back in September, we will start booking our whole school events.

We will inform you of the dates for these events once they are set in future newsletters and on our webpage.



TERM 1 2021/22

Start: Monday 5th September 2022

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022 are Staff Training Days and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

Finish: Friday 21st October 2022 @ 2.50pm

Complete term dates for the year can be found on the school website. Please note the term dates are the same for all Foreland Fields students, including those who attend our satellite provision.

We look forward to seeing all pupils and students back with us on **Monday 5th September**.

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**

Adrian