



Newsletter July 2023



After an absence of four years, this year we held the Forelandbury Music Festival in our school grounds.

What a great end to the year! Pupils and students have all enjoyed the various performances and activities across the week. Huge thanks to all staff that either participated or supported the pupils and students to enjoy events. Special thanks go to Andy Tuffs for organising the week.

Yew Tree Farm School

Yew Tree Farm in Sittingbourne opens its doors to the public during the school holidays, with animal feeding, farm trails and cuddle corner. This summer, they are offering equine care, cow grooming, goat walking and sheep training as well as three themed trails for young readers; What the Ladybird Heard, The Gruffalo and Fairy Tales on the Farm. Visit <https://www.yewtreefarmschool.co.uk/> for further details and prices.



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 (other than parent/carer) emergency contact numbers, for your child and that these numbers are current.

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair was held on Friday 7th July. Despite being one of the hottest days of the year, it was a huge success.

One particular highlight of the day was the magician/human slinky who entertained pupils and students for the full 2 hours.

Thank you to all parents/carers for once again supporting this event.



BeeCycle

BeeCycle will continue through the summer. Participants should meet at Minnis Bay car park at 10am on Sundays 30th July and 27th August. If you have any queries or need help email Lee Goddard on

beecycle@foreland.kent.sch.uk



Playground Opening During the Holiday

This summer we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our Infant and Junior departments.

Playgrounds will be open on:

Friday 28th July

Friday 4th August

Friday 25th August

Tuesday 29th August



Times:

9.30am – 11.30am (Junior Playground) – Pupils/Students in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and over)

12.00pm – 2.00pm (Infant Playground) – Pupils in Year R/KS1 (Year 2 and under)

Parents/carers should enter through the KS1/nursery entrance. Those using the Junior playground should follow the pathways which go past the infant classes, round to the Junior playground.

Please note, whilst a staff member will be on hand to provide support, parents/carers are responsible for the supervision and support of their own children. Whilst we will have toilets for children to use, we are unable to provide any drinks or snacks. If any parent/carer would like to bring anything with them, they are more than welcome.

Should any of these dates change, or there be a need to cancel any sessions, we will post a message on ClassDojo.

Uniform

All of our pupils/students, other than those in our 6th Form or those in Key Stage 4 attending our East Kent College satellite provision, should attend school in full Foreland Fields School uniform. Wearing uniform promotes a sense of belonging and boosts self-confidence.



We fully understand that some variation is helpful in order to meet certain needs e.g. jogging bottoms rather than traditional school trousers and plain white polo shirts for those who require frequent changes.

Uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate. There is no need for parents to purchase uniform from the National Schoolwear Centre, we are happy for pupils to wear items of the same colour that do not contain the school logo.

Students attending our Garlinge or Hartsdown satellite classes should wear the full uniform of that school. Again, items can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre.

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. Should anyone have any concerns about uniform again contact Sharon Bremner on

sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk



Inclusive Sport

Our Short Break Be Active Summer sessions are open for parents/carers to apply for a place. Sessions are for children aged 8-16 years, who must have an EHCP. By completing the referral forms, it does not secure a place.



Once referrals are received, Inclusive Sport will be in contact to decline or accept the referral and send a booking link if accepted.

Referral forms can be completed electronically at: <https://forms.office.com/e/HJd074PVzH>

Wet Wheels



For the second year, some of our pupils had a trip on a speed boat around Dover Harbour. This activity was much enjoyed by all pupils/students and staff that attended. This is a particularly good activity as many students who often miss out on adventurous activities such as this can attend.

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.



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.

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.

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, our Health and Therapy Assistant, as you will need to book an appointment to meet to update your child's Health Care Plan after the break.



Sam can be contacted on sam.daniels1@nhs.net Chris can be contacted via her email address chrisholmes@foreland.kent.sch.uk



School Voluntary Fund

The school voluntary fund is used to pay towards various school-based activities, extra-curricular activities and special events such as the circus school, wet wheels activity and various other trips and visits.

A voluntary contribution towards the school voluntary fund is requested from parents/carers in order to ensure that activities such as these can continue. The amount requested varies according to which age group or key stage the pupil is in:

KS1:	£4 bi-termly - £12 per Year
KS2:	£4 bi-termly - £12 per Year
KS3:	£5 bi-termly - £15 per Year
KS4:	£6 bi-termly - £15 per Year
Sixth Form:	£8 bi-termly - £20 per Year

As shown, the contribution can either be made in three sections i.e. bi-termly (every 2 terms) or as a single annual payment.

Children of parents that do not contribute towards the fund will have equal access to activities. Pupils will not be treated differently if their parents have not made a contribution.

Year 14 Graduation



Our Year 14 graduation was held last week. It is always a bittersweet moment, waving off our school leavers, many of whom have been with us for many years, whilst looking forward to their future.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2023, Thomas, Ethan, Harrison, Luke, Jake, Summer, Jacob, Darren, and Jamie.

We are very proud of all of you all.

We have a number of pupils and students moving on to new provision. We would like to wish them all lots of luck in their new schools.

Fund Raising



Foreland Fields Charity has been selected as the Tesco In-store vote at both Tesco Extra at Westwood Cross and Tesco Local in Broadstairs High Street. This will run from July until the end of September 2023.

Could we please ask that all parents/carers, friends and relatives place their blue tokens in the 'Foreland Fields Charity; Project Title - Horticultural Sensory Garden' slot at each Tesco branch during July, August and September. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500. Please share with all your family and friends.



Could we ask that parents/carers and friends who shop online sign up to **Give as you Live Online**, an easy way to raise money for Foreland Fields Charity when you shop online with 6,000+ stores.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/foreland-fields-charity>

This will automatically give the charity money with the majority of online purchases.

The foundations for the Hive pavilion are now in, and the building will be put up in early August with a plan to start operations during the 2023/24 academic year.

We still have many small parts of the project to complete and really need everyone's help to get it over the line.

Donations would be very much appreciated and the JustGiving form can be found at: <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising/donate-via-justgiving/>

On the website there is a list of items we still require and it would be brilliant to have any help towards these outstanding items.

As we move to a very exciting part of the project (the building installation) we would welcome donations, contacts or volunteers! Please contact Diarmuid Molloy at: fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk

HELLO

After the break, we have a number of new staff joining the school. We welcome the following new Teachers; Tom Gifford, Megan Taylor-Evans, Gemma Lang, Michelle Owens-Brookes and Katrina Payne. Joanne Norman, our new Nursery Manager, will also be starting after the summer break.

We welcome Kelly Lurcook, who previously worked within our nursery, as a Teacher within the Explorers' Pathway. In addition, Katie Elliott who was a Teaching Assistant within Starfish Class, has now qualified as a Teacher and will be leading a Discoverers' Pathway class.

We have a number of CSAs joining us; Abbie Burton, Kayleigh Rogers and Kaylie Clarke. New TAs in September are; Lyndsey Campion, Charley Sands, Blaise Twyman, Kerry Wharmby, Samantha Ellis, Chiana Hooper and Hayley Woods. We also have some new midday meal supervisors joining us; Nicola Duncan, Natalia Ovsienko and Samantha Ward.

GOODBYE

We say goodbye and good luck to Dan George who is currently the teacher in Seahorses Class. Dan is leaving us to go teaching abroad. We also say goodbye to Kyra Whitnall, who is a Teaching Assistant within Starfish Class. We wish Kyra all the luck in her future ventures.

This year we are losing staff (and friends) who have been with us for a combined 112 years!



Fran Raven, our Nursery Manager, has been with us in total for 24 years. We would like to say thank you to Fran for everything she has done to support the pupils and parents/carers within our nursery.

Alex Mahoney has been at Foreland Fields for 11 years. Alex currently leads our Hartsdown Academy satellite class, but she also worked on the main site for a number of years. Thank you Alex for all of your hard work and dedication to the school.

Andy Tuffs has been at the school for 27 years. Andy has continued to give his all throughout his time at the school and will be sorely missed by everyone he works with.

Lastly, Janet Rankin has been at the school since 1973 so she has worked at Foreland Fields (or The Foreland School as it was known for the majority of that time) for **50 Years**. Well done Janet on this huge achievement. Janet has supported young people and their families both in and outside of the school. Thank you Janet.

Dates for your Diary

TERM 1 2023/24

Start: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023 are Staff Training Days and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

Finish: Friday 20th October 2023

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 **Tuesday 5th September 2023**.



Adrian