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Horse Riding – Gymkhana

Once again, we have been incredibly fortunate to offer horse riding and therapy sessions to 12 of our students, who attended in four groups across the year.

On Friday 3rd July, the students celebrated their achievements by participating in the annual Gymkhana at the stables. They proudly demonstrated the skills and confidence they had developed over the year in front of a judge, before being presented with rosettes and



medals to recognise their hard work and progress.

We are extremely proud of all the students. They also demonstrated excellent patience throughout the morning. As they are not usually together as one large group or at the stables for such an extended period, they coped exceptionally well.

It was wonderful to welcome parents who came along to support their children and celebrate their achievements. Seeing the pride on everyone's faces

made the event even more special.

A huge thank you goes to the team at Thanet Disabled Riding Centre for their continued support. They provide a welcoming and inclusive



environment, taking the time to understand each student's individual needs whilst nurturing positive relationships. Their dedication helps develop our students' confidence, communication, social interaction, and physical skills, and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunities they provide each year.



Emergency Contacts

It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each 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.

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.

Mobile Phones in Schools – Change in Government Statutory Guidance

Under requirements of the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, state-funded schools have a statutory duty to have regard to government guidance on mobile phones, which states that schools should be ‘mobile phone-free environments by default’.



This means that phones will continue to be taken from students as they enter school, and be locked away for the duration of the school day. Personal mobile phones will not be used as part of pre-planned/taught activities. Schools are not permitted to use children’s own mobile phones for teaching purposes.

This ruling includes students attending our satellite provision at Garlinge Primary, Hartsdown Academy and East Kent College.

The DfE statutory guidance ‘Mobile Phones in Schools’, states that schools should develop a mobile phone policy that prohibits the use of mobile phones and other smart technology with similar functionality to mobile phones (for example, the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video). Smartwatches are wristwatches with smart technology in them. They can be used to tell the time, send and receive text and voice messages, make calls and listen to music. They are therefore included in the government’s approach to mobile phones and, as such, are prohibited across the school day. The school’s mobile phone policy can be found on the school website.



Should a student wear a smartwatch to school, this will be collected from them and stored for the duration of the day in the same way as mobile phones.

We appreciate that mobile devices are, in certain circumstances, needed to monitor health conditions such as diabetes. In such cases, mobile phones will be permitted but their use will be part of an overall risk assessment.

Please note, the new mobile phones in school policy is in direct response to the statutory guidance from the Department for Education.

Should anyone have any questions, please speak with either Jeremy or myself.



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ASK FOR A *Kellogg's* BREAKFAST

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to both children and adults, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

The Balanced System

Statement from our report following recent re-accreditation as a Communication Centre of Excellence through The Balanced System.



"An ongoing high level of dedication to the development of Speech Language and Communication provision has been demonstrated, with forward-thinking planning to ensure that approaches are embedded supporting more children with more profound and complex communication needs as the school grows.

It is always a joy to read and hear examples of how the school's Speech, Language and Communication provision makes a real difference. Feedback from parents is powerful, showing increased confidence in how they support their children at home. Similarly, local nursery staff who have been supported by the outreach team feel more confident.

We thank you for your continued engagement with the Balanced System, providing a strong example of embedded, sustainable practice, and we look forward to our ongoing partnership."



Building works Summer 2026

During the summer there will be substantial, local authority funded building works to the main site. These works will create an additional three classrooms, which due to our increasing roll, are required for us to maintain class sizes. We will also be creating a further care suite to help us meet the needs of our growing Explorers Pathway. These works will include putting in place all of the specialist furniture and equipment for these rooms as well as creating outdoor, covered play spaces to accompany each room.



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Supporting Communication over the Summer Break

Don't forget that our school website has plenty of resources to keep communication opportunities growing at home.

Scan the QR code to access downloadable resources that you can print or use on a digital device.



- Symbol supports for routines
- Makaton videos and downloadable booklets
- Communication boards for play, outdoor activities and stories
- Core boards for commenting are a great starting point



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Also take a look at the website links page.

Our local NHS Children's therapy teams have built a very comprehensive website - "The Pod" - which is a valuable resource for families with videos and content across a range of topics.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can add to the website. We are always happy to hear ideas to support our children in their adventures outside of school.

Nikki Gray
(SLCN Lead Teacher)

Summer Break - Parent Group

Unfortunately, due to the building work being carried out on the main site, we will be unable to open the school playgrounds to families over the summer break.

A parent group will be held at The Hive every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays (excluding 22nd July) between 10am and 12pm

Dates:

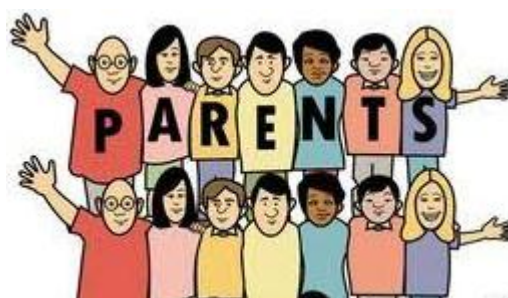
Wednesday 29th July

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 12th August

Wednesday 19th August

Wednesday 26th August



As the building work will be ongoing, could we ask that parents/carers park in the staff car park on the main Foreland Fields site, and walk around to The Hive.

Wheelchair users: Please contact Kerry Smith for information about accessible parking.

Email: k.smith316@btinternet.com



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Social Media Ban for Under 16's

Many of you would have seen that the government plans to ban children under the age of 16 from accessing some social media platforms, including TikTok and YouTube.

Ministers say the aim is to protect children's wellbeing and mental health, and to give parents more support when

setting boundaries around screen use.

The government plans to use the same model for a social media ban as Australia. This would capture user-to-user platforms, whose purpose is to enable social interaction and which allow users to post material, alongside algorithms. The ban will therefore include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X. In a move to protect children online and address the scale of the challenge, the government will also go further than a blanket ban on social media with world-leading blocks on harmful functions such as livestreaming and stranger communication with children for under-16s. These restrictions will also apply to a wider range of online services, including online gaming sites.

The government will also be looking in more detail at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling for under-18-year-olds, and will set out more detail in July.

Uniform

Over the last term we have relaxed school uniform requirements on the main site due to the extreme weather conditions. However, after the holiday we will be returning to full uniform. All of our students, other than those in 6th Form or Key Stage 4 attending our East Kent College satellite provision, should attend school in full uniform. Wearing uniform promotes a sense of belonging and boosts self-confidence.



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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 High Street, Margate. However, there is no need for parents to purchase uniform from the National Schoolwear Centre, we are happy for students 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.



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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 (School Nurse) or Anna Padfield (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 and Anna can be contacted at annapadfield@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Graduation

This year we have had a number of students leave us. The majority of whom attended our East Kent College satellite provision.

We held a graduation ceremony on Tuesday 14th July which was attended by the school leavers and their families. Huge thanks to all of the staff who put so much into making sure the event was such a success.

As well as a reading given by their teachers, the majority of students also prepared a speech of their own. We were very impressed at the confidence shown by our young adults, standing at the front, speaking aloud.

We hope that all of our leavers have fond memories of their time at Foreland Fields, and ensure they keep in touch with us to let us know how they are getting on.

Best of luck and thank you to the class of 2026, David, Aalivia, Harrison, Harry, Daisy, Courtney, Erin, Alfie, Chase, Joshua S, Joshua C, Theresa, Kaylee, Reece, Lexie, Izzie and Alex.



Assistant Headteacher

Earlier this term, we appointed Charlotte Macgregor in the new role of Assistant Headteacher. This will see Charlotte assuming the lead on various areas including safeguarding, attendance and pastoral care.

Whilst Charlotte will ultimately become Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), due to the complexity and importance of this role, I (Adrian) will continue as DSL for at least the first term.

Hello and Goodbye

Unfortunately, at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Teaching Assistants, Louise Askew and Kayleigh Burkimsher. We will also be saying a sad farewell to Jean Green and Helen O'Connor who have worked at the school for a staggering 31 and 24 years respectively. We hope they both have a long, happy and healthy retirement.

We will also be saying a sad farewell to 2 of our amazing teachers, Lauren Simpson and Sophie Tomlinson. In addition, we will be saying a fond farewell to Izabella Wells who has been providing teacher cover in Seals Class. We wish them all much luck in their future careers.

After the break we are welcoming a number of new staff to the school. More on this in the new term.



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September - Staff Training Days

Thursday 3rd September – First Back for all Students

Thursday 22nd October – Last Day of Term 1

Friday 23rd October – Staff Training Day

We look forward to seeing all students back on Thursday 3rd September.



Adrian