



Foreland Fields School Newsletter - October 2021



Lateral Flow Device Testing – Secondary Students

Secondary students, who are able to, are asked to continue testing during the October break. We ask that they take 2 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests over the week and take an additional test either the night before or the morning of their return to school (2nd November). Could we please ask that parents/carers inform their class teachers by email or ClassDojo of the results of these tests.

Test kits have been sent home over the week however, should parents/carers require any over the break, they can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Should a child test positive from a home LFD test, parents/carers should book a PCR test to confirm the result.

Positive COVID-19 Reporting over the October Break

Should any pupil/student test positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19) over the break, they will be contacted by Test and Trace who will ask for details of close contacts. Should any pupil/student, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is up to and including Sunday 24th October), test positive can we ask that parents/carers inform us by email in order that we can liaise, as necessary, with Public Health England and, if required, inform close contacts. Parents/carers should inform us via the generic email account: foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk. This email account will be monitored on a regular basis at the beginning of the holiday. Could we ask that parents/carers 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.

Please note, parents/carers are not required to inform us if a pupil/student tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (specifically after Monday 25th October). Parents/carers should, however, liaise with NHS Test and Trace.



Fireworks

We have had a huge response for our firework tickets. Unfortunately, with such high demand, we have had to limit tickets to 6 per family. Please be aware that we will only permit entry to those who have purchased a ticket prior to the event.



Admittance is through the secondary entrance. Could we please ask that everyone arrive promptly as doors will be shut at 6.30pm in order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the display.



Please note; Foreland Fields School is a no smoking site. The use of sparklers or any other kind of personal firework is not permitted, so please do not bring them with you to the event. Dogs will not be admitted.

Should the event need to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, we will notify parents/carers on the day through ClassDojo and our website.

Parking

Could I please remind parents/carers that they should be parking in the school car park, or the right side of the staff car park if this is full, and walking their child into school using the pathways and zebra crossings. Can we ask that parents do not park in the minibus bays. We understand that traffic, particularly in the mornings, can get very busy however, we cannot allow risks to be taken in order for children to be dropped off.

School Uniform

Could I please ask parents/carers to ensure that their child attends school in full uniform. We fully appreciate that some children will only tolerate jogging bottoms or shorts or require other variations, which we are always happy to accommodate however, other than our 6th Form or First Leap Nursery pupils, all other pupils/students should be wearing school uniform.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked.

Uniform can be purchased from the National Schoolwear Centre in Margate. Should you have any concerns about uniform, please speak to Sharon Bremner, our Family Liaison Officer.





Illness



Many of our pupils and students are vulnerable to infections which can spread quickly at this time of year. Remember, your child should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness or diarrhoea.

Details from Public Health England about infectious diseases and exclusion periods can be found on the school website or through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

Any pupil displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to school, and should, if possible, book a PCR test. The main symptoms are:

- High temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure temperature).
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if a person usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- Loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means not being able to smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Whole-School Events

It is great that we can once again start planning whole school events. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the firework event and we are in the process of planning other events throughout the year.



We are however mindful that it would not be responsible for us to plan large whole-school events which will lead to large groups of people inside the school therefore, we are planning how to hold events, such as the Christmas Fair, safely without taking the enjoyment out of the event. We will be in touch in regards to Christmas events early in the new term.



Absence/Lateness

Could I ask that all parents/carers ensure they phone into the main office to report a child's absence. Parents/carers whose children travel on school transport should inform the driver or passenger assistant that their child is not attending however, parents/carers still have a responsibility to inform the school. Messages cannot be passed through drivers or passenger assistants.

School times are 8.30am (school starts at 8.40am) until 2.50pm other than Thursdays when school ends at 2.00pm.

In the event that a child is late for school, they need to be brought to the main reception where classroom staff will be contacted to collect the child. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that the class team know in advance.

It is important that every effort is made to ensure pupils arrive on time in order that they are prepared for the school day.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 17th December, which is also the last day of term, it will be Christmas Jumper Day where we will all be wearing our festive knitwear. Pupils/students and staff are all welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers.

Rights Respecting Schools Award



Every Child has the Right to the Best Possible Health

Next term, Kelly Hobbs one of our Junior teachers will be leading our campaign, "What makes you happy?" to support all our pupils to learn how they can improve their own mental health. Kelly has organised a range of activities for pupils, including a "Wear what makes you happy day" on Friday 19th November. Look out for updates about our campaign on ClassDojo!

Staff Training Day

Please remember that Monday 1st November is a Staff Training Day and school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.



Relationships, Relationships and Sex Education

You are invited to visit our new Gill Greenwood Building on Tuesday 9th November to meet with Curriculum Pathway Leaders to hear what the new Relationships, Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum will mean for your child.

Parents of Primary aged pupils (Infants and Juniors) are invited to attend at 9am and parents of Secondary aged pupils (KS3-5) are invited to attend at 2pm.

Harvest Festival & Children in Need Friday 12th November



Harvest Festival this year will be celebrated alongside the Children in Need Campaign. Contributions of tinned or dried foods will be gratefully received.



Fundraising

Foreland's Field of Dreams

Phase 1 of our project is now complete and Walker Construction are preparing to hand the site over to us. The turf has been sown and now needs 6 months to settle before we can use it.

Applications are underway to trusts and foundations for grants towards the building costs of the pavilion. We are hoping to have this funded by the end of next year and for building work to start during 2023.

As part of the fundraising process for the pavilion, we will soon be launching a 'Crowdfunder' to cover the costs of the changing rooms within the pavilion. For this Crowdfunder to work, we will need as many people as possible to share the link through their own networks. More information will be sent out shortly regarding this, so please keep an eye out.



The back field journey ...

From this...



to this...



to this.



At the time of writing, there are just 66 days left until Christmas and 36 days until Black Friday. If you shop online, please remember that you can help Foreland Fields School raise money at no cost to you.



If you shop via Amazon, why not switch to Amazon Smile.

Each time you shop through the Amazon Smile website a percentage of the purchase price will be paid to our Charity. You just need to choose Foreland Fields Charity as your supporting charity when you first log on through the Smile site using your normal Amazon password. It really is a simple way to help us raise funds. Please encourage family and friends to use Amazon Smile too. Anybody registered with Amazon can support us through the Amazon Smile site.



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 me know so I 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.

Hilary



Goodbye

Over the next few weeks we will be saying goodbye to 2 of our Teaching Assistants. Karen Holland, who has worked at the school for over 16 years, will be moving on. Can I take this opportunity to thank Karen for her commitment to the pupils and students over the years. In addition, we will also be saying a goodbye to Keelan Tonge, who hasn't been in the school nearly as long as Karen, though will still be missed.

We have 3 new TAs starting after the break, Betsy Wagland, Aimee Elswood-Tate and Emma Chalkley. We welcomed Stacey White to our TA team earlier this term.

Dates for your Diary

2021

Monday 1st November - Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2nd November – First Day of Term 2.

Wednesday 3rd November - Fireworks Display – Doors Open @ 6.00pm

Friday 12th November – Children in Need and Harvest Festival Day

Friday 19th November – 'What Makes you Happy?' - Unicef Campaign

Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December @ 2.50pm – End of Term 2

2022

Tuesday 4th January – First Day of Term 3

I hope you all have a great October break and I look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Tuesday 2nd November.



Adrian