



## End of Term 3 Newsletter February 2023

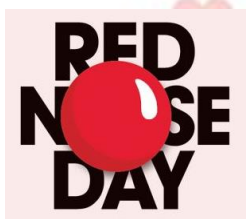
### Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Some of our Key Stage 4 and 5 students are currently on a week's residential visit to Finland. They flew out last Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> February) and are due to arrive back this coming Saturday. Whilst in Finland, students experienced husky rides, snow shoeing, snow carving and sledging as well as focusing on improving their wilderness skills.



This is a real once in a lifetime opportunity for the students, all of whom should be proud of themselves meeting (hopefully) the gold award standard.

Many thanks to Sue Yardley for taking the lead on our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Lexy, Darren and Katrina for accompanying the students on the trip.



### Red Nose Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We will once again be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. We are currently in discussion as to how to raise money for this worthwhile charity. More news as we have it.



Red noses for this year are a new honeycomb paper sphere designed by British industrial and product designer Sir Jony Ive.



### Internet Safety

The school website provides guidance to support our students to be smart and safe online. The website also includes parent/carers 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/carers have any questions or concerns regarding online safety, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Adrian Mount or Jeremy Edwards.



## Ofsted Parent View

As you are all no doubt aware, we have been in the 'window' for an Ofsted inspection for the past year. Inspectors will be interested in what you, as parents/carers, think of the school.



Please follow the link below to register and complete the survey:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

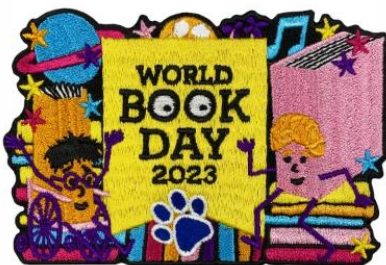
## What's Next – Transition Event

We have planned a transition event for parents/carers and young people to explore post-school options. The event will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall at Foreland Fields and will be opened by Alison Farmer (KCC Assistant Director/Principal Educational Psychologist Special Educational Needs, Disabled Children and Young People). Timings to be confirmed.

This event is an opportunity to look at post-school options by meeting with a range of providers and identifying support and resources available in the local area.



This event is open to parents/carers of students aged 14 and above. More details to follow.



## World Book Day

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

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

Pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Information regarding book week activities within our satellite provision will be supplied separately by your child's class teacher.



## School Uniform

A reminder that all pupils/students, other than our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students and Key Stage 4 college attendees, should come to school dressed in school uniform.

We understand that some variation is helpful in order to meet certain pupil needs, e.g. jogging bottoms rather than traditional school trousers and plain white polo shirts for those who require frequent changes. Official uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Margate (01843 293555) however, we are happy for pupils/students to wear items of the same colour that do not contain the school logo. We ask that parents name all clothing.

Children of all ages need a basic PE kit and pupils may need clothing for more specific activities from time to time, e.g. waterproof jackets and wellington boots for Forest School.

The school carries a number of second hand clothing items which can be purchased at very low cost. Please contact our Family Liaison Officer Sharon Bremner for further details [sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

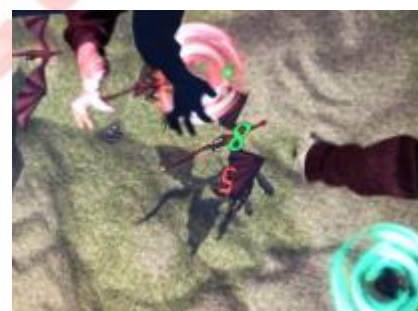
Pupils who attend our Garlinge or Hartsdown satellite classes must wear the uniform of the school they attend.

Should anyone have any problems sourcing uniform, please contact Sharon Bremner on the email above or telephone the school.

## iSandBox

In October we reported to parents/carers that we had purchased an augmented reality product, called an iSandBox, which provides fun and interactive experiences for our pupils/students.

This has proved to be very popular with our young people, particularly those in our Foundation Pathway, who regularly use the resource to explore different programmes and environments.



To see the iSandBOX in action, watch a video on YouTube by following this link: <https://youtu.be/iUsAX3fMfCE>





## Holidays in Term Time

As we approach the warmer weather (hopefully) some of us will be thinking of planning a summer holiday. 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 the 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.

## Health Update

A reminder to all parents/carers to contact the health team via the main office if your child's Health Care Plan needs updating.

If your child's medication has changed, please request either a short term medication form (for things like antibiotics) or a change of long medication form (for things like seizure control medication) and return this to the health team. If you need a form, please request this via your class team and these can be sent home in Home/School Contact Books.





**Pupils/Students Return for Term 4 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.**

Please note – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 is a Staff Training Day and school is therefore closed to all pupils and students.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Explorers Sensory Story Family Event

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – National Careers Week

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Fair (What's Next Event)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Red Nose Day

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Assembly with Samuel Hearle (10am)

**Last Day of Term 4 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 @ 2.50pm.**

### Reception

Due to the high volume of people using the reception area, can we please ask that at the beginning and end of the school day, parents/carers wait outside until their child is collected by staff/brought to them, and do not wait in the reception area.

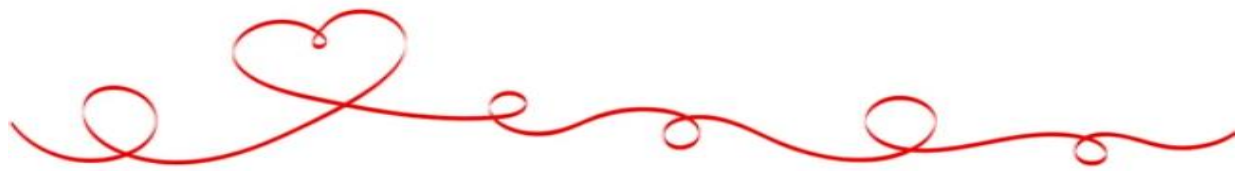
*Thank You*

**GOODBYE!**

We say goodbye at the end of term to one of our Teaching Assistants, Tia Neame. We wish Tia luck in her new venture. Also we say goodbye to Lauren Saffery, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, who will also be leaving at the end of this term. We also wish Lauren the best of luck for the future.

**HELLO!**

After the break we welcome (back) Sharon Foord who will be taking the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant. We will also be welcoming some new Classroom Support Assistants; Jemma Hammond, Jade Chant, Tiffany Robins, Stephanie Samuel and Cassie Spencer.



## Foreland Fields Charity

### Update from our Director of Philanthropy, Diarmuid Molloy

There have been a lot of exciting developments in recent weeks with our charity.

Most excitingly, we have now completed Phase 1 of The Hive project which was the construction of the groundworks, security and access networks.

Phase 2 has seen the funding raised and the pavilion has now been ordered. We hope for the work to begin soon!

Please go to the school website and click the Charity icon for more information, or go to <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising/>



If any parent/carer has any ideas about fundraising, or wishes to get involved/volunteer please contact Diarmuid at: [fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

We hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing all pupils/students back with us on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

