

# Forge Wood Primary School

## Newsletter

### 1 November 2016



**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

We hope that you enjoyed our Harvest Assembly as much as we did. The children were fantastic and certainly did themselves and us proud with their fantastic singing and excellent behaviour. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your generous contributions towards our Harvest collection.

We would like to remind you that Mrs Sargent will be starting her maternity leave soon, during this period Mrs Bullen will be increasing her teaching time in Woodpecker Class.

Katharine Holman  
Deputy Head



#### **Night Time Story**

The night time story will start at 6pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. From 5.45pm we would like to invite you on to the playground to hunt for pictures of nocturnal animals with your child. Please bring a torch!

#### **Woodpecker Class' Trip**

We are really looking forward to our Forest School trip to Tilgate Park on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to dress your child warmly as they will be spending the majority of the day outside.



#### **Outside Equipment**

Please can you discourage your children from playing with the outside equipment before school. Mrs Bullen and Mrs Sargent would like to be able to set up for the day before school but are finding that they cannot do this at present.

#### **Outdoor Play**

Come rain or shine, the children in Woodpecker Class are provided with daily opportunities to learn outside. It is therefore important that your child has a warm coat (with a hood) and welly boots with them every day. Please make sure these are clearly named.



#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>November 2016</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm Night Time Story
4 <sup>th</sup>	Forest school trip (details to follow)
14-18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
21-25 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety week
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed for INSET
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Parents workshop (details to follow)
<b>December 2016</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Prospective Open Evening for 2017
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am School Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm – 8.00pm Parents Evening via appointments School will close early at 2.15pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	12.10pm End of Term
<b>January 2017</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Term Begins

#### **Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013?**

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2017. To apply visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions#](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions#)



If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please always contact your child's teacher, Miss Newton or Mrs Holman, either in the playground, or via the school office on or email [info@forgewoodschool.org](mailto:info@forgewoodschool.org) (office)

### Woodpecker's Topic

Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring what happens at night time. This will include learning about nocturnal animals, hibernation, space and the festivals of Divali and Bonfire Night.

For more information on the curriculum please visit [www.forgewoodschool.org](http://www.forgewoodschool.org)



### Class Web Page

On our school website there is a special page for Woodpecker Class. We will continue to share photographs and information about some of the fantastic things the children have been learning in school.

### Merit Awards

Forge Wood Primary School operates a merit award system. The children will be awarded merits for being kind, helpful, trying their best in everything they do and demonstrating our school values. The children will be rewarded a star sticker which they will stick on to their apple merit chart. These charts will be kept in their school tray. They will then receive a certificate as follows:

Number of merits	Certificate achieved
25	Bronze
50	Silver
75	Gold
100	Platinum
125	Diamond



### Children in Need



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we would like to invite your child to bring their teddy to school in return for small a donation for Children in Need. For more information about Children in need please visit [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

### Update from Jon Chaloner, CEO of GLF Schools



We are delighted to inform you that The Beacon School, in Banstead, joined our Trust on 1 September, followed closely by Meridian High School, in Croydon, on 1st October. We are also looking forward to de Stafford School, in Caterham, joining on 1 December. This is an exciting time for our group as we will comprise 4 secondary school and 17 primary schools by the end of the year and this provides us with countless opportunities to share best practice, always with the aim of enhancing the learning experiences for our children and students within our schools.

You can click on the GLF map here to see the location of our schools and how we are working to develop our hubs and clusters to maximise these opportunities for children and staff to work together.

I have been out and about visiting our schools since the start of the year and I have more visits planned for after half term. It is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my role to see our schools in action and to see how proud the children, students and teachers are of their schools. The enthusiasm with which they show off their work and school environments is heartening.

I was delighted to join the staff and children at Marden Lodge Primary School on 26 September to celebrate the results of their 'Good' Ofsted inspection last term; the first time the school has achieved such an outcome for 21 years.

All of our schools are holding Open Mornings and Evenings this term. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and staff to show prospective families how proud they are of their schools.

A high value is placed on engagement with parents and their families across GLF Schools. I would like to thank you all for your support of your child's school and GLF Schools as a whole over the last half term.

Best wishes  
Jon