

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

3 October 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It was a pleasure to welcome all our families to our opening Tea Party on Friday. The sun shone and there was plenty of delicious cake to go around. We are also thrilled with the large pieces of artwork and bunting that will be a long lasting reminder of the celebration. We would like to inform you that Mrs Sargent will be starting her maternity leave during November, during this period Mrs Bullen will be teaching Woodpecker class.

Miss Jo Newton
Executive Headteacher



Tea Party Celebration – with everyone joining in the lovely singing!



Forge Wood Local Governing Body

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the following governors to the school.

Dympna Foran	Chair of Governors
Jo Newton	Head Teacher / Governor
Mary Fry	Ordinary Governor
Catherine Bullen	Staff Governor
Sonia Isard	Parent Governor
Anna Bliss	Parent Governor

In all schools, governing bodies should have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring Clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for educational performance of the school and its children; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

For more information visit the Governors area on the website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2016	
5 th	2.30pm – 8.00pm Parents Evening via appointments School will close early at 2.15pm
13 th	7pm Friends of Forge Wood AGM
21 st	9.00 Harvest Assembly
21 st	Break up for half term
31 st	Return to school
November 2016	
2 nd	6pm Night Time Story
4 th	Forest school trip (details to follow)
18 th	Children in Need
25 th	School Closed for INSET
28 th	9.00 Parents workshop
December 2016	
7 th	7pm Prospective Open Evening for 2017
14 th	9.30am School Nativity
14 th	2.30pm – 8.00pm Parents Evening via appointments School will close early at 2.15pm
16 th	12.10pm End of Term
January 2017	
3 rd	Spring Term Begins

Telephoning the school

We always aim to answer the telephone as soon as possible. However, there may be times when staff are dealing with a child or temporarily out of the office. Please leave a message as the answer phone is frequently checked.

Was your child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013?

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2017. To apply visit 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 (office)

Reach for the stars

In Woodpecker Class we are using 'Reach for the stars' as our behaviour system. All the children will begin on the sun each day and have the opportunity to work their way up to the rainbow and then the star. However, if a child makes a poor choice regarding their behaviour they will move down to the cloud. This acts as a verbal warning. It is a visual reminder to the children to make a better choice and try to work back to the sun. Unfortunately, if a child is on the cloud and is not able to improve their behaviour they will have 'time out' in the classroom and discuss their actions with a member of staff. At the end of this reflection time children will return to the sun to make a fresh start.

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 his/ her coat (with a hood) and welly boots with them every day. Please make sure these are clearly named.

Woodpecker's Topic

Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring seasonal change in the natural world.

For more information on the curriculum please visit www.forgewoodschool.org



Class Web Page

On our school website there is a special page for Woodpecker Class. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing photographs and information about some of the fantastic things the children have been learning in school. Over the year, we will continue to update this page and suggest possible learning activities you may like to try at home.

Start of the school day

To develop the children's independence, we would like to ask all parents and carers to drop children off at the classroom steps. The children will then be responsible (with adult help if needed) for putting their belongings away so they are ready to start the day. Please can I remind all parents that the classroom door is opened at 8.45 and the register is taken at 8.50. We appreciate that some of you are trying to drop off children at two schools each morning, however, any child, no matter what the reason, will be marked late after this time.

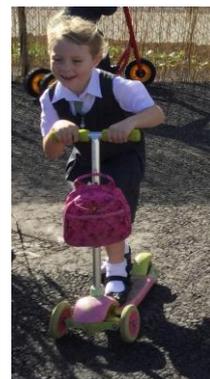
Photo reminder

Don't forget to place your order online by Tuesday 11th October. Simply visit the website www.ward-hendry.com

Look at our amazing Self Portraits!



Scooter Friday



It was lovely to see the children enjoying our first scooter Friday. All the children had huge smiles on their faces while weaving in and out the cones and speeding around the playground. We look forward to seeing the children continue to develop their balance and control every Friday.

Phonics

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics and Reading meeting on Friday. The slides are on Woodpecker Class page on our website for your reference. This Friday the children will bring home the sounds they have learnt during the week. You can look at the sounds together, cut them up and play snap, have a go at writing the letter in the air and find things that start with these sounds. The children could even have a go at writing simple words if they wanted to.