

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

14 September 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are all delighted that the long awaited opening of Forge Wood school has finally arrived. It has been a pleasure to welcome our very first families through the gates and to start so many positive relationships as we establish the school community. The highlight so far however, has been the joy of having the children in school for their two transition mornings and seeing them start full time. We were all amazed at their confidence and how quickly they have settled into routines and started to make friendships.

We hope that you will find our regular newsletters both informative about your child's learning and provide you with the information that you require about the school and wider aspects of your child's educational journey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to drop into the office or speak to your class teacher at drop off or pick up. You can also make an appointment to meet with me or Mrs Holman (Deputy Head Teacher and SENCo).

Miss Jo Newton

Executive Headteacher

Stay and Play

A few images from the first few days at Forge Wood Primary!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2016	
12 th	School starts full time.
21 st	School Photographs
23 rd	1.30pm Opening Tea Party
30 th	9.00am Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop
30 th	Scooter Friday starts (more details to follow)
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
14 th	Forest School Trip (more details to follow)
17 th	9.00am Parent Workshop
21 st	Break up for half term
31 st	Return to school
November 2016	
3 rd	6pm Night Time Family Story
18 th	Children in Need
25 th	School Closed for INSET
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

School Number: 01293 850651

Attendance



Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website for details regarding your child's attendance at school.

Here are a couple of reminders:

If your child is absent due to sickness please call before 9.15am to inform us.

Please ensure that the school office is notified of any planned absence via letter or email.



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)

Coolmilk

Don't let your child miss out on school milk!

The Cool Milk Scheme entitles you to claim for one free third-pint drink of milk per day for each child under 5.

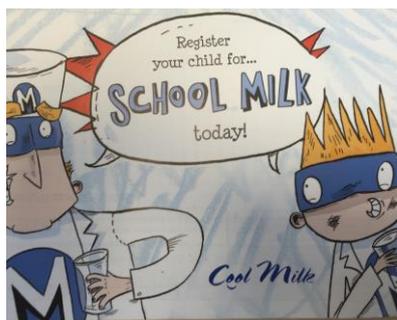
What you need to do:

Visit as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk here", then follow the on-screen instructions to register.

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class.

If you do not register for the milk scheme we will be unable to provide milk.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly at customerservices@coolmilk.com.



School Lunch

The school is proud to provide healthy, nutritious and tasty school meals from Zebedees. These are provided free for children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2. If you would like a copy of the menu please visit: <http://www.zebedees.co.uk/docs/Zebedees-Menu-Sep-2016.pdf> or, if you would like a paper copy, please ask in the school office.



Woodpecker's Topic

Over the next few weeks the children will be exploring the question- Do you want to be friends? They will be learning about making new friends, being kind and helpful, and people who help us at home and at school. For more information on the curriculum please visit www.forgewoodschool.org



Morning Drop Off

Now that the children are settling into a good routine in the morning we would like to ask parents and carers to drop off at the classroom door. The children will then be responsible (with adult help if needed) for putting their book bags into their trays and are ready to start the day.

Reply Slips

Please can you ensure that you have returned the following to the school office:

- Any changes in contact details, including names and contact details of any adults responsible for pick up.
- Home School Agreement
- Travel Survey & Breakfast Club requests
- Permission for Sun Cream

Spare copies are available on request

School Uniform

The children looked so smart as they arrived at school this week. So that we can make sure that this high standard is maintained please can you ensure that all items are clearly named.



PE kits and wellington boots can be left at school for each half term.

If you have any feedback regarding the school uniform or service from kitbox; access via school website or <http://forgewood.kitbox.com/index.php/> please do let us know. If you require internet access to order items, please speak with Miss Tidey in the office. Please note if you have any return items these go back directly to the company and not via the school.

Volunteering in School

We would welcome volunteers to support the children with their learning. When Mrs Bullen and Mrs Sargent feel all the children are settled, we will send out a letter asking if you would like to volunteer. This may be helping on a regular basis e.g. regular reading helpers or helping out on school trips. Please also let us know if you have any special talents, for example additional helpers for cooking on a Wednesday are always welcome!

We look forward to seeing you in school. All regular parent helpers will be required to complete a DBS check for safeguarding purposes.