

# Forge Wood Primary School

## Newsletter

1 February 2017



### Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The last 2 weeks of term have been so exciting as the children have been immersed in their story telling topic. Gracie has loved the Magic Shoe Shop and told me all about the magical events that have taken place in Woodpecker class 'The elves came to our shoe shop and left tiny footprints and a letter asking us to make some more shoes! I thought that we could also make them some little clothes!' Do ask them to retell their wonderful stories at home too. Thank you for your continued support this term. It is lovely to see so many parents highly engaged with their children's learning, attending assemblies, helping out in class and joining us for story time at the end of the day. We have also welcomed parents' positive feedback from the handwriting workshop.

Jo Newton

Executive Headteacher

Well done for managing the cold and icy conditions over the last couple of weeks. For your information in the case of extreme conditions where the risk assessment regarding the health and safety of children and staff was considered high (e.g. the site was deemed unsafe or the ration of staff to children could not be safely met) the leadership team would make the decision to close the school.

### What to do if extreme weather occurs:

#### During the school day:

- The school will contact all parents by telephone and email to collect the children for an early closure.

#### During the night (morning school closure):

- Check the school website for latest news
- Check twitter @ForgeWoodSchool
- Listen out for the local radio
- Check the West Sussex Websites

### Certificates

We would like to congratulate the following children for achieving their Bronze certificate:

Lewis Beer  
Gracie Robins  
Avyanna Singh  
Madeleine Tavener



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>February 2017</u>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Week
10 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class' Royal Ball
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
<u>March 2017</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maths Workshop for parents at 9.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Family visit to the library
24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
<u>April 2017</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring term- School Closes at 12.10
10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed- Inset Day

### Reminder to return clothing to school

If you borrow items of clothing from the school please can these be returned. Thank you.

### Parents Handwriting Workshop

Thank you to all those who attended. We hope you found the packs helpful. Any further information required please ask.

### School Library Books

Your child will be sent home with a school library book every Wednesday. You will be able to borrow this book for 4 days. Please ensure this book is returned to school by the following Monday.

*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 Class Royal Ball**

As you know, it will be our Royal Ball on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The children will find out about it next week and will be bringing home official invitations. We would love it if you could send in party clothes for the children to wear in the afternoon (sensible shoes please). Watch this space for photos.



**This half term's value is....**

### **Risk Taking**

Grace persevered with the wooden guttering, slotting the pieces carefully together until they fitted together.



### **Reading Books**

Please return all reading books from the previous week on Wednesday's.

### **Book Week**

We will be doing lots of fun activities throughout the week! On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character.



# WORLD BOOK DAY



### **Attendance Annie**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February Woodpecker Class were lucky enough to have a special guest Attendance Annie come to meet the children and talk to the class about the importance of coming to school.



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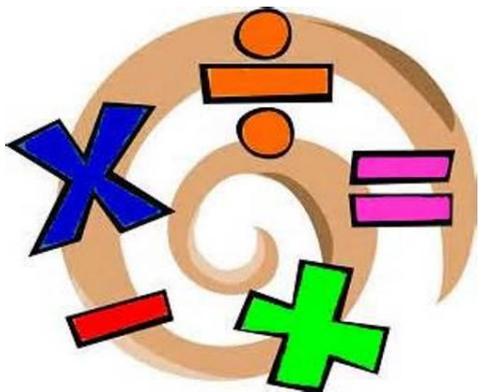
### Class visit to Building site

Last week all the children in Woodpecker class took a trip to the site of the brand new school! Some of the children said; "I can't wait, it is going to be enormous" and "Wow I love my new school!"



### Parents Math's Workshop

Following on from your feedback we would like to invite you to a maths parent workshop on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am.



### Guidance on Holidays

Holidays are expected to be taken during school holidays. There is no parental entitlement to take children on holiday during term-time and school holiday dates are published a year in advance. The Executive Head Teacher is not allowed to authorise any holiday during term time, unless it is exceptional circumstances.

### Active Kids Vouchers



Sainsbury's

**Active Kids 2017**

Eat well • Move well • Live well

Collect vouchers at any Sainsbury's store and online between 28<sup>th</sup> Jan and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We have a post box in the office for them. Please ensure all vouchers are received by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thank you.

### Use of the playground

The playground is setup for the children's learning during the day. We ask that you supervise your children before and after school and encourage them not to touch the learning resources. Thank you.

### Royal Mail Christmas Stamp Design Competition 2017

We will be sending home entry forms for your child to complete their stamp design on. Please note you do not need to complete a covering entry form. Please return the forms to school by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.



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