

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

2 October 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are delighted that we have managed to meet all the deadlines over the last couple of months to ensure that our lovely new school is finished on time. We will be moving into the new offices in the coming weeks and the children will be relocating into their new classrooms after half-term. With access to the whole site we will ensure that you are made aware of which gates and access points to use at different times of the day.

We are really looking forward to inviting you all in to look around our new classrooms, halls, learning resource centre and exciting learning spaces. We will be having two Official Opening Events in November. Firstly there will be a special celebration tea party which all families will be invited to. Secondly an opportunity to thank the local councillors, architects, builders and individuals that have worked behind the scene to deliver the project.



Finally a huge thank you to everyone for their generosity on Friday, as we raised £79.46 for Macmillan Nurses and eat lots of lovely cakes and cookies in the process.

Miss Jo Newton
Executive Headteacher

School Values

We are a Values-based school and as a school community, we have identified 5 core values.



Each half term we will focus on one of these values. Our value for this half term is 'being responsible'. We are pleased that a few children have already received a certificate celebrating how they have been responsible in school.



Harvest

Any donations of tinned fruit and vegetables, biscuits, coffee, sugar, soup and other non-perishable goods would be most welcome. Please bring contributions into school on Tuesday 17th October.

These donations will be taken to Crawley Open House, a local charity, which supports homeless and disadvantaged people in the community. To find out more about Open House please visit

<https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>October</u>	
4 th	3.30 – 6.30 Reception Parents Evening
10 th	Individual Photos
11 th	Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
16 th	9am Reception Parents EExAT information
	Week beginning 16 th Oct - Reception Autumn Walk around the school
19 th	FoFW AGM Meeting – school hall 7pm
23 rd – 27 th	Half Term
30 th	INSET School Closed
31 st	Children return to school
<u>November</u>	
2 nd	Year 1 Trip to Herstmonceaux

Notices and Reminders

Uniform Labels

Please ensure all your child's school uniform is named including their ties. Thank you

Morning routines

Please can we remind all parents to kindly wait outside your child's classroom until your child's teacher opens the door at 8.45am. If you need to enter the school for any reason before this time, please enter via the office where, for security and safety, you will be asked to sign in and out. Thank you

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10 October to take individual photographs. You will receive information about how to purchase a copy if you would like to.

Teddy Bears Picnic – Reception

Please bring a teddy into school if you have one at home as the reception children will be having a teddy bear's picnic at lunchtime on 11th October, we will provide the children with a packed lunch on this day.



Governance update

Forge Wood Primary School is pleased to be part of the GLF Schools multi academy trust and to benefit from the support and opportunities that this provides for children and staff alike. Being part of a Trust allows us to work within a governance structure which is different from a traditional Governing Body model. From September 2017 our local governance body will be called a School Strategy Board. This Board will continue to have parent representatives, elected in the same way as parent governors were previously, and representatives from the local community, together with Miss Newton, our School Business Leader Mrs Horton and representatives from the Trust's central team. Further details of our School Strategy Board can be found on our website.

Learning together:

Phonics and Reading Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics and Reading meeting on Friday. The slides are on our website for your reference. This Friday the children in Reception 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.

EExAT Information Meeting

On Monday 16th October at 9.00am all Reception parents are invited to a meeting to find out information about our Early Years online assessment system developed by Early Excellence.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Let's talk PANTS! The underwear Rule

Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried.

Get together and sing along with Pantosaurus and download the NSPCC PANTS guides for more support.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>



Clubs

We currently have some spaces in the Musical Mini's Club which is run for reception children. If you would like your child to join please complete and return a reply slip to the school. If you need a copy of the letter please ask in the school office.

Admissions

Was your child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014?

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2017. To apply visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

We are holding open events on the following dates:

Monday 4th December 9.30am

Wednesday 6th December 9.30am

Wednesday 6th December 7pm

Friday 8th December 9.30am

Please contact the school office to book your place.

What Reception Have been up to....

Scooter Friday

We had great fun on our first Scooter Friday! We learnt how to be safe on our scooters whilst weaving in and out of the cones on the playground.

Don't forget to bring your scooter every Friday.



Write Dance - We are strengthening our wrist and arm muscles through Write Dance so that we can become super independent writers!

Tidying up - We have been working really hard to work together to keep our outside area clean and tidy. Well done everybody!

