

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

1 November 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you have had a happy and safe half term break. We are very excited about our new building and all the learning opportunities it offers the children. In just one day it is fantastic to already see the children exploring their new environment so enthusiastically and confidently. We hope that you can all join us on Friday 10th November to celebrate the opening of our new school.

In addition to our marvellous new environment, we also have so many wonderful experiences planned for this half term, including the year 1 carol concert, 'Hare class' assembly and Reception's first Nativity Play.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Harvest donations for Crawley Open House. The generosity of so many families was clear to see, as our table at the front of the hall was almost creaking under the weight of donations!

Mrs Holman

Deputy 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 respectful'.

Certificates

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

Finlie Davis
 Finlay Miller
 Oscar Stanfield
 Aaliyah Singleton
 Lucas Williams



School Photographs

Please can we remind all parents that the final date for ordering school photograph online is Monday 6th November.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>November</u>	
2 nd	Year 1 Trip to the Science centre at Herstmonceaux
6 th	9am Bag2School Collection
10 th	2.00 Opening Tea Party- All families welcome
13 th	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th	2.30 Hare Assembly –Year 1 parents are invited to come and watch.
17 th	Children In Need Appeal
22 nd	Road Safety Week
30 th	3.00 – 3.30 Y1 Family Reading Session – parents are invited to listen to children read, and share stories
<u>December</u>	
1 st	FoFW Christmas Fayre
7 th	Flu Nasal Spray for all children
11 th	Last session Musical Mini's Club
13 th	9.30am Reception Nativity
13 th	Parents Evening
19 th	2.30 Yr 1 Carols – Hare Class parents are invited to come and watch.
20 th	12.10 children collected End of Term
<u>January</u>	
5 th	Children return to school

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 2018. To apply visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

We are holding open events for Reception entry 2018 on the following dates:

Monday 4th December 9.30am

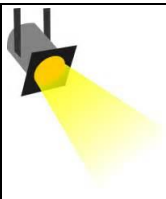
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am

Wednesday 6th December 7.00pm

Friday 8th December 9.30am

Please contact the school office to book your place.

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@forgewoodprimaryschool.org (office)



Spotlight on Safeguarding



7 essential SAFETY TIPS for Bonfire Night



Don't build a bonfire too high
Always ensure your fire is built in an open space and not too close to houses, hedges, fences or sheds



Never light a bonfire with petrol
Or any flammable liquid, instead use domestic fire lighters and never throw aerosol cans or tyres onto a fire



Keep a bucket of water nearby
Ensure you have a hosepipe or bucket of water on hand in case of an emergency



Only buy fireworks with the BS7114 kitemark
Be sure to store them in a cool, dry box



Never go near a firework that has been lit
Even if the firework hasn't gone off, it can still explode



When a sparkler goes out, do not touch it
It could still burn you so be sure to place it in a bucket of cold water



Never give sparklers to a child under 5
And teach children to hold them at arm's length

Families www.familiesonline.co.uk

For more Firework safety tips, including how to use sparklers safely visit...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15357129>

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

Children In Need

Children in Need Put this date in your diary! This year, we will be marking Children in Need day, Friday 17th November, by inviting children to bring in a bear (of the stuffed variety!). Donations are more than welcome too! Please note that this is not a non-uniform day. Normal school uniform will be required.



What Year 1 Have been up to....

For the last two weeks, we have been working hard together to make a dinosaur museum. We first looked at pictures of other museums and used this to make a class list of what we would need for our museum. We then used iPads to find out some more information about dinosaurs. Mrs Ashdown let us decide what we needed for our museum, how we could make these and then we made them by working in teams. We made dinosaur bones, fossils, information books, displays, a gift shop with handmade till and a restaurant with a variety of menus to choose from and a very attentive waitress!



In our Discovery Time, we have been learning about different purposes of reading. This week we have been reading recipes to make playdough and we have loved reading the recipe, measuring carefully and then using the playdough that we made ourselves.



We were very excited by the red sun on the 16th of October! We found out the reasons for the red sun using the internet and then wrote about this on red paper.

We have had such a fun time at school and we are looking forward to learning in our new classroom.