

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

1 May 2018



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the Summer term!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the few days of lovely weather that we had. It's going to be yet another jam-packed term with the dance workshops, healthy week, sports day and the summer fair, as well as lots of learning going on in the classrooms and around the school grounds.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you at our summer events.

Mrs Holman
Deputy Headteacher

Certificates

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

Eevee Lane



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

Albert Rose
Roan Brooks
Alice Alves



This half term's value is....

Reflective



During May we will be talking about how we can all be reflective learners. The children will be encouraged to talk about their learning and their choices, exploring how making a mistake can be the first step to learning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	<u>May</u>
7 th	School Closed May Bank Holiday
28 th	Half term
	<u>June</u>
4 th	School Closed INSET
5 th	Children return to school
5 th	Year One Steel Pan Band Workshop
11 th	Whole School Dance Days Workshop
11 th	Healthy Eating Week
14 th	Class Photographs
29 th	School Closed INSET
	<u>July</u>
2 nd	Sports Day & Picnic
3 rd	Yr 1 Transition Afternoon Meeting
7 th	FoFW Summer Fair
9 th	Yr 1 Transition Day to Yr 2
11 th	Reserve Sports Day
24 th	End of Term. Children collected at 12.10pm



The Astra Recycling bin has arrived at school and can be found outside the bin store. Don't forget you can recycle unwanted clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, bedding and towels!



As you will be aware, we are in the middle of the Big Pedal. This is a national event to encourage cycling and scootering to school. As part of the fortnight we will be holding a Bike It Breakfast on Thursday 3rd May. We look forward to seeing the children on this day and sharing breakfast. For more information please see the Bike It Breakfast letter sent out yesterday.

The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge. It inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The Big Pedal 2018 will run between the 23 April and the 4 May.

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)

Spotlight on Safeguarding



A game has been brought to our attention called **Builder Buddies**, which is available as an app. This is a building simulation game that has social elements which could expose your child to risks of encountering sexting, bullying, and meeting strangers. There are many apps like this one where users create avatars and enter virtual worlds where they can group chat with strangers. They can invite other users into other areas of the virtual world or create their own world and have private conversations.

Unfortunately, apps such as these have been recently used by predators to groom children into inappropriate online relationships. Parents should know if their child has this app. See link below for app details.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/builder-buddies-online-sandbox/id990345796?mt=8>

Any app that allows your child to communicate with strangers is high risk for sexting, bullying, and coming into contact with predators. **We do not recommend that you allow your child to use this app without supervision.** We consider this to be a valid threat to children and would urge you to remove the app from their devices.

Please see the 'saferkid.com' safety rating for this app on the link below:

<https://www.saferkid.com/app-reviews-for-parents/builder-buddies-3d-city-building-simulator>

Children use online and social media for a range of purposes and that is only going to increase as they get older. There is a wide range of resources online to help children understand how to keep themselves safe online. Two we would highly recommend are the NSPCC and CEOP websites. Both have a range of resources designed for children and adults.

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

[CEOP: Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre - internet safety](#)

Celebrations from home

If your child attends a club and receives a certificate, badge or medal we would love to celebrate this in assembly. For example, your child might have received a swimming or gymnastics badge or been named player of the match during a football game. Please send this in with your child so the achievement can be shared and celebrated together.

Year 1 Trip to Lucy's Little Forest School

School Strategy Board

As the final term of the school year is underway, I felt it was a good time to update you all on the work of the School's Strategic Board. As you know the make-up of the governors changed in September when GLF Schools changed the way each school uses its governing body. In October, Forge Wood held his first meeting as an SSB and have continued to develop along the way. The aim of the board is to ensure leaders at the school are challenged to enable the best possible outcomes for all children. To do this, SSB members have spent two terms getting to know the school better and monitoring the practice in place. Monitoring visits have included: SEND visits where SSB members have met with the Mrs Holman to look at the provision of children with Special Needs; Maths monitoring visits where the teaching and assessment of maths has been looked at; safeguarding visits to ensure procedures are in place to keep all children safe; and meetings at school to review policies.

SSB meetings are held every half-term with the constant central focus being the children. School leaders are not only challenged to think about how progress for children of Forge Wood School looks now but to also think about how attainment, progress and learning will look when the children are in Year 6.

As a School Strategic Board we are continuing to grow and develop to meet the needs of the school. At every meeting we look at the strengths and areas for development for Forge Wood and constantly discuss how everyone can work together to make Forge Wood Primary School the first choice School for Crawley residents.

SSB members regularly talk to children about their school and welcome the opportunity to speak with parents about their views. Should there be anything you wish to discuss with the SSB, do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Sonia Isard Chair of School Strategy Board

School Clubs

There are still spaces left in Musical Minis and Street Dance afterschool club. If you would like to book a place please visit the office for a booking form.

School Clubs

Year One spent a wonderful day visiting Wilderness Wood. We used all our senses to explore the natural environment around us, collecting natural objects and building mini shelters for a host of woodland animals. Following our woodland adventure we have returned to school inspired to use our experiences to investigate woodland plants and animals and build our own mini-woodlands. We are currently enjoying sharing the tale of Hansel and Gretel, and using the story as inspiration for our own stories and creations.



Reception Trip to Gatton Park

The children thoroughly enjoyed sweeping the meadows and rummaging in leaves looking for bugs. One child said "This was the best trip ever!" The children made a range of different crafts to take home with them and learnt how to make honey!

