

Forge Wood Primary School

Newsletter

21 September 2018



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
 Welcome back to another exciting year at Forge Wood Primary School. We hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday, we have certainly seen the children come back refreshed and ready to learn. It has also been exciting to welcome another year group and their families to the school, Reception children have really impressed us with how quickly they have settled into our school routines and expectations.
 We are all pleased to welcome Mrs Ashdown, Infant Leader, back to school in a full time capacity. She will be teaching across the year groups to have oversight of the whole phase, so you will all get to meet her over the coming weeks. Unfortunately, Mrs Donjon was unable to start with us as planned in September as her family relocated abroad at short notice. I am pleased to announce that we have already managed to recruit and replace her in the coming weeks. As many of you are aware Miss Mackintosh was involved in a car accident at the start of term, I would like to thank families for their support and best wishes which we have passed on to her and all wish her a speedy recovery.
 Please take time to review the year group calendars that are published with this newsletter. Some of these dates may however be subject to change but we will strive to give as much notice of possible and communicate this to you via the newsletter. You will also be able to check dates on the school website 'Academic Calendar' which will be kept up to date with the most recent events.
 The first of which is an English workshop on 5 October followed by an informal coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. I look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months.
 Miss Newton, Headteacher

Certificates

Children have had an excellent start to the year, working hard and displaying the school values. We look forward to them filling their apples with stars and being awarded their certificates of achievement over the coming months.



Friends of Forge Wood (FoFW)

Each year a dedicated team of parents work together as the committee to arrange events and community fundraising activities. All parents are welcome to attend the AGM on 17th October at 7pm where we will review last year's achievements and update plans for 2018 – 19.

Please check out the year group calendars as we are planning some additional events this year such as movie mornings and nights.

All funds raised go directly back into the school to benefit the children. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Forge Wood Primary School Book Swap

Encourage your child to bring books they have already read and swap them for books they have not read.

For example, if you donate 5 books to the book swap, you can choose up to 5 "new" books FREE.

The book swap shelf is located in the entrance hall by the school office and can be accessed daily between 8.30-8.40 and 3.10- 3.30.

We are happy to take books of a good condition that other children will enjoy reading and are suitable for children aged 0-12.

Happy Reading Everyone



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	<u>September</u>
26 th	2.45pm Otter Class Assembly
	<u>October</u>
1 st	Visit from Fire Brigade
3 rd	Yr R Parents Evening by appointment
5 th	9.00 Parent English Workshop whole school
8 th	Sports week (<i>children wear PE kit all week</i>)
13 th	10-12 FoFW movie morning
16 th	Individual photos – full winter uniform required
17 th	7pm FoFW AGM
19 th	Harvest Festival
22 – 26 th	October Half Term
	<u>November</u>
12 th	Prospective Parent Tours for 2019
12 th	Anti-bullying week
14 th	Prospective Parent Tours for 2019
16 th	Children in need
19 th	Road safety week
20 th	Road safety walks
23 rd	KS1 Maths Workshop
28 th	Yr R Bedtime story
29 th	Yr 1 Woodland Walk
	<u>December</u>
1 st	10-12 FoFW Christmas Fair
7 th	Flu vaccine
10 th	Yr R Dress rehearsal
12 th	Yr R Nativity performance
12 or 13 th	Whole school Parents Evening by appointment
14 th	Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch
18 th	KS1 Christmas song performance
19 th	End of Term. <u>Children collected at 12.10pm</u>

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)

School Strategy Board

As part of the GLF Schools Multi Academy Trust, our School Strategy Board (SSB) provides the local governance function for our school. The SSB visited the children in the first whole school assembly of the new school year to introduce ourselves, and we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you all also:



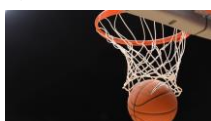
(From left to right)

- Natalie Broad is GLF Education Partner.
- Mary Fry is an Ordinary member who has a wealth of experience of school governance in West Sussex schools.
- Sonia Isard chairs the SSB and is an elected Parent member. Sonia has a son, Finlay, in Otter class.
- Anna Bliss is an elected Parent member and has a daughter, Naomi, in Otter class.
- Ruth Horton is School Business Manager at Forge Wood.

Other members of the GLF central team attend SSB meetings as appropriate depending on the agenda. The SSB work closely with Miss Newton to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children. Further information on the SSB can be found on the school website. Should you wish to discuss anything with the SSB please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sports Week

On 8th-12th October we will be holding our first ever sports week. During our fun packed week, children will have the opportunity to try new sports including basketball, rugby, ultimate frisbee and a sponsored fitness activity. They will also have the opportunity to have a go on a climbing wall, meet an athlete and take part in a daily mile challenge. Children will need to come to school wearing PE kit each day, ready to have a go and learn about team work and olympic values. More details to follow soon.



School Reception Front door

Please be aware that the main front door opens automatically after buzzing Reception. Please do not touch the door or try to pull it. Thank you.

Reminders

Please ensure that all your child's clothing is named including PE kits. Thank you

KS1 Parents' Information Evening.

It was lovely to see so many parents attend Hare and Otter class to find out about the year ahead and the exciting curriculum opportunities. For reference and families that were unable to attend there is a copy of the presentation is available as a download on the website. They are found in the Year Group Curriculum folders

Harvest

Any donations of coffee, sugar, tinned food, tinned meat, tinned fish, jars and tins of cooking sauces and biscuits would be most welcome. Please bring contributions into school on Thursday 18 October.

These donations will be taken to Crawley Open House, a local charity, which supports homeless and disadvantaged people in the community.



What have we been up to...

Wow, we have had such an exciting start to the term! Welcome to all of our new Reception children and their families. The Reception children are settling in well and are enjoying learning both outside and inside. They have particularly enjoyed learning some new songs and making 'silly soup' with rhyming words.

Year 1 have had a wonderful time learning about superheroes, both real and fictional, and loved their superhero day. They have also been reading and writing about the story Mr Big which they have really enjoyed.

In Year 2 there has been lots of fantastic scientific enquiry when trying to make bubbles that can bounce and the children have been captivated by the Frog Prince story which they have been writing about. The children are excited for all the learning that is still to come this term!

Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to give us some of their time to help out in the classroom. We love having parent helpers in the classroom to read with the children or get involved with other aspects of the learning. If you would like to volunteer with us, please visit the office to complete a volunteer's form.

Forge Wood Community Forum

We are pleased to be working in partnership with the local residents' forum in Forge Wood. They have lots of plans for the coming year that we will involve the school children, staff and families in community projects to help improve the local environment and bring all member of the local community together. We will update you with events and opportunities as they arise.