

THE FOREST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER-October 2016



EASY DRESSING SCHOOL UNIFORM RANGE FROM MARKS AND SPENCER

Marks & Spencer has created a range of easy dressing school uniform with help from The National Autistic Society to make dressing for school easier, quicker and more comfortable for both parents and children. The **Easy Dressing** range includes pull up trousers up to age 16, and school shirts and blouses with velcro fastenings. Please enquire at your local Marks and Spencer store, or visit their website www.marksandspencer.com

GIVE AS YOU LIVE

If you haven't already signed up, please join Give as You Live to raise funds for our school. Please see the Give as you live website and nominate the Forest School as beneficiary. Then each time you shop online our school will receive a donation. Please see giveasyoulive.com for more information.

Support us this Christmas!

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Groupon DEBENHAMS ebay Boots

Just by shopping online at Giveasyoulive.com

BAGS2SCHOOL

In January we will be running the popular Bags2school collection again. More details to

follow, but if you are having a clear out over the holidays, please keep aside any clean usable clothing for our collection.

SWIMMING FEES

A few parents have not paid for swimming lessons this half term. Payment can be made online via Parentpay, or cash/cheque made payable to THE FOREST SCHOOL to the office please. Thank you.

Fees for the next half term will be on Parentpay in November and a text sent to you detailing the amount payable.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Monday 31 October, the day we return to school after the half term break, the school photographer will be here to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform on that day.

FAIRFAX SESSIONS

The half term holiday sessions at Fairfax will take place- providing we get enough interest.

Springboard - Tuesday 4.30 - 7.30pm

This session is primarily aimed at young people who have Autism who are in mainstream education. However, we have young people with autism in special schools who also attend and enjoy the session.

Teen Scheme - Thursday - 4.30 - 7.30pm

Open to young people aged between 10 and 19 years, the session is similar to Springboard but open to all abilities and not restricted to young people who have autism.

A variety of activities are available at the sessions and we ask the young people to choose what they like. They have access to computers but this access is rotated throughout the session so they aren't glued to the screen!

We provide a two course cooked tea too. Springboard costs £6.00 per session, Teen scheme costs £7.00.

Please book by contacting me via email or using the details below.

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CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

We have a few exciting events to celebrate Children In Need this year, starting on the 17th with FREE ice creams for all.

Friday 18th will be a non-uniform day, and this year we are going all crazy by having a CRAZY HAIR DAY ☺ In the afternoon there will also be a disco for those who wish to boogie the afternoon away.

In school we are selling Children in Need wristbands for £1 each. We also have pencil cases, notebooks and reward charts for various prices. More details to follow!



BRECKENBROUGH AND FOREST SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION

Following our amazing success, winning the Inspirations STEM Education Challenge together last June, staff from Breckenbrough School visited us recently to hand over the final version of the "bike". During their visit Breckenbrough brought some other "vehicles" for us to have a go at. The pupils had such a

good time with one of them that it was given to us too.

The aim is to support those of our pupils who find it difficult to use a standard bicycle and to provide more mobility, once they get used to it!

We hope to build on our relationship with Breckenbrough, continuing to work on other projects.



FOREST SCHOOL DISPLAY LIGHTS UP AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW



Over the summer holiday our neighbour, and former caretaker Harry, looked after some mysterious seeds that we had sown at the end of last year. We had been given the seeds (that turned out to be night

scented stock) by Yorkshire Agricultural Society as part of the inter-school "Light the Night" competition. Once grown the plants formed part of a display that included twenty LEDs and other objects worked on by pupils. The result was a section of the night sky, including the constellations of Cassiopeia, Andromeda and Pegasus, designed to show the position of the most distant object visible to the naked eye: the Andromeda Galaxy. Pupils from KS4PO had much fun visiting the flower show to see the display, and were even more delighted to find that it had come first.

Fittingly the school received a small star-projector as a prize.

OSCAR DAY

Many congratulations to Oscar Day who won his category at the Yorkshire Children of Courage Awards on Friday 14 October, at The



Royal Armouries in Leeds. Oscar is in our Saplings class.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday October 7th we raised over £500 for MacMillan - the whole school was involved. Cakes and coffee naturally played a big part, the bacon sandwiches proved popular with a lot of orders for crispy bacon.

There was a bookstall, games of chance and children from Saplings class sold jars of chutney they had made in school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and came along on the day.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas fair will take place on Friday 9 December which is also Christmas jumper day. Tombola and raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Watch out for our 2017 calendar which is currently in progress.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Just a reminder that school closes at 2pm on Friday 21 October. Pupils are due back in school on the morning of Monday 31 October.

Peter N Hewitt
Headteacher

Your support for your son/daughter's education is crucial to their progress and wellbeing. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to help you support them, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages, wheelchair access, explaining things over the phone or a discussion with a colleague of the same gender.