



The Forest School
Every Child, Every Chance



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher/Open Classroom event a few weeks ago, we hope that you found this useful and informative. We are also grateful for your attendance and support at our Halloween-themed Macmillan coffee morning. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and trick or treating around school, as well as joining parents and carers for a cake in our cafe. A spooky disco in the hall and other Halloween-themed activities ensured the children had a well-deserved treat to reward all their hard work this half term.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is key to everything we do in school and it covers a wide range of day to day school practices from checking attendance, locking gates, signing visitors in and out, maintaining our online filtering systems to teaching the children about how to keep themselves safe. All members of staff have a key role to play in ensuring our children are safe but three members of staff: **Miss Frankland, Mr James and Mrs Fletcher have specific responsibilities for leading safeguarding at The Forest School.** We always follow up on any concerns which have been raised around a child or family's well-being and we are very grateful that you are happy to work with us to ensure we can keep everyone safe. If you do have a safeguarding concern about anyone in the school community, you can contact us confidentially in school.

Attendance

We are currently at 94% attendance, which is just 1% under the Government's target of 95% for all schools across the year, which is fantastic!! We would appreciate your support in helping us to achieve 95% (or higher) next half term.

Parents Evening

Information regarding booking for parents' evenings on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November** will come out immediately after half term. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible via Google Meets or in person for this first parents' meeting of the year. This is an opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making in school.

House Points

You may be aware that at the start of this academic year we launched our new house points system. Pupils earn house points by going 'above and beyond' with their effort and behaviour, such as showing kindness to others, demonstrating respect, trying hard with work they would normally find tricky or winning sporting events or challenges. Earning a house point is not easy, so when it occurs it is celebrated and is a time to be proud. The house points for this half term have been counted and

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Foxes are currently in the lead. Well done to everyone, staff and pupils, who have achieved house points so far.

Lunches

Please can you ensure that lunches are paid for in advance, either via ParentPay or in cash. The cost of a school dinner is £3.25. If you still have money outstanding, please can you ensure this is paid immediately after the half term break.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform:

Primary: Red jumper or cardigan, bottle green polo shirt and grey skirt or trousers.

Secondary: Navy blue jumper, white or sky blue polo shirt and grey trousers/shorts.

A reminder that we also have a large amount of spare uniforms in school, so please get in touch should you require any items.

PE Kit

Whether your child comes to school wearing their PE kit, or whether they bring it in a bag, please can you ensure it adheres to the school uniform policy. Navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt. Please can you also ensure they have trainers and a jumper or hoodie in the appropriate colour; red for Primary and navy blue for Secondary.

Bag2School

ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAR OUT?

We have organised a textile collection with Bags2School on Monday 31st October, to raise money for our Forest School fund. After half term, please send in your bags of unwanted adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, handbags and soft toys. Please do not include bedding, household linen, curtains, towels, school uniform, corporate clothing or rugs/mats.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Hall went on maternity leave earlier this term. We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Hall gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Stevie Isabella, on 4th October.

Panathlon

Ten of our Year 7 pupils achieved first place in our local Panathlon competition, organised by the Inclusive Schools Sports Partnership. Team manager Mr Oliver and Assistant Manager Miss Brown said all the pupils were a credit to our school. The team will take part in a regional competition later in the year. Well done everyone!

Thank you once again. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Frankland and Paul James (Interim Co-Headteachers)

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