



Forefield News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been working hard on our new units of work. In Nursery the children have been learning about all things growing and have been enjoying role play in their new garden centre as well as road testing some new outdoor equipment. Reception have been reading the story Butterfly Bouquet and learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar, whilst watching their very own class caterpillars grow each day. Year 1 have been learning about all things space related and have been reading Space Tortoise. Whilst in mathematics, they have been learning about telling time using clocks. In Year 2 have been reading 'The Last Wolf' and writing persuasive letters to characters in the story. In mathematics, they have been counting money in pounds and pence and making the same and different amounts.

I had the pleasure of presenting 178 attendance certificates on Monday in our celebration assembly to children who achieved our attendance target of 97% in the spring term. We know sometimes absence is unavoidable due to illness or medical appointment, which is why we changed our policy earlier this year to ensure children are still rewarded even with just 1 or 2 absences over the term. That said, school attendance is extremely important. 5 days absence results in a significant amount of missed learning. For example in phonics lessons alone, 5 days absence means children miss the teaching of 4 new diagraphs and 2 new tricky words.

In other good news, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will be benefitting from a small world play set, a water wall, a climate action set and some balancing equipment which will be used within our Reception Outdoor Area to support learning. Pupils played an important role in applying for the grant and selected equipment that they felt would benefit and enhance their learning garden. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by People's Postcode Lottery, Postcode Neighborhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust or Postcode Community Trust all of whom which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. A big thank you to Mrs Gilroy for securing the grant and resources to develop our outdoor area further.

Thank you to those who came to collect lost property last Monday. We had a high number of requests for nearly new uniforms last week, so we will be holding a nearly new sale outside the Office on Monday from 3:15-3:45 pm. If you need any uniform supplies for the Summer or even Autumn term, please come along and stock up. We have lots of barely used and even new uniform items to share so please come along after school. Our new lost property is now being housed in the reception area outside of the school office. If your child has lost any items of clothing, please check lost property before Friday each week. This is a much smaller area, therefore we cannot keep items in lost property for long periods. Any items not collected will be donated to charity.

In some sad news, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Cordey next week who will be leaving Forefield. Mrs Cordey has worked with lots of children over the last few years and will be very much missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new job.

Congratulations to Class 8 who are the attendance winners this week with 99.7% – Well done!

Mrs Roberts



PE Days - Summer 1 Term

| <u>PE Timetable</u> | | <u>Forest School Timetable</u> (Rowen Group) |
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| Nursery | Wednesday/ Friday | Tuesday |
| Class 1 | Thursday | Wednesday AM |
| Class 2 | Tuesday | Thursday AM |
| Class 3 | Monday | Friday AM |
| | | <u>Forest School Timetable</u> All children |
| Class 4 | Monday & Thursday | Wednesday PM |
| Class 5 | Monday & Wednesday | Thursday PM |
| Class 6 | Wednesday & Thursday | Wednesday PM |
| Class 7 | Tuesday & Thursday | Friday PM |
| Class 8 | Tuesday & Friday | Thursday PM |
| Class 9 | Monday & Thursday | Friday PM |

Key Dates

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| Wed 29 th April | 9.15am Prospective Parent Tour |
| Thurs 30 th April | MVLT School Council Meeting |
| Fri 1 st May | Year 2 Football Tournament |
| Mon 4 th May | Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Wed 6 th May | Reception Trip to Farmer Teds |
| Fri 8 th May | Michaels Day – MUFTI Year 1 Football Tournament |
| Tues 12 th May | Nursery Trip to Acorn Farm (Rowen) |
| Mon 18 th May | MVLT 0-3 Stay & Play @ Valewood Primary 3.45pm - Prospective Parent Tour |
| Tues 19 th May | Nursery Trip to Acorn Farm (Oak) |
| Wed 20 th May | Author Visit |
| Thurs 21 st May | New Parents Meetings 5.15pm – Nursery 6pm – Reception |
| Fri 22 nd May | Year 2 Trip to Imagine That SENCO Drop in meetings – please email our SENCO email address to book an appointment. 3.30pm – End of half term |