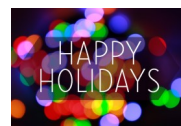




# FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



May  
2019

## Important Dates

### **Friday 24 May**

*School closes for half term*

### **Friday 7 June**

*Summer Fayre 1.30 pm*

### **Friday 5 July**

*Aiming High 10 am*

### **Friday 19 July**

*Inset for Staff*

### **Monday 3 June**

*Pupils return to school*

### **Mon 10 & Tue 11 June**

*Citizenship Days*

### **Thursday 18 July**

*Pupils finish for Summer*

Our Website address: [www.foxwoodschool.org.uk](http://www.foxwoodschool.org.uk)

## **Advanced notice**

Fox Wood School **Summer fair** will be held on the 7th June. we will have lots of stalls, including a tombola, raffle and café.

To support this, we are collecting raffle prizes, bottles, tombola prizes, chocolate, sweets, unwanted gifts and toiletry sets to use as prizes. We will also be grateful for items for the café - cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee donations. Thank you for your support and we are very much looking forward to seeing you there!

Please contact us if you are able to help on the day



## **Message from Lucinda**

You will hopefully recall from our last newsletter that I asked you as parents to let me know if you have a cause/special day that you would like our school community to celebrate from September 2019 – July 2020 so that we can plan to accommodate as many of these as possible, and add them to the school diary well in advance. To date I have received no requests (I appreciate that I set the deadline as this Friday and I am writing this on Wednesday, so some may come in over the next couple of days!) I am extending this deadline to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and have added a return slip to the newsletter to assist you. The purpose of me doing this is to try and not only respond to your wishes around special days which may be locally/nationally celebrated or celebrated by your child's siblings (such as World Down Syndrome Day and World Book Day) but to ensure that you aren't overwhelmed by too frequent requests for money/pupils wearing special outfits. I am also interested to know your ideas about how we should celebrate specific days, as it is always good to try out new ideas and learn from one another. Obviously we will also try to support unanticipated special events/causes where we can too, but most of the days that parents ask us to support are annual events.

This has – as always – been an extremely busy half term at Fox Wood and it has been wonderful to see pupils getting out and about more, within our learning village grounds and beyond, as the weather has improved. We have also had nine Year 11 pupils beginning a variety of transition visits to Woolston Sixth Form College where staff have been getting to know them, and they have had the opportunity to experience different courses, so that they can make an informed choice in preparation for starting there in September. Exciting times ahead!

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The cause/special day that I would like Fox Wood to celebrate is: \_\_\_\_\_

This should be celebrated on (or as near as possible to) the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

My suggestions for how we could celebrate this day are: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (so that – if a class is going to lead a particular celebration/event - we can consider it being the one you have requested).

## Goodbye

This half term we have said good bye to Alison and Shirley from our Nursing Team. We thank them for all their support and wish them both well for the future.

## Welcome

This week we have welcomed Darcy into Class 9, she is settling in well and making new friends.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who sent donations in to support The Butterfly Suite at Warrington Hospital, we raised £290. Leah and Ben will deliver this donation personally.



### Together we shine!

Our new website is up and running and we are excited for you to take a look. We listened to feedback from parents, governors and school staff and worked hard to ensure that the new design would reflect our school ethos *and* be easy to navigate.

Important documents such as our School Development Plan, holiday dates and the school dinner menu are now easy to find on the front page along with a calendar so that you can see all the events coming up. You will also find lots of information regarding our curriculum, copies of our policies and procedures and information about the extended support that we offer. We would love to hear any feedback that you have about our new website so please have a look and get in touch!

[www.foxwoodschool.org.uk](http://www.foxwoodschool.org.uk).



### Friends of Fox Wood

It is lovely to see members of our school community joining "Your School Lottery" which is helping to raise funds for school.

You can join at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fox-wood-school> or watch our for our links on our social media pages.



### Dates for your diary!

- \* Monday 10 June, 9.30 am Friends of Fox Wood Meeting at school.
- \* We will be hosting a "Dad Dancing Mile" to celebrate Father's Day on the 17th June. This will give our Dad's or a family representative the chance to do a sponsored dance with your child around our Green Mile. More information to follow via letter.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Rachael Johnston, Pastoral Support

## Safeguarding

"Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility"

Fox Wood had its annual Safeguarding Audit on 13th March, we are delighted to report that we received high praise for our strong safeguarding team, effective policies, procedures and quality assurance measures. The auditors also recognised how the voice of the child is highly valued by all staff. We would like to thank everyone for supporting us to keep all of our pupils safe.

### SMSC Week

Staff and pupils are looking forward to our SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural) activity week, which will be the first week back after the half term holiday.

We will explore four different religions:- Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism, through artefacts, music, dance, drama, cookery and art. We will be having a PAT (Pets as Therapy) dog visit, as many religions value the spiritual impact that animals have. We will also welcome an Indian dance teacher from "Dance workshops for schools," who will be supporting pupils to explore Hindu festivals. We know that pupils will benefit from this special week and hope that they will enjoy spending time with their peers from across school. Keep your eyes out for photos on Facebook, twitter and on your child's Evidence for Learning or Tapestry!

Class 8 visited Birchwood Fire Station as part of their Fire and Ice topic. They all dressed up as a Firefighter with a big yellow helmet and jacket and were shown how the Firefighters safely put out fires with a hose. Everyone had a go at spraying the hose and pretending to be a Firefighter. They also sat inside a big fire engine and looked at all of the different equipment that Firefighters use. It was very loud when the siren was going. Tyler asked one of the Firefighters what was their favourite part of being a Firefighter and they said they liked to help people. Joseph said he would like to be a Firefighter when he is older because he would like to drive the fire engine. Ben and Luis both said their favourite part of the visit was squirting the hose.



### Wellbeing

This half term we have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools. We have worked hard at putting Mental Health and Wellbeing at the heart of everything that we do at Fox Wood School. We have been promoting positive mental health and wellbeing throughout our school community and we hope that you have felt the benefit of this.

The report states that 'mental health and wellbeing is not bolted-on, but systematically built into the culture, values and ethos of the school.'

If you have any wellbeing or mental health suggestions or if you want to talk to anybody about mental health (your own or your child), please contact school and we will be happy to help.

Thanks Lyndsey Phillips

### PUPILS OF THE HALF TERM

Tony from Class 1 for improved concentration and accessing Sensory Kingdom to help manage his behaviour

Well done to Joe from Class 9 for an excellent recovery after his operation.

### Annual Reports

Our annual reports will be sent home during the week commencing 8th July. They will be in the same format as last year and will share information about your child's progress across the different areas of their curriculum. If there is anything specific you would like to see in the report, please let your child's class teacher know. A progress summary sheet will be included as usual so that you will be able to see the progress your child has made this academic year.

### ECO

We are currently working hard on achieving the Green Flag as part of our ECO award. In previous years we have been successful in obtaining our bronze and silver award. Our current focus is developing our school grounds, if you could recycle/donate anything to support us with this e.g. pots, pans, plant pots, soil, outdoor toys etc. we would be very grateful. Many thanks.

### PHYSIO APPOINTMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

All appointments with the Physio Team during July and August will take place at the Clinic (not in school) Appointments will be back in school from September.

Please endeavour to attend your appointments and the Physio Team will ensure that any new programmes will be shared with class staff.

### Staff Training

Basic Suicide Prevention	Music Network
Deputy Head Conference	Rebound
Special School PE Consortium	Equality & Diversity
PE Lead Subject Day	EVC
Safeguarding	GDPR

**Other Notices - Dinner Money**—Just a reminder that Dinner Money has increased to £2.30 per day, (£11.50 per week) This is still payable on the Friday for the following week and must be paid on a weekly basis or termly in advance. Any monies sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the pupil's name, the amount, and what the money is for, written clearly. School cannot take responsibility for any loose cash.