



# FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



July  
2019

## Important Dates

### **Thursday 18 July**

*School closes for pupils*

### **Friday 19 July**

*Inset Day for Staff*

### **Friday 6 September**

*Inset Day for staff*

### **Monday 9 September**

*Pupils return to school*

## Goodbye

We say Goodbye and Good Luck to Sophie, TA in Class 5 and 6. Sophie is going off to University to do Teacher Training.

Goodbye and thank you to Jenny, Mid Day Assistant.

Good Luck to Nassr, Kelan, Megan, Laura, Patrick, Matthew, Lewis, Alisha and Keides who are all moving onto our 6th Form College.

We also say a very big thank you to Amanda Bye who was one of our Governors for all her support over the years.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their support with the Summer Fair, we raised £750 which will go into our School fund and help support the Forest School Activities that all the pupils take part in. Thank you for all your donations and support on the day.

Thank you to Morrisons for their kind donation for our Raffle.

Thank you to the Environment Agency for their donation. They have been involved with The Puddle and done excellent work building a chicken Coupe.

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

## Message from Lucinda

At this time of year, I love to reflect on achievements – community achievements, school achievements, team achievements and individual achievements. This year there is more than ever to be proud of and so much to demonstrate that, at Fox Wood, we truly live by our tagline – “Together We Shine!”

A quote that I particularly like is - “To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” I believe that is not only very relevant to us as individuals, it resonates with what we stand for as a community, and what we work so hard to achieve. Fox Wood is wonderfully unique and we strive to remain focused on – and true to – our school aims and to share these with all those we come into contact with.

Fox Wood – as all other schools – face increasing pressures and constraints for a variety of reasons, and most notably because of reduced funding yet increased demand/expectations. However, our belief and commitment is absolute – we are here for our children. Each and every one of them puts their trust in us every day, as do you, and we will do everything that we can to repay that by fulfilling dreams, enabling and supporting progress, challenging possibilities, and making life as meaningful, engaging, successful and enjoyable as we possibly can.

On behalf of myself and the Governors I thank you for your ongoing support, and for being a part of our family. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September, meeting some new pupils and staff, and seeing our School Leavers settle into College.

*Lucinda*

## Welcome

We have welcomed Lindia into our Reception class.

In September we will be welcoming India Mains, TA who will be in Class 6

## Staff Training

Team Teach, Manual Handling, NQT Mentor, DSL Networking, EFL SEND, Subject Leader, Occupational Therapy Tools for ASD, Impacts on Senses and Behaviour, Forest Schools, LGBT and Awareness, Midas, Neuro Developmental Conditions. Gastro Feed Training.



### **Fox Wood Occupational Therapy**

This term has flown by in a whirl with lots of new exciting activities happening in school for the students. After half term we started our new programme of Ready to Learn activities to prepare students at the start of the school day! From the options of yoga, bike school, sensory circuits, rebound, usage of gym equipment, walking and more, the students partake in an activity suited to give them the best possible start to their day of learning. This has been really successful with lots of positive feedback from the students and lots of new skills learnt. This programme will be rolled out after lunch too next term.

Sensory passports and steps have been devised and provided to the students transitioning into 6<sup>th</sup> form next year to help with them settling seamlessly into College. From next term students will be referred to OT on an individual basis through their class teacher. If you feel that a referral to Fox Wood OT would be beneficial for your child, please do not hesitate in either contacting your child's class teacher or speaking to Lucinda Warren through the school telephone number.

Next term Fox Wood OT aims to start parent workshops on specific functional areas, with an opportunity for a short talk with strategies that can be taken away and an opportunity to ask questions, gain support from OT and other parents whilst drinking tea and eating cake! The first workshop will be on 'Sleep' and the date for this will be published at the beginning of term.

Fox Wood OT wishes everyone a wonderful summer and please do not hesitate in contacting Lucinda Warren OT if you have any queries through the school telephone number.

### **Friends of Fox Wood**

Thank you to those who attended the sponsored Dad Dance on the 17th June, we raised an amazing £189.

Please keep an eye out for our coffee mornings, parental workshop and school events through the next academic year.

Remember you can still join "Your School Lottery" using the link below and there are reminders through our social media pages and school website.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fox-wood-school>

### **'Preparation for Adulthood'**

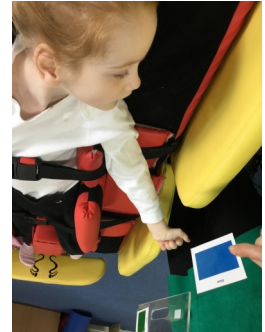
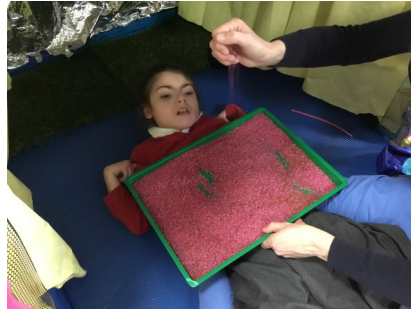
Hello my name is Louise Campbell, and I am the Preparation for Adulthood TA working with pupils in key stages 3 and 4 at Fox Wood School. Since September 2018 Fox Wood School has rolled out its new work experience accreditation for year 11 pupils. The pupils have undertaken internal and external work experience of various job roles out in the community with support from local businesses. The placements have been a great success and all year 11's have achieved their expected accreditation certificates.

### **OUTDOOR LEARNING AT FOX WOOD**

Outdoor learning continues to grow at Fox Wood as we strive to help our pupils gain from the benefits of learning outside the classroom. All areas of the curriculum can be enhanced by learning outside the classroom and a lot of our pupils can be even more engaged in their learning when outside. Before Easter, several staff attended an excellent training session at Green Lane about learning outside. As a result of this, an Outdoor Learning curriculum team has been set up and those staff will lead on promoting outdoor learning next year as well as organising a week of outdoor learning activities. In our Friday afternoon enrichment sessions this half-term, many have focussed on being outside including the following groups: Outdoor Art, the Nature Walk, Outside PE and Gardening,

## SMSC Week

Pupils enjoyed activities for our SMSC week. Our focus was on different faiths and we had lots of fun activities including a visit from a PAT dog, Indian dance workshop, cookery and sensory exploration, art work and music. We chose to study Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism.



## FUNctional Fox Wood!

As always, there has been a massive amount of FUNctional learning taking place across school with a substantial number of posts put on to the school's dedicated FUNctional skills blog; the majority of classes now featuring on the blog. Please have a look and feel free to post comments on any of the posts. We love to showcase the FUNctional learning that our pupils are doing and want to share this with you! All you need to do is type the link below into your browser and then enjoy scrolling through the posts. We hope that you enjoy the blog and visit regularly to see, and comment on, the latest updates.  
<http://functionalfoxwood.edublogs.org/>



**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.



As part of the PE provision offered at Fox Wood School, classes have had the opportunity to take part in PE in the Park. Pupils have enjoyed lots of different PE activities with their classmates including throwing, catching, colour sorting beanbags and parachute games. There have been lots of smiles and giggles from the pupils and staff. Pupils used symbols to say which activities they enjoyed and would like to do again. PE games are a great way to initiate peer to peer interaction through shared experiences, and the giggles certainly showed this.



We continue to work closely with Phill at The Puddle Project to create a truly Amazing Space that will be a wonderful haven and learning environment for our pupils. The project is still very much under construction with pupils having the occasional opportunity to check up on progress by visiting and inspiring the fantastic workers (from organisations such as The Environmental Agency) and seeing photos from the project. Pupils have also had some very important decisions to make. This week all pupils have had the opportunity to vote on names for the six chickens who have taken up residence at The Puddle – we have had a lot of fun with this, and are delighted to announce that the chickens have been named: Princess Layer, Fluffarella, Eggberta, Henrietta, Chicka Little and Tikkahontas!



Next stop – for a few of our pupils – is the United Utilities board room where they will have the opportunity to influence the design ideas for The Puddle's Sensory Garden – we can't wait to hear all about it and see the results!

