



Headteacher Newsletter

July 2019



Summer Fair 2019

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to support our Summer Fair.

It was, once again, an enormous success with pupils and students enjoying the varied activities and stalls. The visit by the Fire and Police services were especially well received.

After deducting all expenditure, we made an impressive £2,254 which is an amazing achievement.



Opening of the Junior Playground / RRSA Gold Event

Last Friday we held an event at the school to celebrate the opening of the Junior Playground and to mark our success in achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award. As well as parents/carers, we were also joined by The Mayor of Ramsgate who officially opened the playground, and benefactors who had contributed towards the playground.

The afternoon was a really nice event as we also had a steel band who played across the afternoon.



Once again, a huge thank you to everyone that helped us fund raise, build the playground, achieve the award or those who attended the event.

Back Field Project

Many of you will notice that I had stopped providing updates regarding the back field. This is due to the project going very quiet and therefore us having very little to report. However, I can now inform you that the project is proceeding at pace and we should start seeing some movement on the field within the next few months.

This project is very much long term; there will be no immediate completion of the field as obviously the grass will need to grow and plants will need to embed. I am however pleased that within the next year or so we should be able to start using the field for Forest School, horticulture and outdoor sport.

There will be some additional money needing to be raised in order to install the pavilion we had planned though we see this as a challenge. More on this as we have it.

Kent Literacy Awards 2019

In the last Newsletter I reported that Foreland Fields Makaton Signing Choir had been nominated for, and had won, an award at the Kent Literacy Awards 2019!

The signing choir were nominated as an example of a school-based initiative that makes a real difference to our students. The choir meets every week to share new signs and songs and is made up of pupils and staff from Nursery through to the Sixth Form. The choir regularly shares its talents and enthusiasm at school events, assemblies and at the bandstand for Dickens Festival.



The school collected the award for “Best initiative to encourage Speaking & Listening in the Thanet Area” at an exciting ceremony in Sittingbourne on Wednesday 10th July.

Nikki Gray and Fran Raven went to the awards ceremony to collect the award, however they were presently surprised when, at the end of the event, we were also presented with an additional award “Overall best initiative to encourage speaking and listening skills” from all of the Kent Primary, Secondary & Special schools who entered. We were also given a set of books and magazines for our school library from one of the sponsors.

School Dinners



After the summer break, the cost of school dinners is rising from £2.20 to £2.40 per meal. This is the first rise in many years.

Payment can be made in cash on a weekly or termly basis. Cheques will also be accepted for payment. Please ensure any money sent in with your child is placed in an envelope and is clearly labelled.

Hartsdown

Many of you will know that over the past year, Hartsdown Academy has been undergoing substantial building work. This work is due to continue over the coming year.

I recently met with the Headteacher at Hartsdown, Matthew Tate, and we agreed that we will continue with the current arrangements for the next year.

This means that our students attending classes at Hartsdown will continue to travel to Hartsdown for specific lessons and travel back to Foreland Fields School afterwards. The base class at Hartsdown Academy will not be used.

Plans are that the building work should be completed in time for us to once again use the base class, which will undergo redecoration, in September 2020.

Curriculum

We are in the process of making changes to our curriculum. From September 2019 Ofsted will be focussing on the 'Quality of Education' with 3 sub-categories; Intent, Implementation and Impact (the 3 i's).

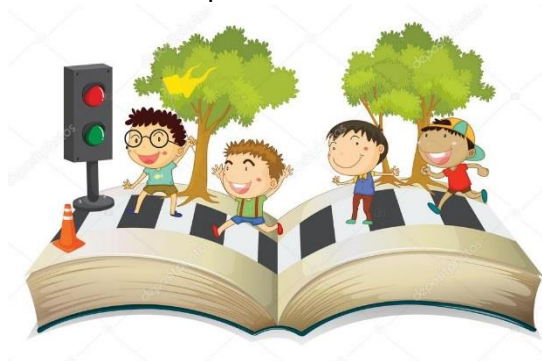
The new curriculum is being designed around the needs of the pupils/students and will have appropriate pathways for learners of all abilities.

The new curriculum will be rolled-out over the next few years. We will be holding meetings for parents/carers as appropriate to discuss any changes to their child's curriculum and how they can support the learning of their children at home.



School Crossing

Over the summer holiday we will be installing another zebra crossing in order to create an additional safe place to cross from the car park to the Infant entrance.



Can I please ask that parents/carers use the crossings when on the school grounds as our pupils/students are looking at us adults to set an example.

Once again, could I also ask that parents/carers do not enter the secondary entrance via the road. Again, this gives a message to our pupils/students that this is a safe place of entry/exit, when in actual fact they risk being hit by vehicles entering the school grounds.

Key Stage 4 - Uniform

A reminder that students within Key Stage 4 should be wearing school uniform. Only our pupils in Years 12, 13 and 14 are exempt from wearing uniform. Should any parent/carer wish to discuss this, please contact Katie Malloy, Leader of Learning for our Upper School.

Uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate.

Moving House



If you are planning on moving home during the school holidays, and are in receipt of school transport, please contact homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk or telephone 03000 416777. Please also inform the school as soon as possible. During the holidays we can be contacted via foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk. This email address will be monitored regularly throughout the

holiday and urgent emails distributed to the intended recipient.

Contact Details

Should any contact details change, including new mobile phone details, please ensure you inform the school office after the break in order that our records are kept up to date. Schools are required, where reasonably possible, to have more than one emergency contact number for pupils/students so please ensure that the school have these details.

Goodbye



At this time of year, we inevitably lose staff who retire or decide to move to pastures new. I would like to wish a fond farewell to Sue Finnerty who works front of house in our office. Sue will be retiring at the end of this term. She has worked at the school for a number of years and we all wish her a long and happy retirement. We are also losing Tania Lawrence from our office who is moving to a job closer to home.

Neil Fletcher, who has been working in our Junior Department, is once again leaving us at the end of term. I would like to wish Neil the best of luck in his new role at Stone Bay School though I know we will see him again.

New Staff

After the break we will be welcoming two new teachers to the school, Grace Barker and Charlotte-Rose McGregor, who will both be working in the lower school.

We have some new Teaching Assistants starting with us in September; Katie Elliott, Harry Beech and Louise Grimshaw.

Hello!

Amanda Aby and Elizabeth McMillan will be joining our admin team after the break.

We also have Chloe Price and Kerri Smith joining us as Midday Meal Supervisors.

Year 14 Graduation

The graduation of our Year 14 leavers was held on Thursday 18th July. We gave them a proper send-off including them being applauded into the school, via the red carpet, by their school friends. It was quite an emotional event as many of the students had been with us for a number of years.

For the first time we held a 'Class of 2019' prom which was held in the evening at the school. The prom was enjoyed by all students and was a fitting goodbye to our Year 14 leavers.

We would like to wish Byron, Rebecca, Tom, Robert, Natasha, Sam, Mary-Jane, Penny and Poppy all the best for the future and we hope that they come back and see us to let us know how they are getting on.

School Leavers

In addition to our Year 14 leavers, we would like to say goodbye to Leyton, Grace, Archie, Junior and Luke who are all leaving at the end of this year. We wish them all good luck in their new school.

Fundraising

A Report from The Funding Development Officer – Hilary Plowman

Junior Playground



WOW – our junior playground is now finally installed and looking fantastic!

We had the official opening ceremony on Friday 19th July. The new Mayor of Ramsgate was in attendance, as well as representatives from our major donors, and others who have helped us raise the

money to install this wonderful playground.

New Fundraising Project to start

We are fortunate enough to have our own hydrotherapy pool - a truly beneficial asset. We are now about to start fundraising so that we can purchase, and install, special sensory audio and lighting equipment, the addition of which can increase the advantages of sessions dramatically.



Our new campaign will start in earnest over the summer and we will be looking to raise £14,500 to complete the project.

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to put forward, or if you work for a company that can match-fund, please get in touch with me on 01843 268992 or email: fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk

How about a sponsored swim for all you mermaids and Neptunes?

It is a wonderful part of my job to be able to say 'Thank You' to so many generous people and businesses that support Foreland Fields. This term I would especially like to thank the following:



The Southwood Club, Ramsgate

The Southwood Club in Ramsgate kindly agreed to be a major sponsor of our summer fair. Through their generosity we were able to book some fantastic entertainment for the children, and adults, to enjoy.

The Southwood Club is the official club house at Ramsgate football stadium and is run by one of our passenger assistants – Steve. Not only does the club offer weekly events that are open to all, it is also available for private hire. For more information please contact Thesouthwood@ramsgate-fc.co.uk or phone 07977453775

Airport Connections

We are very fortunate to have such a good relationship with Airport Connections and they continually strive to provide safe and friendly transport for our children.

We are extra grateful to them this month as they also agreed to sponsor some of our entertainment at the summer fair.

Thank you Airport Connections.



The Schoolwear Centre



The Schoolwear Centre in Margate have supported us in many ways over the years and we are truly grateful for all their support. This summer, on 21st August, they will be holding a fundraising 'Disney Princess' day in aid of Foreland Fields School. Shop staff will be dressed up for the day and there will be fun and entertainment as well as the perfect opportunity to purchase new uniform for the coming year.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2019/20

- **Start of Term 1: Wednesday 4th September 2019**
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019 are Staff Training Days and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.
- **End of Term 1: Friday 18th October 2019 @ 2.45pm**
- **Start of Term 2: Tuesday 29th October 2019.**
Monday 28th October is a Staff Training Day and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.
- **End of Term 2: Wednesday 18th December 2019 @ 1.35pm**

I hope you all have a good summer break. We all look forward to seeing pupils and students back in school on Wednesday 4th September.



Adrian