



Headteacher Newsletter - October 2019

Fireworks

Tickets for our Firework Display on Wednesday 6th November have just gone on sale. Please be aware that we will only permit entry to those who have purchased a ticket prior to the event.



Admittance this year is through the secondary entrance. Could we please ask that everyone arrive promptly as doors will be shut at 6.30pm in order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the display.

Please note, Foreland Fields School is a no smoking site. Dogs will not be admitted to the event.

Should the event need to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, we will notify people on the day and/or through our website.

The use of sparklers or any other kind of personal firework is not permitted on the site so please do not bring them with you to the event.



Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday is the 10 November 2019. Many people wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those who have given their lives for their country. Poppies are used as a symbol of remembrance due to them growing on the battlefields after World War One ended.

We will be selling poppies in school after the break.

Should your child wish to have a poppy please send money into school with them.

Parking

Could I please ask that parents/carers do not park within the farm track to the left of the school building. The track has been blocked on multiple occasions and this gateway is in constant use by the farmer and others who require access to the track.

Parking for parents/carers is available either outside the school or to the right of the staff car park.



School Uniform



Could I please ask parents to ensure that their child attends school in full uniform. We fully appreciate that some children will only tolerate jogging bottoms or shorts or require other variations, which we are always happy to accommodate, however other than our 6th Form or First Leap Nursery pupils, all others should be wearing school uniform.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked.

Uniform can be purchased from the National Schoolwear Centre in Margate. We do have some items which have been donated to school, so should you wish to look through these, or have any concerns about uniform, please speak to Sharon Bremner, our Family Liaison Officer.

Illness

Many of our pupils and students are vulnerable to infections which can spread quickly at this time of year. Remember, your child should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness or diarrhoea.

Details from Public Health England about infectious diseases and exclusion periods can be found on the school website or through the following link:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

Staff Training Day

Please remember that Monday 28th October is a Staff Training Day and school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.



Magnetic Calendars

You should all have received a magnetic calendar showing the dates for this school year. If you have yet to receive one, please inform the main office who will arrange to have a calendar sent home to you.



Christmas Carol Concert

This year there will be no evening performance of the Secondary/6th Form Christmas production. This is due to many students being unable to return in the evening. In its place we are hoping to organise a Carol Concert, (weather permitting) to be held in the school garden. We are hopeful that The Salvation Army Band may come along

to play at the concert. More news on this as we have it.

Absence/Lateness

Could I ask that all parents/carers ensure they phone into the main office at 8.00am to report a child's absence.

School times are 8.45am (gates open at 8.35am) until 2.45pm.

In the event that a child is late for school, they need to be brought to the main reception where classroom staff will be contacted to collect the child. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that the class team know in advance.

It is important that every effort is made to ensure pupils arrive on time in order that they are prepared for the school day.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be holding our end of year Christmas Assembly. It will also be Christmas Jumper Day where we will all be wearing our festive knitwear. Please do come along to the assembly and support us by wearing your own Christmas jumpers.





News from our Funding Development Officer – Hilary Plowman

Give as You Live



Foreland Fields Charity has signed-up with the 'Give as you live' website.

This is a really easy way to raise funds for the school while shopping online. The website is secure and will direct you to your chosen outlets own website. Just shop as normal and the outlet will donate a percentage of the total cost to the school. The school does not get to see who buys what and for how much, we are only told how many supporters we have and how much has been raised.

Join up at: <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/foreland-fields-charity>

Blanket Raffle

June, our fundraising supporting Pearly Queen, has very kindly crafted this crocheted bed throw and is raffling it off to help us raise funds. Tickets are available directly from me at a cost of £1 for 5 tickets. They will be sold until the Christmas Fair with the draw taking place at the fair.

Please come and speak to me in the office or phone me on 01843 268992 if you, or anyone you know, would like to purchase tickets.

Foreland Fields School Extra Raffle
Hand crocheted single bed size throw 90cm (37) x 190cm (75)
£1 for 5 tickets.
Draw to take place at Christmas Fair at Foreland.



Aldi – Sports kits for schools



We have now received our posters for the 'Aldi's Kit for Schools' competition.

We need to fill a poster with 300 different stickers. Once the poster is complete, Aldi will send out a school sports kit and we will also be entered into a draw for a chance to win £20,000.

Each time you spend £30 at Aldi they will give you a sticker to add to the poster. The stickers will be available until 3rd November.

We have already received some stickers so are on our way to completing the first poster (we have 2!).

Please ask all family members, friends, neighbours etc. to collect the stickers for us so that we can fill our posters, receive a sports kit and enter the prize draw.



Thank you

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 School. This term I would especially like to thank the following:

St. Marks Thursday Fellowship Group

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting the ladies from the St. Marks' fellowship group. Over the past year they have been raising funds for the school and I was presented with a cheque for £332. They have asked that this money goes towards our Sensory audio and lighting project for our Hydrotherapy pool.

Big Blean Walk



Back in May, one of our pupils, Jack, took on the challenge of the 'Big Blean Walk', a 25-mile circular walk through Blean woods. He completed the task with his Grandad over 2 days, camping overnight in the woods.

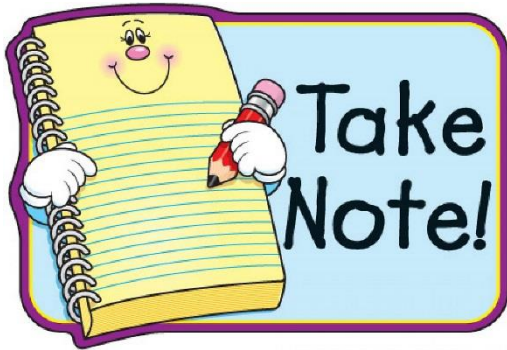
This was a sponsored walk and Jack managed to raise an incredible £320 for the school.

Well done Jack and thank you for supporting the school in this amazing way.

If you would like to support our school by fundraising or work for a business that can support the school, please feel free to get in touch with me by phone – 01843 268992, or email – fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary



Monday 28th October 2019 - Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6th November 2019 - Fireworks Display –
Doors Open @ 6.00pm
Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Assembly @
10am and Christmas Jumper Day.
Wednesday 18th December 2019 - End of Term 2
Monday 6th January 2020 - Start of Term 3

I hope you all have a great October break and I look forward to seeing all pupils and students back on Tuesday 29th October 2019.

Adrian