



**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2024

Let's Do Something Funny for Money!

We will once again be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday March 15th.



We will be thinking of creative ways we can get the pupils and students involved in the fun – and once again this will result in one of our senior leaders getting a gunging from our students.

Red noses for this year are made from 70% Sugarcane and 30% Wood Pulp. There are 3 fun characters to collect as well as a 1 in 166 chance to get your hands on a super limited edition Rare 'Gold' Nose!

Art Exhibition



One of our 6th Form students Nessie, is currently exhibiting/selling some artwork in a local exhibition based at the Pie Factory Gallery in Margate. The exhibition runs from 28th January – 12th February. Please see the flyer for more details.

We are all very proud of Nessie and her achievements. Below is a taster of some of her exceptional work.





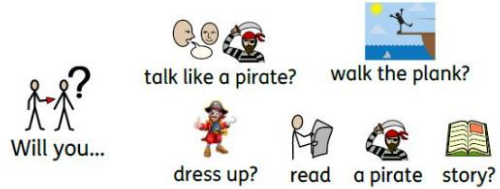
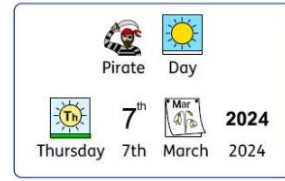
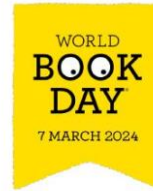
World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

The World Book Day books have been donated again by "The Classroom" in Westgate and will be available for students to choose during the week.

This year we will be having a themed **Pirate Day** with lots of activities and a whole school assembly.

Pirate dress up is welcomed for students and staff! Stripy tops, pirate hats etc.... beards optional!




**What's next?
Come and plan your future!**

Wednesday 15th May 2024

from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Foreland Fields School
Newlands Lane
Ramsgate, CT12 6RH

For Young People
14 + Years

Start to build your future after school by speaking to local providers about the support and resources available in your area!

Light refreshments available



What's Next – Transition Event

We have planned this year's transition event for parents/carers and young people to explore post-school options. The event will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in the school hall at Foreland Fields School. This year's event has been jointly organised by both Foreland Fields School and Stone Bay School.

This event is an opportunity to look at post-school options by meeting with a range of providers and identifying support and resources available in the local area.

This event is open to parents/carers of students aged 14 and above. More details to follow.

For more information contact Sharon Bremner at the school office or via email: sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk



Arrangements for the Beginning and End of the School Day



A reminder that Foreland Fields School has a one-way system in place for vehicles, entering from the far end of the school and exiting near the main gates. Can we please ask that parents/carers do not exit the car park via the far end of the school as this could lead to an accident.

It has been observed that parents/carers are walking across the car parks when dropping off or collecting their children. Please can we ask that pathways and zebra crossings are used at all times to ensure the safety of our pupils/students (and parents/carers).



Outside the front of the school are a number of disabled parking bays. These spaces, which are clearly marked as disabled bays, have dropped kerbs and are wider to accommodate vehicles with tail/side lifts.

They are intended to be used by parents/carers of children who require the use of a wheelchair. Could we please ask any parents/carers whose child

does not use a wheelchair not to park in these bays in order to ensure all children can enter and exit school with ease.

Playground Opening During the February Half-Term Break

Over the week we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our infant and junior departments.

Playgrounds will be open between 9am and 12pm on Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February.



The infant playground should be used by pupils in Year R/KS1 (Year 2 and under). The junior playground should be used by pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and over). Siblings who do not attend the school are also welcome to attend.

Parents/carers should enter through the KS1/nursery entrance. Those using the junior playground should follow the pathways which go past the infant classes, round to the junior playground.

A staff member will be on hand however, parents/carers are responsible for the supervision and support of their own children. Whilst we will have toilets for children to use, we are unable to provide any drinks or snacks. If any parent/carer would like to bring anything with them, they are more than welcome.

Should any of these dates change, or there be a need to cancel any sessions, we will post a message on ClassDojo.



School Uniform

A reminder that all pupils/students, other than our 6th Form students and Key Stage 4 college attendees, should come to school dressed in school uniform.



We understand that some variation is helpful in order to meet certain pupil needs, e.g. jogging bottoms rather than traditional school trousers and plain white polo shirts for those who require frequent changes. Official uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Margate (01843 293555) however, we are happy for pupils/students to wear items of the same colour that do not contain the school logo. We ask that parents name all clothing.

Children of all ages need a basic PE kit and pupils may need clothing for more specific activities from time to time, e.g. waterproof jackets and wellington boots for Forest School.

The school carries a number of second-hand clothing items which can be purchased at very low cost. Please contact our Family Liaison Officer Sharon Bremner for further details sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Pupils who attend our Garlinge or Hartsdown satellite classes must wear the uniform of the school they attend.

Holidays in Term Time

As we approach the warmer weather some of us will be thinking of planning a summer holiday. Parents/carers are required to get permission from the Headteacher to take a child out of school during term time.



This can only be done if:

- An application is made to the Headteacher in advance.
- There are exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances could include:

- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.
- Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of the above.

Please note, evidence will be required in each case. It is the decision of the Headteacher how many days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.



Health Update

A reminder to all parents/carers to contact the health team via the main office if your child's Health Care Plan needs updating.



If your child's medication has changed, please request either a short-term medication form (for things like antibiotics) or a change of long-term medication form (for things like seizure control medication) and return this to the health team. If you need a form, please request this via your class team and these can be sent home in Home/School Contact Books.



Pupils/Students Return for Term 4 on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

Please note – Monday 19th February 2024 is a Staff Training Day and school is therefore closed to all pupils and students.

National Careers Week: 4th – 8th March

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

Comic Relief: Friday 15th March

World Down Syndrome Day: Thursday 21st March

Easter Assembly: Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term 4: Thursday 28th March.

Foreland Fields Charity

Update from our Director of Philanthropy, Diarmuid Molloy

The Hive is a first of its kind education, recreation and training facility for young people and adults with special education needs and disabilities.

We have built a low level, single storey, fully accessible pavilion that will enable the delivery of a community specialist training and learning hub, which will be situated behind Foreland Fields School. This centre will house an outdoor training facility, learning facilities such as an outdoor classroom, horticulture area, cycling track, forest school, football pitch/sports field and an art learning space. The pavilion includes hoists in the changing facilities, accessible toilets, a multi-purpose education, activity/training space and a training kitchen.



Kent Count Council has already provided funding towards this project, which has covered the cost of the development of the sports fields, linking roads, utilities, the forest school and horticulture centre. The funding for the building has also been raised and it has been installed. Phase 2 of the project is very close to being complete including the pathway system around the building. We as always, have many organisations to thank for donations towards this but this month a special thank you to: The John Ackroyd Charitable Trust, Green Hall Trust and all the amazing people at WW Martin.



We would also like to thank all involved in the 2000 trees that have now been planted - only 3000 more to go! Phase 3, which is both the outdoor facilities and the final fix on the building, will start on Monday 19th February. We still require any help, support or donations possible and have listed some of the requirements here, so if you know anyone that would be interested please get in touch! <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising/donate-via-justgiving/>

As always if you'd like to volunteer or have any links to businesses or local supporters (we especially need a cladding installer) who might be interested to help, I'd be delighted to chat to them and give them a tour, please contact Diarmuid Molloy: fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk or 07933686271.



Good Luck



Our Year R Teacher Rachel Pritchard, will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave on Friday 23rd February. We wish her all the best in the coming weeks and months with her new baby. We look forward to seeing her back with us at some point next year.



We hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing all pupils/students back with us on Tuesday 20th February.

Adrian