



# Term 5 Newsletter 2024

I find it hard to believe that we will soon be in the last term of the academic year. This year has just flown by!

Term 6 is always an exciting term with many events for the young people and their families. A full list of events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## Year 14 Graduation Ceremony

We are planning our Year 14 graduation for **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Families will be invited in to join us in celebration of our leavers, some of whom have been at the school for many years.

Full details of this event will be sent early in Term 6.



We are once again hoping to hold a Forelandbury Music Festival this summer.

This is very much still in the planning stages. If you or any of your family or friends are particularly musical, or know of anyone we could approach to come along and play for our young people, please get in touch with our

music lead, Sue Yardley by email: [suzanneyardley2@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:suzanneyardley2@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

We are hoping to open the event to parents/carers on one afternoon in order that they can join in the event with their child. More details to follow.

## Beginning and End of the School Day

A huge **Thank You** to all parents/carers for following the new arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day.

I am really impressed that everyone has started to walk into school using the zebra crossing and pathways and it is our opinion that these changes have made the beginning and end of school much safer.



## Summer Fair

We will be holding our Summer Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.



We are hoping (fingers crossed) to hold this year's event on the new Hive grounds behind the school. This will provide an opportunity for us to share this wonderful project with all of our young people, their families and friends.

We have a number of stalls and events planned for the day. This will include the ever-popular tombola and raffle. If you have any donations for our tombola/raffle, please send them into school. Please note, Foreland Fields School is a **nut free** school so please do not send in any item which may contain nuts or nut traces. Please note, we are not running a jumble stall so request that unused items should only be sent in as prizes.

Should any parent/carer know of any businesses that would be willing to donate prizes for our raffle, please contact Lynda Carr in the main office.

## Playground Opening During the Break

Once again we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our infant and junior departments.

The playgrounds will be open between 9am and 12pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

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 arrangements change, or should there be a need to cancel the session, we will post a message on ClassDojo.

## Reporting Absence

When a child is absent from school, parents/carers should phone into the school office by 9.00am on the first morning of absence and keep the school updated on a daily basis of any further absence. **Any absence not reported in this way has to be recorded as 'unauthorised'**. This is a safeguarding requirement in order that all parties know that children are safe and their whereabouts are known. In cases where a child's whereabouts are unknown, this could result in a visit from the Family Liaison Officer.



Can we remind parents/carers that absence should not be reported on ClassDojo, or through drivers/escorts.



## Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show

We have heard back from the Royal Academy of Arts regarding the work submitted for the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show. Unfortunately, none of the art work submitted was selected as a winner however, we thought that each piece was deserving of recognition. Each of the pupils/students will be receiving a certificate from the Royal Academy noting their participation in the competition.

## Communication

Over the past 7 years we have been working alongside The Balanced System to gain and maintain our "Centre of Excellence for Communication" Award. This award recognises our commitment to supporting Communication in our school setting and beyond.

As a result of this project we recognised that a fully co-ordinated approach is the way forward - I am excited to be able to develop this new full-time role to enable and support everyone to develop communication at Foreland Fields.

I have an overview of all matters related to Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), including how these needs are best met within our curriculum pathways. This includes developing Literacy and a love for reading.



I work closely with our staff team, parents/carers, our link NHS S&LT provision and the KMCAT Team to ensure a 'total communication' approach is available across the school and our satellite provisions.

I am also a Regional Makaton tutor providing training both in-house and in the local community. The highlight of my week is leading the school signing choir sessions for students and staff.

We have a sign of the week in school and are currently developing special booklets of signs for our off-site activities.

### Nikki Gray

**Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) Lead Teacher**

### Next Event for Families – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (am)

Summer Term Communication workshop for parents and carers.

We will look at signs and symbols to support during the summer holidays. It is always a great chance to link with other families, eat biscuits and learn some new signs.

Everyone welcome 😊





## Fundraising Update - The Hive

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



The building is now complete, the storage containers onsite, 600 Metres of high-quality resin-topped track is down and 4000 trees planted!



While it has had some users already we plan on fully opening after half term!

We as always have many organisations to thank for donations towards this but this month a special thank you to the Edward Gostling Foundation for their generous donation which has allowed us to complete the large building aspects project including cladding, which has been masterfully completed by the amazing Luke

Cubbage and his team.

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! <https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising/donate-via-justgiving/>



We also still require smaller items which are listed on our Amazon charity page here: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/OVKX508BLXIW?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/OVKX508BLXIW?ref_=wl_share)

As always, if you'd like to volunteer or have any links to businesses or local supporters ( we especially are looking for a business to sponsor us this year!) I'd be delighted to chat to them and give them a tour.

Please contact me (Diarmuid Molloy) [fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk) or 07933686271

## Emergency Contacts

It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student. Could you please ensure you provide at least one, but preferably two, additional emergency contact numbers for your child and ensure that these numbers are current.

**EMERGENCY**



**CONTACTS**

## Dates for your Diary – Term 6 2024

- World Environment Day: Wednesday 5th June
- School Diversity Week: 24th – 28th June
- Sports Days:
  - **Explorers Pathway:** Tuesday 25th June @ 10am (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Tuesday 2nd July)
  - **Adventurers Pathway:** Tuesday 25th June 2024 @ 1:30pm (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Tuesday 2nd July)
  - **Primary Discoverers Pathway:** Wednesday 26th June @ 1:30pm (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Wednesday 3rd July)
  - **Secondary Discoverers Pathway:** Wednesday 26th June @ 1:30pm (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Wednesday 3rd July)
  - **Foundation Pathway:** Tuesday 25th June @ 1:30pm – secondary field (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Tuesday 2nd July)
  - **Pioneers Pathway:** Friday 28th June @ 10am (reserve date in case of initial date being cancelled - Friday 5th July)
- Transition Open Afternoon: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July (further details to follow)
- Summer Fair: Friday 12th July @ 12.30pm
- Forelandbury Events: Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July (further details to follow)
- Graduation Ceremony: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (further details to follow)



Have a good half-term break, and we look forward to seeing all pupils and students back with us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

*Adrian*