Fordham CE Primary School

13th April 2026

It take a whole community to raise a child, striving for excellence together

A note from Miss. Rankin

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you all have had a lovely Easter break and managed to spend some quality time with your families.

Now we are in the summer term, we are hoping for some continuous good weather. EYFS pupils lunch breaks will now be from 11.45am until 12.45pm and will share their break with the rest of KS1. We are hoping that the weather will allow the children the run of the field, so when that happens, Year 2 pupils will join KS2 in the main playground.

Please take a moment to check the diary dates for key events taking place this term, subject to change. Additional dates will be added, so please keep checking back regularly.

Y3 Class Assembly:
The Year 3 Class assembly is on Thursday 16th April starting at 9.15am. We welcome parents/carers. Please enter via the school office. Thank you.

Parent Reading Volunteers:
We are looking for parent volunteers to support children with reading. If you can spare an hour or more a week, you could make a real difference, with your support helping to build confidence and a love of reading. Please contact the school office if you are interested or for more information. Thank you.

Help your child stay safe online: https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/

Our next **Fordham Smartphone Free Network meeting** is on Wednesday 22nd April at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet with a group of like-minded people to discuss how we can support our children in this digital age. There will be a short video shown followed by discussion with light refreshments. Please enter school via the school office. So that we get an idea of numbers, it would be helpful if you could email the school office to inform us if you wish to attend. Thank you.

Join the supportive Fordham Primary School SFC WhatsApp group:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/JmfasSKm4MdGgoXSLOLws6
All opinions are valued and accepted but we ask for respect and kindness.

Science Fair:
The Science Fair is open to every year group. This year, the Science week theme was 'Curiosity: what's your question?' so if your child would like to link it to this they can, however, we encourage any scientific enquiry. There are many ideas for different projects and experiments available on the internet. We hope that parents/carers will work with their children to complete the project. If the project is something that can be easily and safely transported into school, then children are invited to bring their projects into school on the morning of Monday 20th April. If this is not the case, then children are invited to create and bring in a large poster containing photos and information about their project.
During the fair, children will need to stand with their entry and then they will be able to take their entry home at 4pm. Parents/carers are responsible for their children during the fair. If children who attend after-school club would like to take part, Mrs. Reeves will escort them over to the pre-school at 4pm but parents/carers are responsible for telling after-school club that this will be happening. If you have any questions, please email the school office for the attention of Mrs. Reeves.

Our Guinea pigs:
Our 'boys,' 'Shadow' and 'Sonic' are in need of some weekend foster carers during the Summer Term. We know the pleasure that they give to the children when taking them home and for you, knowing you can bring them back. Please let the office know if you would like them for a weekend. Thank you.

Year 4 Biscuit Sale:
A huge well done to the Year 4 team. The children used amazing entrepreneurial skills in designing, making and selling biscuits as part of their Design Technology unit. It was great to see the sales techniques – some super persuasion. They raised over £150 towards their trip to Botanical Gardens, helping to keep the costs of the visit down.

Parent Governor Elections:
A Parent Governor vacancy has become available. If you are interested, please contact Jo Wells, Clerk to Governors.

Diary Dates

13th April - Return to School
16th April - Y3 Class Assembly
17th April - Class photographs
20th April - Science Fair 3.30-4.00pm
22nd April - Smartphone Free Network Meeting - 2.30pm in school
22nd April - 5pm Y6 SATs and Residential meeting on TEAMS. A link will be sent.
23rd April - Y2 Class Assembly 9.15am
30th April - Y5 Class Assembly 9.15am & Y5 Forest School
4th May - MAY DAY - no school
6th May - SEND coffee afternoon 9.15-10.30
7th May - Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am
8th May - Y5 visit
11th May - GPS SATs
12th May - Reading SATS
13th May - Maths Paper 1 and 2 SATS
13th May - Y3 Forest School
14th May - Maths Paper 3 SATs
15th May - Y2 Forest School
19th May - Y1 Forest School
21st May - Y4 Forest School
21st May - Y5 trip
21st May - Young Musician showcase 9.05 *invite only
22nd May - PD Day - no school

~ Half Term ~

1st June - Return to School
1st June - IEP Meetings 3.20pm *more information to follow
Week beg. 1st June and 8th June: Y4 Multiplication Check
3rd June - KS2 Sports Day (morning)
3rd June - IEP Meetings 3.20pm *more information to follow
Week Beg. 8th June: Year 1 Phonics check
8th June - Y4 Botanic Garden visit
11th June - KS1 Sports Day (morning)
11th June - PTFA School Disco
15th - 17th June - Y6 Residential
16th June - Y4 Forest School
18th June - Early Years trip to South Angle Farm
18th June - Y6 Forest School
19th June - Provisional back up KS1 Sports Day (morning)
23rd June - Y5 Forest School
24th June - Early Years *New starters evening 6-7.30pm
25th June - Provisional back up KS2 Sports Day (morning)
26th June - Y2 Forest School
8th July - Y6 Production 2pm and 5.30pm
10th July - Y2 African Day
11th July - PTFA Summer Fair
14th July - Y1 & Y5 Forest School, Y6 Fair 3.20pm & End of Year Reports out
15th July - Celebration afternoon 2.30pm-3.20pm *more information to follow
16th July - Y6 Forest School and Y6 Leavers' Disco - more information to follow
17th July - Last Day of Term
17th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
20th July - Disaggregated day - no school

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Staffing:
We said goodbye to Mrs. T. Bradshaw at the end of last term and wished her well on her retirement. To support in the office going forward, we welcome Mrs. L. Dennis as School Business Manager. She will be located in the school office every day.

Year 6 SATs and Residential Information Meeting:
This will take place on TEAMS on Wednesday 22nd April at 5pm. Please make sure that you have downloaded the TEAMS app before the meeting. A link to join will be sent to parents via Arbor. Thank you.

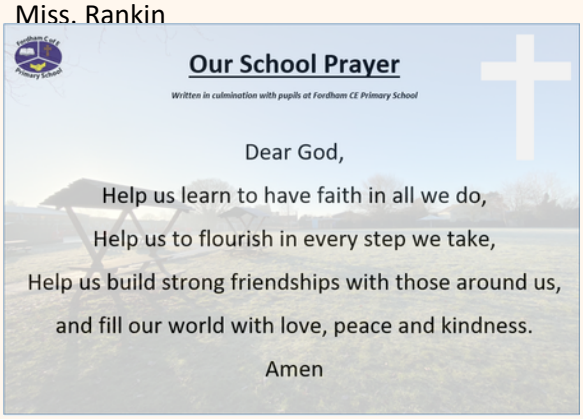
Donations:
In order to do our bit for sustainability and helping the environment, we have recently received a donation of a washing machine to help us to avoid wasting paper towels especially for spillages. However, we have limited towels or tea towels and would appreciate any donations of old tea towels you may be getting rid of.

Staff Car Park and Car Park Permits:
Staff will have had a Car Park Permit provided to them by the end of this week and will be displaying them in their windscreens. If you have had permission to park in the school car park, please speak to the office for your permit. We are kindly reminding you that unless you have a permit, you will not be allowed to drop off/collect or park in the school premises, even for five minutes. We understand the inconvenience it causes however health and safety are key. We are lucky to be able to use the parking facilities at the church and at Victoria Park. We cannot open the gates at the bottom of the field earlier than 8.30am due to ensuring our grounds are secure. Pupils should not be left unattended on the school grounds before 8.40am, when the doors to the school are opened, and thus the children are supervised by school staff.
Please be aware that the expectation of not using the car park to drop off or pick up also relates to those who use the wraparound provision both before school and after school and the pre-school provision. A note of your car registration will be recorded and a formal letter will be provided. The school takes site safety seriously.

PTFA:
This term is particularly busy for the PTFA. They have a number of things planned to raise money for our school which all benefits our children. They have a meeting this week on Tuesday 14th April. If you would like further information on how you can help out speak with Mrs. Warwick, in our school office or the Chair, Mrs. Hopkins who you can often find dropping off her children in the morning before school.
Some upcoming events include:

- Thursday 11th June – School Disco
- Saturday 11th July – School Fair

A huge thank you also to The Crown for donating £100 to our PTFA. What a wonderful gesture from our neighbours.

Tesco Grants Programme Blue Tokens:
We recently have been successful in our application from Tuesday 28th April to vote using the blue tokens for resources for our Y1 Outdoor Learning Space which desperately needs some innovation.

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