Fordham CE Primary School

Monday 1st June

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

A note from Miss. Rankin

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. The summer term is always a special one in the school calendar with many special events planned including sports events, trips, outdoor learning, celebrations and creative projects and we hope you are ready for what continues to be a busy, exciting and fun-filled term ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support - it makes a huge difference to the children's success and enjoyment at school.

Congratulations:
A huge well done to the Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs before half term in a mature, dedicated manner. They are now working on their writing assessments before going on their residential visit in two weeks time.

Thank you:
A special thank you to Dexter and his family for donating some much needed gluesticks. We appreciate any donations.

Litter Picking:
Well done to Mrs Archer and the Eco-Committee team for their efforts in cleaning the school field and Fordham Recreation Field. They collected two large bags of litter! Thank you also to Jeremy Pattison, Fordham Parish Councillor, for supporting the litter pick.

Sports Day:
KS2 Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 3rd June. You will receive an email detailing the times and events for the morning. The first event will start at 9.30 and is expected to finish approximately 11.30am. Please note that **all** gates will be closed for registration between 9.00am and 9.15am. Gates for entry will then be via the Recreation Ground gate at the bottom of the field and the school side gate. Please note that the side gate will close promptly at 9.30am, after which all access will be via the bottom gate. The school side gate will reopen for exit only at the end of the last event. Adults will not be able to enter the school building apart from accessing the toilets which are located next to the small hall.
In the event of adverse weather, the reserve date is the 25th June (am). We will inform you by the end of the school day tomorrow.
A reminder that EYFS/KS1 sports day is on Thursday 11th June (am).

Vision:
As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring our school remains welcoming, inclusive and reflective of our whole community, we are currently reviewing our school vision statement.

Our existing vision, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*," has served us well and continues to hold deep meaning within our Christian foundation. However, as a Church school that warmly welcomes families of all faiths and those with none, we believe it is important that our vision clearly reflects the inclusive nature of our school community.

We have therefore begun exploring a range of possible new vision statements, rooted in our Christian values while being accessible and meaningful for everyone. We are aiming to launch our renewed vision in September.

We would greatly value your thoughts and feedback. Please take a few moments to complete the form using the link below:
https://form.jotform.com/261194073742053
Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us shape the future of our school.

Evacuation Drill:
This afternoon we carried out our termly fire drill. The children had been informed during collective worship, and we continue to priorise their safety at all times.

Staffing:
It is with much sadness that I announce that Miss. Moffat will be leaving us at the end of this term. Throughout her time at Fordham, she has been a valued member of the team, providing consistent support to both the children and the staff at Fordham. We are incredibly grateful for all that she has contributed during her time here and wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

However, I am also delighted to share some positive news with you. We are very pleased that Mrs. Bell will be continuing with us in a permanent teaching position from September. Mrs. Bell has already made a strong contribution to the school through her commitment, professionalism and the positive relationships she has built with both pupils and staff. We are thrilled that she will be remaining part of the Fordham team and continuing to develop her work within our school community.

In addition, I am very pleased to announce that Mrs. Lycett has been successful in securing the position of Assistant Headteacher for Safeguarding. This is a well-deserved appointment, and I am confident that Mrs. Lycett will continue to strengthen our already strong safeguarding culture across the school.

Have a lovely week. Miss. Rankin

Diary Dates

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)
25th June - Y1 trip to Banham Zoo
26th June - Y2 Forest School
1st July - Y3/Y4 and Young Musician performance* more information to follow
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

Forest School - Summer 2 Half Term

Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for Forest School. Open-toe shoes, sandals or crocs are not permitted. In hot weather, children should wear lightweight clothing; however, it is recommended that legs remain covered for safety.

Early Years: every Wednesday
Year 1: Tuesday 14th July
Year 2: Friday 26th June
Year 3: Wednesday 8th July
Year 4: Tuesday 16th June
Year 5: Tuesday 14th July
Year 6: Thursday 16th July

Smartphone Free Childhood

Zack George, known to children across the UK as Steel from Gladiators, has joined Smartphone Free Childhood as an ambassador.

To mark the announcement, Zack has released a short video speaking directly to children, built around a simple but powerful message: don't let your phone steal your power.

An energetic video to watch with children, whether they have a phone yet or not, as families navigate growing up in a digital world.

Why this matters to him?

"As a dad, I want kids growing up strong, confident, and fully present in their own lives. Too much phone use chips away at that.
I'm backing Smartphone Free Childhood because real power isn't built on a screen. It's built through effort, curiosity, and real-world connection.
All kids deserve the space to explore, build confidence, and discover who they are – and what they're capable of – in real life."

Watch here: https://youtu.be/nbVQGVATV4A

Join the movement here:
https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact