



Newsletter - October 2020

End of term...

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1! We have all had to adapt to new procedures and routines and we are very proud of how our school community has responded to the return to school. The term has been filled with learning, playing, smiles, International Day of Languages, class led worship and much more! We are looking forward to what Term 2 brings. We are doing our best to ensure that our annual school events go ahead but in a different form. We will continue to keep you informed of events as soon as possible.

As we end Term 1 and begin Term 2, it will be time to say goodbye to Mrs Willcox as she joins Moredon Primary School for her secondment. We will make sure that she gets a Forest & Sandridge goodbye and she will know that we will be thinking of her in her new challenges. We will all miss Mrs Willcox but she will be keeping in touch and will be looking forward to hearing all our news.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Wakeley in the school office. Mrs Wakeley has been at Forest & Sandridge for 15 years and she will be missed but we wish her luck in her new role within the Federation.

Have a lovely half term and we are looking forward to seeing you all in Term 2 on Monday 2nd November.

Ted and Trixie

With Mrs Willcox being on secondment from Monday 9th November, we will also be saying goodbye to Luna for the year. We know that many of the children have loved spending time with Luna and we know that there are many benefits to having a school dog. We are therefore thrilled to welcome Ted and Trixie to our school community.



This is Ted, he is Mrs Daysh's dog.



This is Trixie, she is Mrs Chappell's dog.

Ted and Trixie will be sharing their time in school and all children will get the opportunity to walk and read to them over the coming months. There will be more news on this very soon. Welcome Ted and Trixie!

Our worship theme for next term is... Courage

Next term, we will focus on courage in worship. The belief that God is with us in all situations has led to great acts of courage that included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear and standing up for what you know is right. The children will consider how important prayer in finding strength and courage.



Harvest – Thank you

We were delighted to have a little more normality in our yearly calendar with the celebration of Harvest. Although we couldn't all gather together, it was lovely to be able to share all our contributions across the school with each other and you. The children loved seeing their friends and siblings on the big screens in their classrooms and we hope you enjoyed this too.

Thank you for your generous donations for Melksham Foodbank. We are delighted to have helped this charity and local families in such difficult times.

Head lice

We have had several reports of head lice recently. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if eggs or lice are found. Even after treatment, regular combing and checking is needed to prevent the return of lice and eggs.

For more information, please use this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

COVID-19 information

A quick guide for parents/carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- a high temperature.** OR **a new continuous cough.** OR **a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.**
- This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature). This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual). This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. **Your child can attend school if fit to do so.**

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Whole household to self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result 	If test is negative and child is well enough, symptom free for 48 hours and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service.
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) -even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Household member with symptoms to book a test Whole household to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	When household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services
Somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days Inform school immediately about test result 	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace)-even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact' 	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days -even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>Travel reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

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News from across the school

We are very proud of our Seedlings, Apple and Cherry children for completing their very first term. What a busy term they have had, learning new routines and making new friends.

Next term EYFS are looking to 're-vamp' their outside learning areas. The staff wondered if anyone would be willing to help make a mud kitchen for Apple and Cherry's area. They are also in need of storage and anything else that you can spare if you have anything that you would be willing to give a new home! If you can help at all, please message your child's teacher on Dojo. Thank you in advance.

Lower School have had a very busy term getting stuck into lots of exciting learning. Year 1 have really enjoyed re-telling our story 'Peace at last' and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing where they have re-told part of the story. We are really impressed with the efforts they are putting into their writing. They have also used the story as a hook in the construction area building lots of different places for Mr Bear to sleep!

Year 2 have loved their science learning where they have been investigating the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene. They have been doing exciting experiments on how germs can spread so quickly and how we can keep ourselves safe from them.

In Middle School the children have all continued to enjoy their learning based on Roald Dahl stories. They have thought about to work as a team when reading The Twits, made dreamcatchers from The BFG and have been investigating teeth during science linked to James and the Giant Peach. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this term.

Across Upper school, the children were able to find out about Denmark via a live video link with a Danish lady called Kristine. In Year 5, the children have enjoyed the opportunities to learn outside, exploring classification and seed dispersal in Science and athletics and rounders in PE. It has been a busy term in Year 6 with Oak and Poplar leading on Class Worship. We hope you all enjoyed these worships and the children were happy they could share them with both children and parents.

Rags2Riches

It seems that everyone has had a huge clear out of all their old clothes and materials in their homes as Forest Friends are delighted to announce that as a school we have raised £497.64 in the recent collection.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a black bag of clothes. These funds will be used to provide the children with additional opportunities and resources that we as a school could not provide without the support of Forest Friends and you.

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