

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

We've finally made it to the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you all safe and sound at school on **Wednesday 24 April 2019**. The reason for the shorter Easter break is due to the fact that we had a two week October half term. For the next academic year, we will be returning to a more traditional pattern of school dates, which are available on the school website.

Some Staffing News

Mr Stuart Roberts, our Trust CEO has taken early retirement as of 30 April 2019. We wish him every happiness in his retirement and thank him for the support and commitment that he has given to Forest Academy for the past eight years. Ann Debono, who has been our Trust Improvement Partner since September 2018 and has worked with Forest Academy weekly since then, will be our interim CEO.

After the Easter holidays, I will be supporting West Thornton Primary Academy as Interim Executive Headteacher for three days a week until at least the end of the school year and possibly up until Christmas. I will be aiming to be at Forest every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. In my absence, Mrs Wray, our Associate Headteacher, will step up as Headteacher. It is a great opportunity for Forest Academy to share our best practice with another school.

Finally, Mrs Dennis has started her maternity leave this week. I would like to thank her on behalf of the staff and governors for her hard work and commitment to Forest, particularly around her leadership of Years 5 and 6. She is hoping to return after Christmas, all being well.

Learn and Lunch

Thank you all so much for attending our Learn and Lunches both yesterday and Tuesday. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and this is valued and much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Wray and the staff for their organisation of the days. Apologies for any misunderstanding over school age siblings attending, in future this will not happen and a reminder that we do provide a crèche for siblings.

Reminders

The use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school grounds. Please support us by putting your phones away when you are dropping off or collecting your children.

Happy Holidays,

Mr W Cooper

Principal



Coffee and Chat – from 2pm.



Come and have a catch up and a coffee in the Community room. Mrs White, Mrs Reid, (Place2Be) and other adults will be there. Put the dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you. The last session we held we had some great feedback and as a result are looking to hold some workshops for Parents. Please do come and give us your views on what's working and what we can improve on as well as anything else you wish to talk about. You don't have to stay for the whole session!

- 24th April 2019
- 22nd May 2019
- 26th June 2019



If your child is unwell and you have visited your GP who recommends that they refrain from school, please get this in writing from the doctor. Also please let the school office now, please don't leave messages with the class teachers/teaching assistants.

When calling the school please call before 2.30pm to inform us if someone different is collecting or who are not on the Pick-up forms.



Please pay for school dinners and trips on ParentPay. The school office can help you if you're not too sure on how to set it up. **NO CASH** to the office please.



We are able to administer medication here at school. **PLEASE** bring **ALL** medication to the school office as you will need to sign consent for us to do so.

What's on @

Boxpark – Croydon over Easter Holidays

Please see website for further details www.boxpark.co.uk/events/

Week 1

- *Mon 08-Fri 12 Apr / 12pm-5pm Kid's Table: Arts & Crafts*
- *Mon 08 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Lego Movie*
- *Tue 09/ 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Peter Rabbit*
- *Wed 10 / 11am Pizza Making Classes with Arancina - available here*
- *Wed 10 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Moana*
- *Wed 10 / 3pm Pizza Making Classes with Arancina - ticket only - available here*
- *Thu 11 Apr / 11:30am & 2pm Story Teller Corner (registration required)*

- *Thu 11 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Finding Dory*
- *Fri 12 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Sherlock Gnomes*
- *Sat 13 / 12pm-5pm Kid's Table: Arts & Crafts*
- *Sun 14 / 11pm-1am Raver Tots (ticket only - available here)*

Week 2 @ Boxpark – Croydon

- *Mon 15 / 11:30am & 2pm Story Telling Corner (registration required)*
- *Mon 15 - Fri 19 / 12pm-5pm Kid's Table: Arts & Crafts*
- *Mon 15 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Despicable Me*
- *Tue 16 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Wreck It Ralph 2*
- *Wed 15 / 3pm Pizza Making Classes with Arancina - ticket only - available here*
- *Wed 17 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Sing*
- *Wed 17 / 3pm Pizza Making Classes with Arancina - ticket only - available here*
- *Thu 18 / 11am & 2pm & 3pm DJ Classes with Croydon FM (ages 13-17)*
- *Thu 18 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Smallfoot*
- *Fri 19 / 3pm Kid's Club Movies: Incredibles 2*
- *Fri 19 / 10:30am-11:45am Boogie Monsters (ticket only - available here)*
- *Fri 19 / 12pm & 2pm & 3pm DJ Classes with Croydon FM (ages 13-17)*
- *Sat 20 / 12pm-5pm Kid's Table: Arts & Crafts*
- *Sun 21 / 10am Easter Movie: Hop*
- *Sun 21 / 12pm-5pm Kid's Table: Arts & Crafts*
- *Mon 22 / 11am & 2pm & 3pm DJ Classes with Croydon FM (ages 13-17)*

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A little closer to home is Shirley Library - 326 Wickham Rd, Croydon CR0 8BH, UK

The following free drop-in events for young children:

- Bookstart Rhymetime: Fridays 10am -10:30am (babies and toddlers)
- Fortnightly Saturday Craft Workshops for 4 years and over from 2:30pm - 4pm. Please contact the library for details of dates and topics
- Book Buddies: Enjoy stories, colouring and crafts. For children under 7. Every Monday, 4pm - 4:30pm



Thursday 11th April 2019 – End of Term for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Inset day – School Closed for pupils

Wednesday 24th April 2019 Children return after Easter break

1st May 2019 - Speech and Language drop in for parents 9am

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

9th May 2019 – Vision testing for Reception Classes

13th May 2019 – SATS Week for Year 6

17th May 2019 – Pine Class trip to Hampton Court

20th May 2019 – Year 6 Activity Week - Lloyd Park

21st May 2019 – Year 6 Activity Week - Ten Pin Bowling

22nd May 2019 – Year 6 Activity Week Frylands Woods Scout Outdoor Centre trip

23rd May 2019 – Year 6 Activity Week - Year 6 Forest School

24th May 2019 - Year 6 Activity Week - Year 6 Trip to Chessington Zoo

Friday 24th May 2019 – School Closes for half term break

Monday 3rd June 2019 – School Open after the half term break

Tuesday 4th June 2019 – Class Photo Day



Attendance



Monday 25th March 2019 – Thursday 11th April 2019

Holly class has made an amazing improvement – Well done and keep it up. Some classes have had a decrease, let's try and improve on this.

Acorns	86.41%	Gone Down - Serious Cause for concern
Ash	91.96%	Gone Down - Serious Cause for concern
Birch	93.75%	Gone Down - Cause for Concern
Cherry	99.52%	EXCELLENT Improvement
Chestnut	96.63%	EXCELLENT Improvement
Elm Class	94.54%	Gone Down - Cause for Concern
Lime Class	93.10	Improved – Keep it going in the right direction
Holly Class	92.03%	Gone Down - Cause for Concern
Oak Class	95.71%	Improved - Keep it up
Maple Class	93.98%	Gone Down - Cause for Concern
Pine Class	94.90%	Gone Down - Cause for Concern
Rowan Class	96.43%	Improved – Keep it going in the right direction
Willow Class	96.43%	Improved – Keep it going in the right direction



Year 6 topic for the summer term - Plastic solutions.

Year 5 topic for the summer term will be Animals, including humans and all living things. To help pupils with this topic they will be making local visits to the woods and Millers Pond to support their learning. Please ensure that you child wears the appropriate footwear on Fridays.

Year 4 topic for the summer term - Where is home? For the first half term followed by the Romans. Year 4 will be making use of the local areas especially for wildlife.

Year 3 topic for the summer term - Where is home? For the first half term followed by the Romans. Again year 4 will be making use of the Local areas especially for wildlife

Year 2 topic for the summer term - Why are there no Rainforests in Croydon? As part of this topic year 2 are hoping to have a trip to Battersea Park. They will also be looking at George's Marvellous Medicine and then they will move on to, What inspired Georgia O'Keefe? As part of this topic year 2 will hopefully visit Coombe Woods.

Year 1 topic for the summer term - Pond life animals. For this topic Year 1 will make a visit to Millers Pond.

Reception topic for the summer term - Minibeasts