

# FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 4

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a restful and safe half term break. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday morning.

We still have positive Covid cases within the school community. Please be vigilant and if you or your child display any of the 3 main symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste or smell) then please do not attend school and arrange a PCR test.

In addition, we are keeping windows open for ventilation, so we advise all children to bring an extra layer of clothing (jumper/gillet) now that we are in the colder months.

Mr Bridgewater



## TINA GOMER

Tina Gomer is offering an Aerobics and Body conditioning class on a Monday, at school, between 7pm-8pm.

Classes are £5.50 and there are payment packages available.

Tel: 07971711846

## A MESSAGE FROM STROUD FOOD BANK



We wanted to say a really big THANK YOU for your harvest donation this year. We have already collected over 5 tonnes of food and your donation of 110.2kg of food certainly contributed to that.

Prior to September our stock levels really ran low and we knew that we might have a busy winter ahead, so these Harvest collections really do help supplement the regular giving through supermarkets. So again, thank you!

Now that Harvest is almost packed away, our thoughts are turning towards Christmas. Should you wish to help in anyway all the information is on our website, including a poster and key dates and links <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/christmas/>

## FINNA & INDI FARMER

Finna and Indi both took part in their Gymnastics club competition last week at Severn Valley Gymnastics Club.

They managed a clean sweep coming home with 3 gold medals between them. Indi coming first in her group for individual sequence and Finna coming first in both her individual and acro pair routine.

Further to Indigo's success, she has been invited to join the Primary Elite Squad at Severn Valley Gymnastics Club.

Well done girls.



## STAFFING NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to report that two very valued and respected members of the Foxmoor community have made the momentous decision to take early retirement.

Mrs Draper has been an integral part of Foxmoor for the last 36 years. She started in 1985 as a newly qualified teacher and has seen the school through 3 head teachers and the fire that almost destroyed the building. She has been Head of Science, Year 2 teacher and Assistant Headteacher. She has taught multiple generations of the same family and has quietly supported many families throughout her time at the school. She has been a pivotal part of the school and I, personally, appreciated her support as I took on the role of Headteacher at Foxmoor. Mrs Draper will leave at Easter 2022.

Mrs Gittings, our librarian, has been at Foxmoor since September 2001 and will be leaving at Christmas 2021. During her 20 year tenure at Foxmoor she has encouraged and inspired children with their love of reading and ensured that reading is at the heart of the school. She has always been available to 'step into' any situation where she can assist and I know she will be missed enormously by both staff and children.

I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing both Mrs Draper and Mrs Gittings every happiness in their much-deserved retirements.

Following an interview process, prior to half-term, we have appointed Mr Smith to teach Mrs Draper's current class. To ensure a smooth transition, Mr Smith will join the school in January and will work alongside Mrs Draper and Mrs Bullingham, in the Year 2 class, for the Spring Term.

We have also made an appointment for our Year 6 vacancy. Miss Szescilo will join the school in January to teach alongside Mr Halsey and Miss Witts.

## Mary Poppins

Last term, Year 3 ended their Mary Poppins study with a themed day which included kite flying, chalk painting, learning songs from the film and dressing up as a character from the book.

Don't they look brilliant?



## Panto at the Sub Rooms...

A new production team have taken over the panto reigns at The Sub Rooms and promise a show that is bigger, better and more beautiful and beastly than ever before.

We have 14 shows of Beauty & The Beast between 22nd Dec - 1st Jan.

Here is this ticket link if you would like to take a look at tickets.

<https://thesubrooms.co.uk/whats-on/beauty-and-the-beast-231>



Jacob, Bethany and Rosie Smith were recently nominated and shortlisted for a national award organised by the Fostering Network. As part of the Fostering Excellence Awards 2021, they received an "Outstanding Contribution by Sons and Daughters" shortlist certificate in recognition of the support and compassion they showed to their foster siblings over the past year, helping them to settle in and feel safe and at home. We are so proud of you!

Any families interested in fostering can visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering)



## **The Longfield Reindeer Romp!**

The fundraising elves are already hard at work organising this fun and festive 5k walk, jog or run through Stratford Park. The park is a 56 acre Green Flag Award park just outside the centre of Stroud. Pop on your free antlers and join in with your friends, family, and even your dog! You'll be awarded a medal and hot chocolate at the finish line.

Additionally, you can choose to take part in the event virtually. Challenge yourself to a 5k route of your choice. We'll simply send out your event pack (including reindeer boppers, medal, and hot chocolate) to you via post.

The event takes place on 12th December between 10am and 12pm. We'd love to have you on board!

Simply sign up using this link <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/reindeer-romp/> and let us know if you'd like to sign up and pledge to raise sponsorship for the Reindeer Romp, or make a one-off donation. Any amount of sponsorship funds achieved is incredibly valued, and you can set up a fundraising page easily via JustGiving.

All funds raised from our Reindeer Romp will help us to continue our free care and support for patients, and their families and carers, 365 days a year.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current visits planned and some important dates. I hope you find it useful. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Autumn 2021	Term 2
1st November	Inset Day
2nd November	First day of Term 2 for children
5th November	Stroud High School Lesson for Year 5 at Foxmoor
8th November	Year 5 lesson at Stroud High School
9th November	Whole school photographs
15th November	PC Mark Weedon visit - Year 6
16th November	Parents evening via Teams
19th November	Children in Need day
23rd November	Parents' evening via Teams
24th November	Year 5 Festival of learning at Stroud High School
27th November	FOF Christmas Fayre
6th December	Nativity performance for grandparents and community at 1:30pm
7th December	Nativity performance for parents at 1:30pm
8th December	Nativity performance for parents at 6pm
14th December	Carol concert at St Matthews church at 1:30pm and 6pm
17th December	Last day of Term 2
Spring 2022	Term 3
4th January	First day of Term 3
18th February	Last day of Term 3

Spring 2022	Term 4
28th February	Inset Day
1st March	First day of Term 4 for children
16th March	Parents evening face-to-face
23rd March	Parents evening face-to-face
29th March	PC Mark Weddon visit - Year 6
8th April	Last day of Term 4
Summer 2022	Term 5
25th April	First day of Term 5
2nd May	May Day Dank Holiday
9th May	KS2 SATs week
23rd May	Year 5/6 BMX Day
24th May	Year 3/4 Skateboard day
26th May	Last day of Term 5
27th May	Inset Day
Summer 2022	Term 6
6th June	First day of Term 6
6th June	KS1 Phonics screening check week
22nd June	Sports Day
28th June	PC Mark Weedon visit - Year 6
21st July	Last day of Term 6