



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome all of the children back to school last week, they have settled in brilliantly. Thank you again for the support you gave if your child was remote learning. We have begun to assess the children since their return and I am delighted with the progress that they have made during lockdown. It is also evident that many children have been reading widely.

Over the coming weeks our focus will be on getting the children back into school routines, getting them enjoying learning and focusing on the core skills of reading, writing and maths. We will continue to keep the curriculum as broad as possible.

WORLD BOOK DAY RADIO INTERVIEW

Some of our Year 6 children were interviewed for BBC Radio Gloucestershire for World Book Day. Click the link below to access the recording.

http://www.foxmoorprimary.co.uk/download_file/view/442/318

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is Friday 19th March 2021. The Red Nose Day slogan is for 2021 is: 'Funny is POWER!' We are going to have a non-uniform day with an optional superhero theme. Children can dress up as a favourite superhero, turn themselves into a superhero, have a superhero accessory (such as a mask or a cloak) or just come in their own clothes if they prefer. If you would like to make a donation for the charity that would be appreciated but our focus is on having fun.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

We will hold virtual parent teacher consultations on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March. The purpose of these meetings will be a chance for you to find out from the class teacher how things are going and the targets that they are working on with your child/children. Please raise any other concerns through the usual channels so that the parent consultations can focus solely on current targets. I will let you know when the booking system goes live.

DIARY DATES

You will see that we have started to add events to the diary dates at the end of this newsletter. Whilst many of these will need to be confirmed nearer the time, we hope that as restrictions are slowly lifted we can get back to providing the children with the rich experiences that form an integral part of the Foxmoor curriculum.

COVID MARSHALLS

Stroud Council Covid Marshalls were seen outside the school on Wednesday last week. They will be checking that parents are maintaining 2m social distancing. Please be aware that they have powers to issue on the spot fines for anyone who they think is breaking Covid rules.

CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Can I remind parents that now all children are back in school the class email addresses will not be monitored. If you need to contact your child's teacher please use the yellow books, email admin@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk or ring the office to ask for the teacher to ring you.

FACEMASKS

I have been informed that a parent has contacted the local authority objecting to the fact that I have described wearing a facemask as mandatory when parents drop off and collect from outside of the school gates. Foxmoor Primary has an open door policy and I would have preferred the parent involved to have contacted me directly to discuss their objection.

Whilst I cannot insist that parents wear facemasks at the school gates, all evidence shows that they help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This is why they are mandatory in supermarkets. Facemasks are an important part of the school risk assessment. The risk assessment has been designed to include as many mitigating factors as possible in order to keep the entire school community safe. Many of these are not mandatory but are sensible precautions. This includes staff taking part in twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing. Despite this being an unpleasant process, the staff do this to reduce the risk to the children and their families. We all have to play our part in preventing the spread of Covid-19 within our school community. Therefore, I would appreciate your ongoing support with this vital safety measure.

WILD CLASSROOMS

If you are looking for extra things to do with your child/children, why not join Stroud Valleys Project's 'Seeable 60' wildlife spotting challenge? Its aim is to spot and photograph or draw sixty, familiar, often overlooked, plants and animals that can be seen locally over the course of the year (for more information see www.wildclassrooms.org). There are 5 different things to spot each month - a bird, a butterfly/moth, a minibeast, a plant and a tree. Information for this week can be found in the letters section of the school website.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Due to reduced numbers attending during lockdown, our Out of School Club service has been running at a loss and is currently only at break-even point. If the service is to continue running, it is vital that all parents who use this service pay invoices promptly.

MENTAL WELL BEING RESOURCES

Please follow the link below for access to a free well-being guide.

https://03bc9962-9325-4534-93fd-eee5dede1c0.filesusr.com/ugd/d8edcb_187152ac145c417985090c70df2a7d78.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0AYx-iYyHTRgrnXOr_j3hnAOCbll3HFwQTtp-7P8NRgm2BwBgUMsiVmcs

WARM CLOTHES IN SCHOOL

As part of the government guidelines, we must keep windows and some external doors open to aid ventilation. As the weather becomes colder, it is important that all children have warm clothing in school. If you would like to send your child in with extra layers then please do so. This could include a fleece or gilet.

CORONAVIRUS REPORTING

Details of the three main coronavirus symptoms and what to do if your child or a family member has symptoms or tests positive is set out in the section below. **Under no circumstances are parents to send children into school knowing that their child has been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case.** This is so we can keep all of our school community safe.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

It is vital that we all work together to minimise the risk of any coronavirus outbreak. The government have issued clear guidance on what to do if anyone within your household has any of the three main coronavirus symptoms. The three main symptoms are fever, a continuous dry cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. Please see the table below for what to do if any member of your household shows any of these symptoms.

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about the test result 	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 virus has gone
Somebody in my house has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate Household member to get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The household member test is negative.
Somebody in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate for 10 days 	The child has completed 10 days of self-isolation
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate for 10 days 	The child has completed 10 days of self-isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<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 <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine period is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Self-isolate for 10 days 	The quarantine period of 10 days has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to discuss distance learning Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	Medical professional informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

Richard Bridgewater
Headteacher

INFORMATION

School and Governor Contact:

01453 757251

Facebook @foxmoorprimaryschool

Family Lives Helpline:

0808 800 2222

www.familylives.org

Early Help Partnership Families First Plus Stroud:

01452 328130

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

School Nurse Contact:

0300 421 8959

Early Years and Childcare:

0800 542 02 02

Gloucestershire County Council:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Friends of Foxmoor (FOF)

Facebook @friendsoffoxmoorschool

Contact: Natalie Hombrado via the school office

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.

Spring 2021	Term 4
22 nd February	First day of Term 4
4 th March	World Book Day
11 th March	Year 5 STEM Coding Workshop
19 th March	Red Nose Day
30 th March	Parents' Evening
31 st March	Parents' Evening
1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Summer 2021	Term 5
19 th April	First day of Term 5
20 th April	Class 3 & 4 STEM Coding Workshop
21 st April	Class 2 STEM Coding Workshop
22 nd April	PC Weedon Visiting Year 6 - Online Relationships

Headteacher: Mr Richard Bridgewater

26th April	Whole School Photograph - TBC
27th April	Year 4 STEM Coding Workshop
30th April	Year 3 STEM Coding Workshop
3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
24th May	Year 5 and 6 BMX Workshop - TBC
25th May	Year 3 and 4 Skateboard Workshop - TBC
25th May	RNLI Water Safety Presentation for Year 5 and 6
27th May	Last day of Term 5 for children
28th May	Inset Day
Summer 2021	Term 6
7th June	First day of Term 6
7th June	Archway Lesson Year 6
14th June	Year 5 Bikeability Week _ TBC
14th June	Archway Lesson Year 6
16th June	Class and Leavers' Photographs - TBC
18th June	Bridget Durrant (Archway) to meet Year 6 and Parents - TBC
21st June	Year 5 Bikeability Week - TBC
21st June	Archway Lesson Year 6
22nd June	Reception Height and Weight Check
24th June	KS1 Maypole Dancing - TBC
28th June	Archway Lesson Year 6
30th June	Sports Day
5th July	Archway Lesson Year 6
9th July	Year 5 Activity Morning at Archway
12th July	Archway Lesson Year 6
19th July	Archway Lesson Year 6
20th July	Last day of Term 6 for children
21st July	Inset Day