

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you all had a restful summer break. We were thrilled to see the children again and they have all settled into their new classes well.

As ever the term will be busy, our first week back being no exception! Our year 3, 4 and 5 children enjoyed their Outdoor Adventurous Activities visits last week, to South Cerney and Far Peak. Please find some pictures further on in this newsletter to enjoy. The staff have been working hard on our autumn term clubs timetable, which you should now all have, and peripatetic music lessons begin today.

I will keep you updated about additional activities planned for the term.

Mr Bridgewater

FOXMOOR LANE CLOSURE

We have been informed that Foxmoor Lane will be closed for resurfacing work from Monday 13th September to Wednesday 29th September between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm. If this affects your journey to school then please allow extra time.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

There will be an increased focus this year on attendance and punctuality. The office staff will be monitoring this weekly and sending reminder letters to parents if their child/children arrive late or have low attendance.

If attendance falls below 90% then this is classed as persistent absence. At this point parents will be contacted and we will follow our school attendance procedures, which can include the issuing of a fine.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



BRADLEY HOWE

At the start of the summer holidays Bradley Howe took part in the Thornbury USKids junior 9 hole golf competition. It was his first ever golf competition and he finished 3rd overall, winning a new set of golf balls. Well done Bradley!!

UNIFORM

The children have looked smart on their return to school. Can I remind all parents that our school uniform policy stipulates that children should wear black shoes, no boots. A full list of uniform can be accessed via the link below.

<http://www.foxmoorprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform>

UPDATED - MANAGING COVID CASES

The guidance for managing Covid cases in school has changed. Please see information below regarding current school procedures.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, however mild, please isolate as a household and book a test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken a test).

Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of taste and/or smell.

You can book a test through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If the test is negative, your child can return to school once they are well and have been fever free (without the support of paracetamol of Calpol) for at least 24 hours.

If the test is positive your household must self-isolate for 10 days from the date symptoms started, unless any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19
- if symptoms develop, isolate and get tested

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/or> by phoning 111. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

INTERNET SAFETY INFORMATION

The internet is such an integral part of children's lives these days. It opens up so many educational and social opportunities, giving them access to, quite literally, a world of information and experiences. Whether on a computer at school, a laptop at home, a games console, iPod, tablet or smartphone, children and young people are increasingly accessing the internet whenever they can and wherever they are. Our young people live and interact in a digital age.

If you would like information about how to keep your child/children safe online there several sources of information on our school website. These can be accessed via the link below.

<http://www.foxmoorprimary.co.uk/Parents/internet-safety>

PARKING

Please see below a message from PC Jones following her visits to school at the end of the summer term.

Dear Residents,

We are now at the time of year when the children are returning to school.

This is just a reminder about vehicle parking when attending a school to drop off and collect your child. There are generally zig zag areas outside of the school gates to ensure the safety of those children entering and exiting the school premises.

White Zig Zag Lines: it is an offence to leave your vehicle on white zig zag lines for which you can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100 plus you may also receive 3 points on your driving licence.

Yellow Zig Zag lines: Leaving your vehicle parked on these zig zag lines whilst dropping off and collecting your child may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued by the police due to causing an obstruction with your vehicle.

Double Yellow Lines: you are not allowed to park or wait on double yellow lines at any time (with the exception of Blue Badge Holders). A fixed penalty notice and points on your driving licence can be issued by the police for parking on double yellow lines.

The zig zag lines are there to ensure the safety of the children entering and exiting the school. Please do not park on these areas outside of the school.

Help us to keep children safe.

Thank You
PC 2888 Jones



CO-OPTED SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED

Please see below a message from our Chair of Governors regarding vacancies for Co-opted governors.

The Governing Board at Foxmoor Primary School fulfils three key functions:

- providing clarity on the school ethos, values and strategy
- holding the school leaders to account
- and overseeing the financial performance of the school.

A strong Governing Board, actively involved in the school, is important to ensure that Foxmoor continues to be committed to our school ethos of “Excellence through Enjoyment”.

For the governing team to function effectively it requires the right balance of skills. Co-opted governors are volunteers selected by the existing board to make sure it maintains that balance. With Little Foxes now being governor led and a long standing governor stepping down, we are now seeking two co-opted governors to join the team.

Ideally, we are seeking people who have prior governing experience and/or skills in the areas of Health and Safety, Human Resources or Law (or are willing to learn through governor training). We would be grateful if you could also pass this opportunity on to friends, family and/or colleagues to give us the best chance of finding the right people for the team. Being a governor can be a very rewarding experience, whether you are already part of the Foxmoor family or want to give something back to the local community.

If you (or anyone else) would like further information on this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me at chair@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange a chat. An advert can also be found on the Foxmoor website vacancies page (<http://foxmoorprimary.co.uk/our-school/vacancies>).

Many thanks,
Marc Chevalier
Chair of the Governing Board



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEK

Year 3, 4 and 5 had a fabulous week at South Cerney and Far Peak. They took part in a number of activities. Here's a peek at some pictures, look out for more on our Facebook page...



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 1
20th September	Year 5 Lesson at Stroud High School
22nd September	Whole School Cross Country Event
23rd September	Macmillan Cake Sale (3pm - 3:30pm)
1st October	Stroud High School lesson for Year 5 at Foxmoor
11th October	Year 5 lesson at Stroud High School
12th October	STEM Workshop Year 5/6
14th October	STEM Workshop Year 5/6
15th October	STEM Workshop Year 5/6
20th October	Harvest Service at St Matthews Church - Y3 & Y4 parents only at 10am
22nd October	Reception Harvest Service at Foxmoor for parents
22nd October	Stroud High School lesson for Year 5 at Foxmoor
22nd October	Last day of Term 1
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
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
8th April	Last day of Term 4
Summer 2022	Term 5
25th April	First day of Term 5
2nd May	May day bank 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
22nd July	Last day of Term 6

