



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a challenging but enjoyable term. The staff at Foxmoor have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children have received the best education possible and that gaps in learning are being addressed, whilst following government safety guidelines. I know you will want to join me in thanking them for their continued dedication.

The children have worked hard, getting back into school routines quickly. While some things are different, and some events we would normally run are not possible, we are trying to ensure that where possible the children still receive an education that is wider than the taught curriculum and have fun.

Thankfully, we have had no reported positive cases amongst children or staff in school so far. I have no doubt that this is partly due to the whole school community following isolation and testing rules. Thank you for your support and for ensuring that children and family members are tested when asked to do so.

I am sure that the New Year will bring further challenges and that we will have to remain vigilant. However, with the positive news on vaccines, I hope we can get back to something more like normal as soon as possible.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Richard Bridgewater  
Headteacher

### **CONTACTING SCHOOL IN THE HOLIDAYS IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE COVID TEST**

If your child develops Covid symptoms and subsequently tests positive up to 24<sup>th</sup> December, can you please inform the school by emailing [finance@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk) This email account will be monitored daily. This will allow us to get in touch with possible contacts and put appropriate measures in place. If your child tests positive after 24<sup>th</sup> December please inform school as above and we will contact you to give dates for isolation and returning to school.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY**

Please see the flyer below for details of the children's Christmas party day. The parties will be held in class bubbles this year.

### **CINDERELLA LIVE STREAM**

A huge thank you to the Friends of Foxmoor who have agreed to pay for a live stream of Cinderella on the last day of term. I know the children will enjoy this treat.

### **READING BOOK IDEAS**

If you are looking for ideas of what books to ask Santa for your child/children as Christmas presents then follow the link below. The list contains age appropriate books for all primary age children.

[https://b3022991-52d0-4c32-a7cc-8541d88859d8.filesusr.com/ugd/df731a\\_1d4fa1e7c1154edfbdda557e6abccf9f.pdf](https://b3022991-52d0-4c32-a7cc-8541d88859d8.filesusr.com/ugd/df731a_1d4fa1e7c1154edfbdda557e6abccf9f.pdf)

Headteacher: Mr Richard Bridgewater

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Following interviews last week I am delighted to inform you that Miss Horton has been appointed as our new Year 1 teacher. She will take up this post in January. Mrs Spence will be teaching full time in Year 3 from January.

Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Minchin is not able to take up her post as a Year 5 temporary TA. We will look for a replacement in the New Year.

## **STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS 2021**

Due to the current crisis, the Department for Education has announced changes to the end of key stage statutory assessment process next year.

The children in Year 1 will take part in the phonics screening check but the phonics check window has been extended by a week to give schools increased flexibility when to carry out testing.

There will be no mandatory tests in Year 2. Teachers will be able to use past tests to inform their teacher assessments. Teacher assessments will be submitted as they would usually be for reading, writing and maths. There will be no teacher assessment of science.

There will be no grammar, punctuation and spelling test in Year 6 but children will still sit reading and maths tests. There will be no teacher assessment of science. The Year 6 testing window has been extended by a week and schools can take a flexible approach to administering the tests.

The Year 4 multiplication tables check will be optional. The children at Foxmoor will complete the check.

Although data for end of key stages will be generated, this will not be published in the usual way. I will keep you informed of any further changes.

## **WARM CLOTHES IN SCHOOL**

As part of the government guidelines, we have to 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**

As cases of Coronavirus are increasing in the Stroud area, we ask parents to be extra vigilant. There are currently 18 schools in Gloucestershire that have either completely closed or closed classes/year groups. 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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate</li> <li>Get a test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate</li> <li>Household member to get a test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	The household member test is negative.
Somebody in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 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"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 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"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine period is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school to discuss distance learning</li> <li>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	Medical professional informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

## **HOME LEARNING**

If your child has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms and they are not attending school, whilst awaiting test results, we ask that, in the short term, you encourage your child to read, practise their spellings and times tables while they are at home.

In the event of a class bubble having to isolate or the school is instructed to close in full, we will switch to remote learning. In these circumstances, teachers will be setting work weekly with direct links to pre-recorded lessons and associated activities. Lessons and activities will mirror what would be being taught

face-to-face in the classroom. Parents will be able to communicate with teachers directly on a daily basis via email.

If you have any problems accessing digital resources please contact the school office.

## **INFORMATION**

### **School and Governor Contact:**

01453 757251

Facebook @foxmoorprimaryschool

### **Family Lives Helpline:**

0808 800 2222

[www.familylives.org](http://www.familylives.org)

### **Early Help Partnership Families First Plus Stroud:**

01452 328130

[www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://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](http://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.

<b>Autumn 2020</b>	<b>Term 2</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Phonics check week
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PC Weedon visiting Year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Live stream of Cinderella
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day
<b>Spring 2021</b>	<b>Term 3</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3

<b>Spring 2021</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	First day of Term 4
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Term 4
<b>Summer 2021</b>	<b>Term 5</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Testing Window Opens
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5 for children
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day
<b>Summer 2021</b>	<b>Term 6</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Check Window Opens
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6 for children
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset Day

**Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 16th December**

Children will be able to enjoy a christmas party in their classrooms.

Please can children wear their non-uniform clothing to school that morning. Please ensure that they are warm clothes, as classrooms will still be colder than usual to comply with guidelines. Also, please can you ensure that they are wearing sensible shoes.

They will have their normal lunch and then they can bring in an extra party snack for the afternoon, to enjoy.

**Crafts, games and a special message from Santa!**