



# Foxton

## Primary School

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Dear Parents

It has been a quiet week in school because of the children visiting Madrid; I am looking forward to welcoming them back and hearing about their trip. Our next Achievement Assembly will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May starting at 2.45pm in the School Hall. Monthly Achievement Cups will be presented for progress in numeracy. Refreshments will be available from 2.25pm and don't forget the Cake Raffle.

### Eye Tests

Vision Tests are no longer undertaken by Health Visitors or School Nurses for primary aged children. This being the case the Leicestershire Optical Committee is keen to encourage parents to take their children to the Opticians where they can have a FREE NHS EYE TEST. It is important that those children with undetected vision problems are picked up as early as possible.

### Whole School, Class and Team Photographs

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June the photographer will be in school to take our Whole School, Class and Team Photographs. The Year 6 photograph will also be taken during the afternoon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Uniform

We have noticed that some children are 'bending' the rules and trying to get away with clothing that is not uniform. Here's a reminder of what our school uniform consists of:

- Grey or black trousers or shorts, skirt or dress
- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- Red & white gingham dress for the summer
- Indoor plimsolls/shoes

### P.E. Kit:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Black jogging trousers/tops and trainers can be worn for outdoor P.E.

We would also like children to wear black shoes to school. If your child currently has shoes of another colour, then they can wear them for now. However, when you buy new school shoes please buy black ones. Thank you. From September we will be sending home a letter each time there is a uniform infringement.

### Office Apprenticeship

We are currently advertising for an apprentice to work in our School Office. South Leicester College are handling the applications for us through the [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk) website.

### Year 1 and 2

There has been a slight change in the teaching arrangements in Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Bellamy teaches on Mondays, Tuesdays and on alternate Wednesdays, Mrs Simkins teaches on alternate Wednesdays and on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Simkins' Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator time takes place on the Wednesdays when she is not teaching the class.

### Year 3 and 4

Mrs Sillifant is unwell and Mrs Foster is covering her teaching duties. We all wish Mrs Sillifant a speedy recovery and we hope to see her back in school soon.

## **Smoking**

Thank you for not smoking on the path just outside the school gate, it has made a noticeable difference to the air quality on the Front Playground and in the Fox Cubs' Classroom.

## **Parent Governor**

Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the vacant Parent Governor position. If you wish to fill this position please let Mrs Raymakers know.

## **Jaguar Project**

Two groups of children from Year 3 and 4 attended Great Glen St. Cuthbert's Primary School on Tuesday for the conclusion of their Jaguar Project. Although the children's cars didn't win any of the races, it was reported that the children's 'pit stops' looked the best.

## **After School Clubs**

Please remember that at the end of After School Clubs/Care your child/children will be brought to you, there is no need to come inside school.

## **Education Quality Adviser Visit**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May an Education Quality Adviser visited the school. We are very proud of her report. She says that: we had increased our expectations of the children which has deepened the pupils' understanding, good teaching and learning supported good outcomes for pupils. The children's books also reflected the level of work achieved by pupils showing the high standard of attainment and progress. We were also praised for how well our data had been prepared.

## **Head Lice**

We have not had a report of head lice for a while, however, the school nurse is advising all parents to 'Wet Comb' their Child's / Children's hair over the half term week to check and clear any head lice whilst they are off school.

## **Open Afternoon**

We would like to extend a warm invitation to parents to come into school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The children are looking forward to proudly showing you their work. Teachers will also be available to chat with you and answer any questions you may have.

## **Free School Meals**

Don't forget to claim free school meals for your child if you are on a low income. Even if your child has a universal free meal (infants) or prefers to bring a packed lunch, we would encourage parents to apply for free school meals. If you are eligible, then this attracts Pupil Premium funding. This is extra funding which supports their learning whilst they are at school. You can find out more and apply at:

[http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/education/going\\_to\\_school/school\\_catering/free\\_school\\_lunches.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/education/going_to_school/school_catering/free_school_lunches.htm)

## **New Teacher in Year 1 and 2**

Miss Humphrey has joined our Year 1 and 2 Class and will be working with us until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## **SATs**

We were very impressed with how the children tackled their tests this year. They all remained calm and focused. Well done to the children and thank you to Mrs Frow, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Thurlby for preparing the children and enabling them to tackle the tests with confidence.

This is the last year that children in Year 2 and 6 will receive a 'level' as their result. Next year the Year 2 and Year 6 tests will be graded with a scaled score. A score of 100 will represent the expected level for each age group. This is similar to the system we are using with our other year groups as the tests we are using for reading and mathematics give us a standardised score and this can then be compared year on year to monitor progress.

## **After School Care**

Booking forms are now available for the next half term from the School Office. To guarantee a place for After School Care the booking forms do need to be completed. Last minute and 'one off' places are usually available, please contact Mrs Raymakers.

Yours sincerely

P Clark