



Foxton

Primary School

Head Teacher's Report to Governors
Spring Term 2019

This report is for the period 4th January to 12th April 2019

Introduction

- The school opened for the Spring Term on Monday 7th January with 82 children on roll.
- The Spring Census was submitted on Thursday 17th January.
- There has been one staff training day this term on Friday 4th January.
- There are two children on roll who are in receipt of an Education Health Care plan and staffing has been arranged to provide 25 hours and 32 hours of classroom support.
- Breakfast Club average attendance remains consistent at 6 with a continued range of between 3 and 12 pupils a day.
- The number of children attending the After School Care averaged 7 pupils per day.
- Parents' Evenings took place on 30th and 31st January.
- Year 6 Pupil/Parent/Teacher interviews took place on 15th and 16th January.
- Booster sessions for SATs with K Frow & P Clark commenced.
- C Joel tendered her resignation and will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term. The vacant post has been advertised, with a good response and interviews are scheduled for 9th May 2019.
- S Hanger has tendered her resignation and will be retiring at the end of the start of the Autumn Term.
- Due to budget constraints the staffing structure for 2019-20 has been reviewed and a restructure planned. Regrettably there will be a reduction in support staff hours.
- All staff continue to receive a good level of in-service training and meet regularly with SLCP colleagues.
- M Neale the Chair of Governors continues to meet regularly with the Head Teacher.

School Data

Attendance

Attendance 94.4% (attendance without traveller absence 96.0%)

Register Codes

	Spring 2019	Spring 2018	Spring 2017	Spring 2016	
C	85	81	55	33	Other authorised circumstances
I	310	234	308	385	Illness
J	0	2	0	0	Interview
L	108	99	192	178	Late (before registers close)
M	24	20	35	11	Medical/Dental
O	49	58	216	106	Unauthorised absence
P	40	5	0	35	Approved Sporting Activity
T	0	19	18	0	Traveller Absence (Authorised)
U	5	2	5	0	Late (after registers close)
V	148	111	149	74	Educational visit or trip

Breakdown by Class - Attendance

	Spring 2019	Spring 2018	Spring 2017	Spring 2016
REC	97.3	96.1	96.8	96.0
CL1	95.8	97	91.3	92.5
CL2	91.5	92.9	95.1	95.5
CL3	95.8	96.2	95.4	93.7
Whole School	94.4	95.4	94.4	94.1

New Starters and Leavers

At the start of the Spring Term there was no new starters, however, since then the school has had 3 mid-term transfers, bringing the total number of children on roll to 85. The Year 6 new starter has moved into the area. The two other new starters were in Fox Cubs and Year 3, who came from outside the area.

End of Spring Term 2019 structure of the school:

Class	Year	Number	Total
Fox Cubs			15
Rabbit	1	9	25
	2	16	
Otter	3	11	23
	4	12	
Badger	5	11	22
	6	11	

Safeguarding

Bullying

There has been no reported incidence of since the last Head Teacher's report.

Central Record

The Central Record continues to be reviewed on a monthly basis ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets requirements. The Chair of Governors completed the Annual Safeguarding Review on Thursday 7th March, see separate report. The Department of Education's GIAS Database, which holds the school's governance data, is checked and information on the governing is confirmed on a monthly, even if there are no changes. Failure to do so within a 60-day period disallows editing of the data. The new ruling regarding Section 128 Governor debarred listing which came into force September 2018 does not impact the school as an enhanced DBS for current and new governors is always undertaken, and includes this check.

Child Protection

The Head Teacher remains the designated teacher for Child Protection with the Chair of Governors, Mark Neale, in support as the nominated Governor with responsibility for Child Protection. K Frow is trained to cover if P Clark is not available and attended refresher training on 6th February 2019 at Beaumanor Hall. New staff, volunteers and young people on work experience are informed about safeguarding as part of their induction from the Head Teacher, and this is recorded on the school's central record, along with them being given latest literature from Leicestershire County Council. New staff are provided with a copy of the safeguarding presentation and training literature which took place on the teacher training day at the start of the Autumn Term 2018.

Racist Incidents

There haven't been any reported incidences since the last Head Teacher's report.

Personnel

Spring Term Teaching Structure

Class	Year	Staff	
Fox Cubs	Foundation	A Bellamy S Hanger	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday
Rabbits	Year 1 & 2	C Joel	Everyday
Otters	Year 3 & 4	L Foster S Evans P Clark	Monday, Tuesday AM & alternate Wednesdays Alternate Wednesdays, Thursday, Friday AM Friday PM
Badgers	Year 5 & 6	P Fletcher K Frow	Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
All	All	P Fletcher	SENCo Tuesday
Otters/Badgers	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	C Hickie – MFL	Tuesday afternoons

Summary of contracted hours

Name	Contract	Time	Class	%
A Bellamy	Part Time – Permanent	3 Days	Fox Cubs	60
L Foster	Part Time – Permanent	2.5 Days	Otters	50
K Frow	Part Time – Permanent	4 Days	Badgers	80
C Joel	Full Time – Permanent	5 Days	Rabbits	100
S Hanger	Part Time – Permanent	2 Days	Fox Cubs	40
S Evans	Part Time – Permanent	2.5 Days	Otters	50
P Fletcher	Part Time – Permanent	2 Days	Badgers/ SENCo	40
C Hickie	Part Time – Temporary	½ Day	Otters / Badgers	10

Head Teacher Hours

Name	Contract	%
Mr Clark	Permanent	100% (10% Teaching)

Support Staff

Summary of Weekly Hours - Spring Term

Role	Hours	Minutes
Secretary	28	
Business Manager	7	30
Total Administration	35	30
After School Club	12	30
Breakfast Club	10	
Pre School	39	30
Total Additional School Services	62	
Learning Support – Permanent	87	40
Learning Support – Temporary	50	40
Lunchtime Supervision	15	
HLTA - PPA Cover	5	10
Teaching Assistant	35	30
Total Classroom Support	194	
Premises Officer	12.5	
Cleaner	7.5	
Total Premises	20	
Total Hours	311	30

In-service Training & Meetings

Staff training continues to be provided in order to ensure that everyone is fully able to support the school curriculum strategies and improvement plan.

Date	Title	Name
27/02/2019	Asbestos Awareness Training	P Clark, D Martin
08/01/19	Purplemash Computing Demonstration	PC, KF, SH, SE, CJ
13/03/2019	Author visit – Leicester County Cricket Ground	A Bellamy, K Frow
05/02/2019	ASD Consultation – County Hall	C Joel
25/03/2019	Core Group - Case Conference Meeting	S Bratu, P Clark
17/02/2019	Core Group - Case Conference Meeting	S Bratu, P Clark
07/01/2019	Core Group – Case Conference Meeting	S Bratu, P Clark
06/02/2019	ELSA - Training – Beaumanor	S Bratu
09/01/2019	ELSA – Training – Beaumanor	S Bratu
22/03/2019	End Point Reading Project Conference – Stamford Court	P Clark, K Frow
26/06/2019	EYFS Moderation Meeting	A Bellamy, S Hanger
15/01/2019	Head Teacher Briefings – University	P Clark
20/03/2019	Head Teacher Briefings – Welland Park	P Clark
23/01/2019	KS1 Moderation Meeting	C Joel
05/03/2019	KS2 Moderation Meeting	K Frow
31/01/2019	KS2 Moderation Meeting	K Frow
06/03/2019	Maths Subject Leaders Meeting – Wigston	P Clark
31/01/2019	Maths KS1 Subject Enhancement	C Joel

Date	Title	Name
26/03/2019	Maths KS1 Subject Enhancement	C Joel
26/02/2019	P.E. Network Meeting – RSA	A Bellamy
24/01/2019	Performance Management	P Clark
27/02/2019	Reading Project	K Frow
07/02/2019	Reading Project	K Frow
01/02/2019	Reading Project	C Joel, S Evans
06/02/2019	Safeguarding – Beaumanor	K Frow
06/02/2019	SEND – Stamford Court	P Fletcher
03/04/2019	Writing Moderation – Beaumanor	K Frow

South Leicestershire Collaborative Partnership

Working together with Great Glen, Fleckney, Church Langton, Billesdon and Hallaton Primary Schools the following meetings have been attended.

Date	Title	Name
26/03/2019	Bursar Group Meeting - Fleckney	K Raymakers
21/01/2019	EYFS – Cluster Group Meeting – Fleckney	A Bellamy
26/03/2019	Heads Meeting – Billesdon	P Clark
21/01/2019	Heads Meeting – Church Langton	P Clark
12/03/2019	Maths Co-ordinators - Billesdon	P Clark
26/02/2019	PSHE – Cluster Group Meeting - Billesdon	A Bellamy

Teacher Days

There has only been one teaching day during the Spring Term which was on Friday 4th January. Maths Mastery training – a common understanding was delivered to all staff and the introduction of a 'maths carousel'.

SENCo

- ➔ P Fletcher in his role as the school SENCo continues to meet with the parents whose children are on the SEN register as well as many adhoc meetings with parents who required support and advice on matters ranging from assessment, behavioural support and dyslexia.
- ➔ SEND Review Week for the whole school was began on Monday 4th March.
- ➔ Emma Morfleet from SaLT (Speech & Language Therapy) was in school on 8th January working and observing four pupils who are registered as having SEN requirements. She was back in school on Tuesday 26th February to work on a 1-1 basis with a pupil from Year 2 and again on Tuesday 9th April.
- ➔ Julie Grafton from vision support visited the school on Monday 4th February and Wednesday 27th February.
- ➔ Charlie Pitt-Miller from the Learning Support Team was in school on Thursday 28th February to carry out a dyscalculia assessment.
- ➔ Emma Taylor (Autism Outreach) was in school on Thursday 31st January for observations.

Governors

- ➔ M Neale, Chair of Governors continues to regularly meet with the Head Teacher.
- ➔ J McCarthy as part of her SEND Governor role she met with P Fletcher on Tuesday 12th February for their termly review meeting.

- R Phillips has supported ICT lessons in Year 3 and 4 and he remains the designated GDPR Officer for the school.
- S Orton was re-elected as a parent Governor during the Spring Term.
- N Hazell, along with P Clark, completed the asset numbering and the inventory during the Easter break on Tuesday 16th April.

Work Experience

William Farnsworth supports the delivery of ICT on Friday mornings in Year 3 and 4.

On Monday 11th February Joe Van Diepen came into school to help with the classes as part of his work experience week.

Additional School Services

After School Care

The school continues to offer After School Care every day at a cost of £5.00 per session for just less than 2 hours of care. Bookings are managed by the office and are taken in advance, termly, weekly and on the day.

Breakfast Club

The cost for breakfast plus supervision has increased to £2.60 and supervision is now £2.00 which may have impacted on numbers along with the loss of frequent users from last year's Year 6 pupils. Pre-School children can also use the Breakfast Club facilities.

Pre-School

Pre-School continues to provide places for 2 to 4 year olds in the mornings from 8:40am to 11:40am managed by S Bratu supported by V Lawrence and J Soper. A Bellamy teaches a joint session with Fox Cubs on Mondays and S Hanger has a session with the Pre-School children every Thursday morning. Premier Sport have a session with the Pre-School children on Tuesday mornings.

Health and Safety

Health

- On Monday 28th January the Fox Cubs and Year 6 pupils took part in the annual NCMP height and weight measurement program. As in previous years, literature was sent out two weeks prior to the measurement day, giving parents the option to opt out on line.
- On Wednesday 13th March the Year 1 Hearing Tests took place in school.
- The School Nurse Julie Parker was in school on Wednesday 6th February for the Spring Term Drop in Clinic.
- Week commencing 25th February Premier Sports came into school began a 12 weekly course of workshops for all pupils on either Wednesdays or Fridays on the subject of 'Well Being'.

Premises

- The Fire extinguishers were tested on Monday 21st January. No issues were raised.
- On Tuesday 5th March the school Health & Safety Audit took place – see separate report.
- An additional badger survey review was conducted on Tuesday 9th April.
- Computer Maintenance – ART IT Solutions continue to visit the school on a monthly basis to support staff with any problems.
- The Termly fire drill was completed. Everyone exited the school in a quiet and orderly fashion in under 3 minutes. All registers were completed within 5 minutes of the initial alarm.
- Monthly pest control visits continue by Kevin York.

- The boiler was serviced on 25/01/19.
- P.E. Equipment received its annual service on 03/04/19.
- School Kitchen received a five star hygiene rating from Harborough District Council.
- Planning permission was submitted to Harborough District Council for a modular classroom. BRP architects have donated their planning consultancy for free and RJ Tree Services have also provided their survey for free.

Sports and Clubs

Badminton

On Wednesday 23rd January 4 from Class 3 pupils took part in a County Tournament. Two of our pupils won all of their matches and were awarded Year 6 Champions. Two other pupils also played very well and came third in the competition. Twelve pairs in total took part at Babington Academy in Beaumont Leys.

Basketball

The take up for this club averages of 8 pupils per session this term. These sessions continue to be funded by the Sports Premium. A basketball tournament was held on Tuesday 22nd January at The Robert Smyth Academy for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Cricket Coaching

During the Spring Term Classes 1 and 3 received coaching workshops from Vishal Mistry of Leicestershire County Cricket Club for a period of 6 sessions.

Cross County

The second race of the season was held on Thursday 14th February. Fifteen children from Years 3 to 6 took part in the event after school held at the Market Harborough Rugby Club. The final race of the season was scheduled for Thursday 7th March but was cancelled due to bad weather.

Dance Festival

On Tuesday 2nd April 9 pupils from Years 4 to 6 represented Foxton at Dance Festival held at The Robert Smyth Academy. Parents, family and friends had the opportunity to attend the event and feedback was very positive.

Boxing

As part of our membership of the Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership, Mrs Bellamy has organised for a boxing coach to be in school on Monday lunchtimes for six weeks. It is called The Primary LADs project and targets Year 5 and 6 boys and aims to improve confidence, self-esteem and levels of participation in physical activity. The project will culminate at Harborough Leisure Centre on Tuesday 26th March with a morning of activity.

Football

F.D.S continue to offer football coaching on Fridays after school. On Friday 18th January they came into school and worked with all the all the year groups, including Pre School.

S Orton supported by P Clark provides football practise sessions for the team on Wednesday after school.

During the Spring Term the school teams have been taking part in a very competitive inter- house tournament during Friday lunchtimes. The Pumas team won the competition.

Premier Sport

Tim Mason meets with P Clark on a termly basis to discuss the schools P.E provision and needs.

Gifted and Talented

Three pupils from Year 6 attended the Gifted and Talented sports session held at the Robert Smyth Academy and run by the Sports Partnership on Tuesday 15th January.

Gardening Club

This recommenced after the Spring Half Term and runs on either Thursday or Friday lunchtimes and has an average of 8 attendees. A parent dug over the vegetable plots and Mrs Hanger is planning on allocating a plot to each of the school teams and organising a growing competition between them.

Premier Sports

A coach from Premier Sports is in school every Tuesday providing P.E. sessions for the whole school. Lottery funding for Outdoor Gym Equipment has been successfully received. P Clark has, during the Spring Term, been busy obtaining bids from external companies.

Tag Rugby

On Thursday 4th April a group of Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament held at the Harborough Leisure Centre. A second tournament for year 5 and 6 pupils was held on Friday 5th April, both teams were accompanied by S Evans.

Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 4th April a group children took part in a Swimming Gala held at the Harborough Leisure

South Leicestershire Collaborative Partnership Events

Author Visit

Six pupils from Year 5 and 6 visited St Cuthbert's on Thursday 24th January accompanied by A Thurlby for a workshop with Nick Cook.

Maths

On Thursday 28th March four pupils from Years 5 and 6 had a fun time representing Foxton and winning when they went to Hanbury Hall for a Maths Quiz, presented by P Clark.

University

On Wednesday 6th March four pupils from Year 5 took the opportunity to visit Loughborough University along with other Year 5 pupils from our cluster group. The children were accompanied by A Thurlby and had a very positive experience.

Events Trips and Visitors

Recorders

We are fortunate that N Ireland continues to support the school by offering children in Years 3 – 6 the opportunity to learn how to play the recorder. Performances continue in assemblies and at our Easter Service held at St. Andrew's Church on Friday 12th April.

Music Lessons

During the Spring Term, on Tuesday mornings, the children in Years 3 and 4 continued to learn the Ukulele with Craig Thurlow from Leicestershire Specialist Music Service.

Art

On Tuesday 12th February the Fox Cubs were visited by Claire Seaton who gave a demonstration on Chinese paintings.

Food for Life

Jo Planter from the Soil Association came into school to help complete the evidence form for the Silver Award.

Castleton

The final information meeting for the parents of Class 2 pupils who were going on the residential trip, was held on Wednesday 6th February after school. This bi-annual residential trip to Castleton, via Creswell Crags, took place on Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th April. The feedback from the trip has been very positive and dates for 2021 have already been booked. The children will be presenting back to family and friends about their trip at the next Achievement Assembly on Friday May 24th.

Dogs Trust

On Friday 1st March Sarah Saunders from Dogs Trust was in school. During the afternoon she delivered two presentations. The first was on 'Responsible Dog Ownership' to Class 2 which was followed up by a presentation on 'Sense' to Class 3. At the end of the day she gave a talk on how to 'Be dog smart' during achievement assembly.

Diving

On 21st Margaret Baldwin talked to the children in Fox Cubs about diving at the Great Barrier Reef.

On Safari

On 4th April Elaine Fox talked to the children in Fox Cubs about the 'big 5' in South Africa and answered the children's questions.

Easter Service

On Friday 12th April the Easter Service held at St. Andrew's Church, Foxton to which family and friends were also invited.

Easter Dinner

The Easter meal took place on Monday 8th April so that the children who were going to Castleton on the residential could be included.

Foxton Vicar

Rev. Paula Oxley continues to promote strong links between the school and the church community by continuing the practice of visiting the school monthly for an assembly.

Community Choir

Elizabeth Cockbill, who is an active member of Foxton Parish, met with P Clark on Monday 25th March to discuss the involvement of the school in providing decorations for the Community Choir Concert.

Foxton Locks

On Wednesday 6th March Class 2 spent the afternoon visiting Foxton Locks looking for different rocks and taking soil samples, accompanied by S Evans and parent helpers.

Habitat Day

On Tuesday 9th April Class 1 went on a trip to Rutland Water where they spend the whole day bird watching, learning about animal's habitats and pond dipping. The workshops were given by Anglian Water and were very well received by the children, despite the cold weather.

Madrid

Flights and accommodation have been booked ready for the residential trip in May 2019, with 17 pupils out of the class of 22 taking the opportunity to have this unique experience.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on 05/02/19 with the theme of 'How we Can Work Together to Create a Better Internet'.

Multi Faith

Friday 5th April saw the whole school taking part in a Multi Faith Day organised by S Hanger. Rev. Paula attended the whole day and supported the workshop about the Easter Story.

Palaeontologist

On Wednesday 6th February Class 2 were visited by Bob Wells who gave a very interesting talk on fossils and palaeontology.

Year 6 Transition

On Monday 18th March Natasha Bale The Kibworth School Transition Teacher came into school and met with K Frow. As yet Welland Park have yet to arrange a meeting.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 7th March with everyone dressing up as a word. This was very well supported and there were some very imaginative costumes.

Parental Involvement

Assemblies

Parents and families continue to be invited to monthly Achievement Assemblies and the level of attendance is good.

Friday Mile

The Friday Mile, when all the children and staff are invited to run around the school field for 15 minutes before the beginning of the school day continues, weather permitting initially led by J Barker and now by J McCarthy.

FSA

The FSA continue to work hard at providing funds for the school. They provide the refreshments for the Achievement Assemblies and monthly cake raffle. On Friday 15th February they held a non-uniform day which raised funds for the upcoming Year 5 and 6 Madrid Trip. On Friday 8th March they held a film night and this was followed by a very successful Fish, Chip and Bingo night on Friday 29th March. On Monday 8th April the Foxton Bake Off was organised and there were twenty cakes entered. Prizes were awarded for appearance and taste; the cakes were sold at the end of the day. They also organised an Easter Raffle which parents donated prizes. Meetings have taken place with the Harborough Lions and the joint 'Foxton Fun Day' is planned for Saturday 29th June between noon and 4pm.

Parents Evening

This took place on 30th and 31st January 2019. Parents who were unable to attend were offered alternative dates and times by staff.

Volunteers

K Warwick, D Few and S Pearce consistently come into school and support the children.