



# Foxton Primary School

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Dear Parents

Following the announcement that the easing of restrictions with regard to Covid-19 has been delayed we will not be able to have our forthcoming events in the way we would want. We are still in the same bubbles and will continue with the other measures we have put in place to prevent the potential spread of Covid-19. We are all looking forward to a time when school life will return to 'normal'. The restrictions are there to reduce the number of close contacts, therefore, reducing risks of children missing out on much needed days in school by having to isolate. I hope you appreciate this has been a difficult year and every decision made is with the safety of the children, their families and our staff in mind.

### Staff News

Having served over 170,000 meals during her time here Jenny has decided to hang up her apron. She has always gone above and beyond to ensure the children are catered for by taking the time to get to know each child, their likes and dislikes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for her commitment to Foxton and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her well with her new opportunities and for the future. Jenny's last day with us is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

After five years as our SENCo Mr Fletcher is leaving us at the end of term. I wish him well for the future and thank him for all he's done for the school and the support he's offered to the children, parents and staff. We are currently in the process of appointing a new SENCo.

Mrs Hickie, our languages teacher, is also leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Hickie has a long association with the school as her children attended here and she served as a governor and was Chair of Governors for a number of years. We will all miss Charlotta's perpetual positivity and language skills. Miss Bolívar Medina from the Kibworth Mead Academy will be joining us on a Tuesday afternoon in the Autumn Term to teach French and Spanish.

Mr Green and Mr Marlow's placements with us come to an end this Friday. We thank them for all they've done and wish them well for the future.

### Achievement Assembly

Our next Achievement Assembly will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1:15pm. The Zoom link will be on the school website and a text message will be sent with the location on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Monthly Achievement Cups will be presented for Progress in English.

### Sports Day

Unfortunately, it was too wet for Sports Day last week so we will try again on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June (after Achievement Assembly). All children can wear their PE kits to school on that day. We will not be able to invite spectators along. As you can imagine this has been a really difficult decision, however, we have had to follow guidance and would not wish to risk school closure in the final weeks.

### Class Photographs

If I had known that class teachers were not going to be on the class photos then I would not be on the Year 3 and 4 photograph, therefore, the photographer has retaken it. The link below will then be updated with the new Year 3 and 4 photograph. The Year 6 photograph link will be sent out soon.

**From Tempest Photography** – The recent group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at <http://htmp.st/FOXTONCOPRIMARY>. There will be a "deliver to school" option open for approx. 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing. If you need assistance, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on contact us on the home page <https://www.htempest.co.uk/>

### **Ukulele**

The Year 3 and 4 Ukulele Concert will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June starting at approximately 9:10am in the School Hall – one parent per child will be welcome to come and watch. The concert will be about 15 minutes long. I will also put a Zoom link on our website.

### **New Pond**

Mrs Ward-Langman would like to renovate our old pond area and is looking for volunteers to help. For further information and to volunteer either e-mail Mrs Ward-Langman at [cward138@aol.com](mailto:cward138@aol.com) or let Mrs Raymakers know.

### **Peak District Residential**

Year 3 and 4 children will be on their residential from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July. I will be accompanying them but am only a phone call / e-mail away should there be anything I need to deal with.

### **Badminton**

A team of ten children from Year 4 and 5 will be playing in this year's tournament at Leicester Grammar School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 4:00pm.

### **Pre-School**

Foxton Pre-School will be closing its doors on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July and not re-opening for the Autumn Term.

I would like to thank the community for their support and the parents and children who have accessed Foxton Pre-School in the past and present.

Thanks also goes to the staff whose dedication and hard work for the children of Foxton Pre-School has provided the best start to their lives in education. Sandy and Viv will continue to work in school.

We will continue to run the Pre-School as normal until the final closing date.

### **Foxton Village Event**

The Foxton Society have decided to postpone the 'Picnic' until September when hopefully things might be a bit less restricted.

### **Year 5 and 6 End of Term Production**

This year's production is called 'School Daze' and the children are busy learning their lines and rehearsing. Unfortunately, we are unable to have an audience this year so we will be filming the performance. A link to the video will be sent out so you can view it.

### **Sun Hats and Sunscreen**

To prevent sun stroke and sun burn we ask that children wear a hat and have sunscreen on exposed skin. If possible, please put the sunscreen on your child before they come to school. If they need to apply cream themselves, please provide your child with a small bottle of sunscreen. Thank you.

### **Have Your Say on New School Term Date Options**

Leicestershire County Council have launched a public consultation on school term and holiday dates. The proposals cover term dates running for five years from autumn 2022 to summer 2027 and include:

- Keeping the 'traditional' county term time pattern, which offers an earlier summer holiday but means a longer autumn term
- Aligning the autumn and spring breaks in line with most other authorities, including Leicester City, but again means a longer autumn term
- Introducing a two-week autumn half-term break. This would leave terms 'more balanced' across the whole year but would result in a shorter Easter break

More detailed information on these proposals and a chance to have your say via a short questionnaire can be accessed here [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation).

To request a paper copy, call 0116 305 6324 or e-mail [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk). Submit your views by Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### **Next Academic Year**

Just a reminder, the first day back for the children for the Autumn Term 2021 will be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Yours sincerely

P Clark