

FORDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome you all back to a new school year. We were so happy to see all of the children on Tuesday and they have impressed us already with how well they are settling into their new classes!

For those of you who have spotted the change to the newsletter, this format will help us send a newsletter out with links on that you can click more easily from Seesaw or our website (www.fordleyschool.com). If you would prefer a paper copy, please ask your child's class teacher.

New School Year Information



A pack should have come home with your child today, including information and reminders about:

- organisation of the school day
- school uniform and what to bring to school
- attendance and term time holidays
- PE days (and swimming for 4DG)
- breakfast club and afterschool childcare
- what to do if you are worried about your child
- curriculum and homework
- medicines and medical needs
- communication
- school lunches and pre-ordering

If you do not receive a pack, please let us know. All of the information above can also be found by following this link:

<https://fordley.secure-primariesite.net/new-school-year-helpful-information/>

On Monday, if your child is in Y1-Y6, you will also receive a Parent/Carer overview of what your child will be learning this half term.

Awards and Achievements

As before, if your child has achieved a special award in a club or activity outside of school they can bring it in on a **Friday** to be celebrated in Star of the Week assembly, and then it will be shared here the following week.



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

We will share upcoming dates on here for any events, meetings, term dates etc so that you don't miss anything. Calendar dates will also be updated on our school website and you will be able to find them by following this link:

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/diary/grid/2024/09/>

- 9th September - Road safety awareness sessions for all year groups
- 10th September - Swimming starts for 4DG
- 11th September - Fire safety sessions for Y4
- 25th October - Training day (phonics refresher training for all staff)
- 28th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 4th November - School re-opens for new half term
- 23rd December - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 6th January - Training day
- 7th January - School re-opens for a new term

TERM DATES - these can be found by clicking this link to our website

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/term-dates/> or by going to:

- www.fordleyschool.com
- click on 'Menu' then 'Parents' then 'Attendance Matters' then 'Term Dates'

Reminders and Requests

CONTACTING SCHOOL:

If you have a general query, please ring 0191 2502207 or email office@fordleyprimary.org.uk

Any other queries go to your child's class teacher in the first instance, but Mrs Boyes, Mrs Miller (Deputy Heads) and I are usually outside at the start and end of each school day

PARKING ON DUDLEY DRIVE:

No double parking as an ambulance/fire engine would not get through



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Spotlight on Learning:



It has been Design Technology week this week across Y1-Y6 and the children have been learning about a range of structures, designing them and practicing and developing their use of tools and teamwork to create them. As you can see from the photos, there has been a wide range of fantastic structures created. A great start to a new school year.



Community Notices:

There is a new parent and toddler group starting up in the community.

It starts on Fridays at the John Willies Sams' Centre and Mondays at St. Paul's Church.

For more information call Julie:
07986 136 519



This week's Character Skill:

Our Character Skills sit at the heart of our Behaviour and Relationships Policy (and we will have a reviewed copy of this in the next few weeks to share with you - the current policy can be found by following this link: <https://fordley.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>

The Character Skills cover:

- R - Resilience
- E - Empathy
- S - Self-Aware
- P - Positivity
- E - Excellence
- C - Communication
- T - Teamwork

This week's Character Skill is **Being Courteous** and this focuses on children using good manners and speaking to each other in a respectful manner.

Other messages and requests:

Signing up to ASDA Cashpot

As a school we are a member of ParentKind meaning that if you sign up to ASDA Cashpot for Schools it can earn money for our school when you do your shopping and you don't lose your own rewards.

We would be grateful if you could sign up either by clicking this link: <https://rewards.asda.com/>

Or alternatively by typing the address into your browser. As of this morning we are already up to £122.97 thanks to this being shared on the Dudley and Annitsford page!

