

## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- 18th September—Road Safety sessions for all classes
- 19th September—Y2 trip to WWT
- 30th October—HALF TERM WEEK
- 6th November—Return to school



More dates will be added once they have been finalised.

### And finally ...

#### Successes from home to celebrate



It has been lovely to start the year being able to celebrate successes from home for two of our amazing children.

In my first picture you can see one of our Y2 girls and the certificate and medal she earned at summer sports camp for being positive and listening well. Brilliant job!

From Y4, my next visitor came to share the certificate he had earned for touring the north east in hunt of Shaun the Sheep. A baaarilliant achievement!



# Fordley Primary School



## Friday Newsletter - 8th September 2023

### Welcome Back!

Dear Fordley Family,

It has been an amazing first week back. Your children have come into school with such positive, polite and ready-to-learn attitudes and it has been great to see them settle into new routines so well. Mr Maule and I have spent time in all the classrooms this week and we have been extremely impressed.

We have also updated this year's information onto our website:

- **Copies of letters**—<https://www.fordleyschool.com/letters/>
- **Calendar of dates**—<https://www.fordleyschool.com/diary/grid/2023/09/>
- **Term Dates**—<https://www.fordleyschool.com/term-dates/>
- **School Meals**—<https://www.fordleyschool.com/school-meals/>

Mrs Boyes is just completing the update of Seesaw so you should soon see that your child has moved into their new class. As always, if you have any queries feel free to give us a ring on 2502207, send us a message on Seesaw or email [office@fordleyprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@fordleyprimary.org.uk).

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support of our happy, nurturing and successful school.

Kind regards

Mrs C.L. Withers  
Headteacher



## **General Updates from the New School Year Parents/Carers Meetings for Y1 to Y6**

If you were able to attend the meetings this week, thank you for coming.

I appreciate that not everyone can make a face-to-face meeting so I have included the key messages within this newsletter. These will be useful reminders for Reception classes too.

- ⇒ **New school year information**—reminders about this can be found on the 'Latest News' section or 'Letters' section of our website
- ⇒ **The school day**—doors open between 8:40-8:50 and close at 9:00. After 9:00 children must be brought to the main entrance to be signed in by an adult. School ends at 3:20pm.
- ⇒ **Collecting children**—they must be collected by an adult, unless they are Y6 and have permission to walk home at the end of the day. If a different adult than normal will be collecting, please tell an adult in the morning or ring/email school in good time. We will not allow the child to go with that adult otherwise.
- ⇒ **What to bring to school**—water bottle (no Prime or AirUp please), jumper/cardigan and coat (we can never trust the British weather!)
- ⇒ **What to leave at home**—toys (children can bring a labelled football or skipping ropes).
- ⇒ **School uniform**—white polo shirt, burgundy jumper/cardigan, black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts. None of these items need to have the school logo on. Black shoes/black trainers. No earrings or smart watches. Earring retainers can be worn. Hair must be tied back to prevent spread of head lice.
- ⇒ **PE Kit**—must be worn on PE days (children come to school in it). Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings, white t-shirt—none of these items need a school logo on
- ⇒ **Medicines**—if there is any change to your child's medical needs, please let us know. If your child needs to have medicine or antibiotics, this must only be given in school if they have to have it more than 3 times per day. Bring the medicine to the main school office and we will ask you to fill in a consent form
- ⇒ **Free school meal applications**—if you think your child might be entitled to free school meals, please ask for a form and we will help you

- ⇒ **Attendance**—great attendance means children do not miss out on their learning and time with their friends. When children are off school regularly it can really knock their confidence. Please make sure you ring or email if your child is too poorly to come to school. Mrs Latimer is always available to help in solving any worries about coming to school
- ⇒ **Term time holidays**—all schools are expected to challenge term time holidays. Many schools already fine for just 1 day of term time holiday. We have tried to push back and make it after 5 days as we know the challenges of trying to have holidays together, not to mention the cost. Any term time holiday request will be responded to and a letter sent home. If you have any questions about this, Mrs Latimer is always happy to help.
- ⇒ **Reading/Homework**—we ask that children practise their reading three times per week and parents/carers log it in their reading record. This will be the only homework we ask children to do this term.
- ⇒ **PE**—a separate letter will be sent out today with PE days on but a copy can be found in the 'Letters' section of the website [www.fordleyschool.com](http://www.fordleyschool.com)
- ⇒ **The Curriculum**—we will be sending out, next week, an overview of what your child will be learning this term. It will give a summary of each subject so that you are fully aware. However, there is a lot of detailed information on the 'Curriculum' section of our website too.
- ⇒ **Additional Needs/Learning Worries**—if you have any early worries, please speak to your child's class teacher first. Mr Maule is SENCO for R, Y1 and Y2. Mrs Withers is SENCO for Y3-Y6. We will be more than happy to help in any way. Mrs Latimer is our Learning Mentor and Counsellor—great with solving those early worries/friendship issues
- ⇒ **School lunches/packed lunches**—school lunches are free for children in R, Y1 and Y2. There is a charge for school lunches from Y3 unless your child is entitled to benefits related free school meals. If your child brings in a packed lunch, there must be no foods containing nuts as we have children with significant allergies
- ⇒ **School Car Park and Dudley Drive**—please do not use the school car park for Breakfast Club or throughout the school day. Please avoid parking on Dudley Drive where possible, as this is a narrow street and can cause a safety hazard for children and their families

Our school website [www.fordleyschool.com](http://www.fordleyschool.com) holds lots more detailed information about all of these areas so please have a browse on there first if you have a query as you may just find your answer.