

WHAT'S COMING UP

FOREST SCHOOL 2/11 GROUP A

October

23rd - Non Pupil Day

26th - 1st Nov Half term

November

2nd - Autum term

4th - EYFS 27/28

Show rounds 9.30-10.30

17th Parent TLCs

3.30-7.00

19th Parent TLCs

3.30-7.00

December

9th Christmas

Dinner/jumper day

14th Nativity 2.00pm

15th Nativity 9.30am

17th Whole School

Carol Service at Bocking Church at 2pm

18th Celebration

assembly 9:05am

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see so much learning, progress and enthusiasm across the school and our children continue to make us proud every day with their hard work, resilience and positive attitudes.

Year 6 Residential

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who have had a fantastic time on their residential visit this week. They embraced every challenge, represented the school brilliantly and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. I have already heard that raft building was the favourite activity for many children. Although, from some of the stories I've been told, I'm not entirely convinced there was a great deal of raft building involved. It sounds as though there may have been rather more swimming instead! We look forward to hearing all about their adventures in their assembly after half term. I would also like to thank Mrs Pickering, Mrs Aldous and Mrs Pennington who volunteered their time to go with the children on their trip. There are some tired looking staff and children here today!

PTSA Disco Tonight

We are looking forward to the PTSA Disco this evening. Thank you to our PTSA volunteers for organising what is always a much-anticipated event. We hope all the children attending have a wonderful time celebrating the end of the half term with their friends.

Now that the weather has changed and the temperatures are dropping, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a suitable coat. We continue to make use of our outdoor spaces throughout the year and children will go outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes unless the weather is particularly severe or there is very heavy rain.

There will be after school clubs added to Arbor for next term, please look under clubs and book your places. The clubs will be visible on Arbor at 9am tomorrow.

School closes today for the half-term holiday and will re-open on Monday 2nd November. We hope all of our families enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of the autumn term.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. Have a wonderful half term and stay safe throughout Halloween.

Mrs Cagney



CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

We are so proud of the children for the fantastic start they have made to school this half term. They have settled beautifully into school life, learnt so much already and adapted brilliantly to new routines, friendships and learning experiences. This week, the children have enjoyed exploring repeating patterns by helping the squirrel create a patterned trail to his nest before designing and creating their own repeating patterns using objects from around the classroom. In Literacy, we have been consolidating our learning from The Colour Monster. The children created their own Colour Monsters by choosing a new emotion and matching colour, and then drew simple story maps to show the beginning, middle and end of the story. It has been wonderful to see their growing confidence, creativity and enthusiasm for learning throughout their first half term in Reception.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have had another busy and exciting week! In English, we have been working hard to become more independent writers, using our phonics knowledge to write sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths, we have been exploring number lines and using them to find one more and one less. In science, we have been bringing our learning about the seasons to a close, thinking about how the weather changes throughout the year and designing suitable outfits for each season. We have also enjoyed developing our ball skills in PE, practising tracking and controlling a moving ball. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term, and we are so proud of the progress they have made. We hope everyone has a lovely, restful half-term break.

YEAR 2

Our highlight in year 2 this week was undoubtedly our Significant Figures Day. The children looked brilliant in their outfits, and we were so impressed with the time and effort they had put into creating their fact sheets. In English, we finished writing our stories about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his invention of the Thames Tunnel. The children worked incredibly hard, and their writing is really beginning to show the progress we would expect from growing Year 2 writers. We were so proud of their efforts that we have sent our stories to the Brunel Museum in London to share our work with them! In science, we investigated the strength of materials by testing different ways of folding paper. Using multilink cubes as weights, we compared flat, folded once, rolled and concertina-style paper structures to see which could hold the most weight before collapsing. The rolled paper was the strongest, with some tables managing to balance an amazing 19 cubes before their structure collapsed! The children loved testing their predictions and discovering how the shape of a material can affect its strength.



AR READERS

Year 2 - Erik, George R,
Esme, Maisie

Year 3 - Jacob

**Please remember
we are a No Nuts
School, that
includes Nutella**

**All items of
clothing should
be named.**

**Water only in
bottles please.**

Polite Reminder:
The school toilets are
closed for cleaning
from 3:20.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

95% - EYFS

96% - Year 1

95% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

95% - Year 4

94% - Year 5

95% - Year 6

Attendance
target 95%

Please be aware that the gates open at 8:35, and your child is marked late, affecting their attendance from 8:50am. Punctuality is a valuable lifelong skill. Late arrival affects not only the pupil who is late but disrupts the whole class. Where a pupil arrives after the registers close, with no justifiable reason, a U code will be entered into the register. The U code amounts to an unauthorised absence for the whole session. We must warn you, a penalty notice may be issued where there have been at least ten sessions of unauthorised absence during a rolling 10 school week period.

SAFETY...

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

HAVE A SPOOK-TACULAR AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!

CHECK YOUR TREATS

Always check sweets before you let your child eat them. Make sure all treats are sealed and safe to enjoy.

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Wear reflective markings or carry a torch. Halloween can be dark, so help drivers and others see you clearly.

KEEP AWAY FROM FLAMES

Make sure costumes do not go near candles, pumpkins with real candles, bonfires or any exposed flames. Safety first when dressing up!

USE SAFE FACE PAINTS

Choose non-toxic makeup and face paints designed for children's skin. Always test products first if your child has sensitive skin.

STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS

Use pavements where possible and take extra care when crossing roads. Remember:

Stop
Look
Listen
Think

STAY TOGETHER

Always walk with your responsible adult. Stay with your group and never wander off alone.

REMEMBER...

HAVE FUN! ★ BE KIND! ★ STAY SAFE!

Happy Halloween from everyone at school!



CLUBS...

Clubs: Autumn 2

Monday

3.15-4.15

Choir Years 2 – 6

Tuesday lunchtime

12.15-1.15

Lego Club

All Welcome

Wednesday

3.15-4.15

FITC Football Club

Years 1-6

Thursday

3.15-4.15

FITC Gymnastics

Years 1-6

Taskmaster Art Club

Years 1-6

Friday

mornings from 8.30

iRock

All welcome

Friday

3.15.4.15

Taekwondo

Years 3-6

FITC clubs are available through the following link:

<https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

iRock club is available through the following link:

<https://www.irockschool.com/>

Taekwondo club is available through the following link:

<https://www.olympustaekwondo.com/>