

Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that Easter break is upon us already! The children have experienced and achieved so much this term!

We welcomed Dr Huw Lewis-Jones, a polar-exploring author, as part of The Write Stuff. We celebrated Book Week which included an author visit from Karen Mc Combie, book sharing with our very own Gus Mackay (Sports Commission), book sharing between the Juniors and the Infants and, finally, dress up as your favourite character from a book. Great effort everyone!

We proudly supported two local charities as well as Comic Relief Red Nose Day. The children created and wore the boldest ties for Loud Tie Day (Bowel Cancer Guernsey). Year 4-6 entered two teams in the Everest Challenge, raising funds for the Le Murier Outdoor Education and Residential Programme. Forest raised a huge £573! Thank you so much for all your contributions and well done!

In February, Elliot (Yr 5) initiated a campaign for climate change by leading a fabulous school assembly to raise awareness amongst the children and staff. He introduced The Earth Hour which happens on Saturday 23rd March between 20:30 and 21:30. Since then, Elliot has announced a "call to march" and organised a protest march which we held on Thursday 21st March at 11.30. States members and the media were also invited.

Forest entered various classes in this year's Eisteddfod. The KS2 choir placed 2nd with an 'Outstanding'. Our Guernsey French Team performed a song and puppet show which they wrote themselves. They received 2nd place with a 'First Class' for their song and some wonderful comments regarding their puppet performance.

Forest PTA have, once again, done a superb job organising an event for KS1 and KS2. The children dressed to impress and took to the dance floor grooving the evening away at their respective school discos. A huge thank you goes to our PTA for organising the event with a special mention to Mr Bolger for his superb DJ skills!

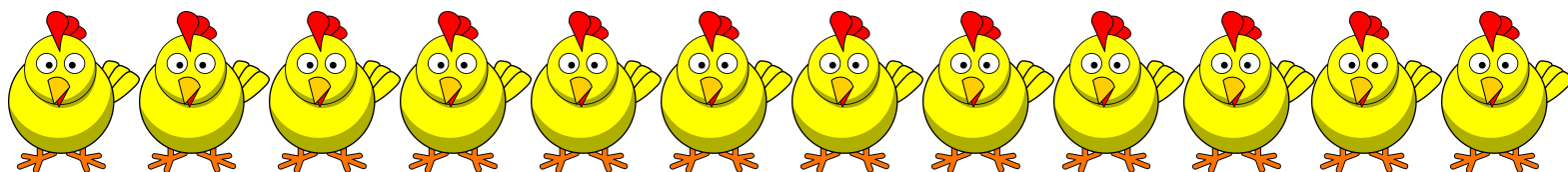
We spent a very enjoyable, albeit chilly and a bit wet, Saturday morning at the Tag Rugby Festival and our children were praised for their sportsmanship and manners. A big well done to our Year 3/4 team who won the Plate! Thank you to all you who came down to support!

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 De Putron Team who won their age category and headed to Jersey on Thursday 21st for the Channel Island competition.

And let's not forget that we also welcomed our Ofsted visitors this term. It's been a long awaited visit and I hope you've all had a chance to read the report (it's on the school website). We are so proud of the whole Forest School community...children, parents/carers and staff really shone!

As always, I'm sure you'll join us in thanking the Forest staff team for their incredible dedication, hard work and commitment. Thank you for working with us and for the support that you have given us this term.





Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd March 2024 **1pm**

End of term - **please note no buses**

Monday 8th April 2024

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Pupils return to school

Monday 6th May 2024

May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May 2024

Liberation Day

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Half Term

Friday 19th July 2024 - **1pm**

End of term - **please note no buses**

Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th September 2024

Staff Training Day

Thursday 5th September 2024

Pupils return to school

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Half Term

Friday 20th December

End of term - **please note no buses**

School Uniform Reminder

Please remember that school uniform is an important part of our school identity. We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are in uniform that does not meet with school expectations. It is expected that pupils will wear...

Grey tailored shorts, trousers, skirt or grey/green pinafore dress.

Gold polo shirt – NOTE: These should be gold not pale or lemon yellow.

Green sweatshirt or fleece.

Black shoes (**not trainers**)

Green & white gingham dresses may be worn in the summer months.

Please note, Black trousers, black pinafores, black skirts and black shorts are not part of our uniform.

We do have a large amount of secondhand uniform, too much to display. If you're looking for something, please let the office know.

Attendance Matters! So far so good! But did you know...

Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best possible start to the day for our children.

Did you know that being even 5 minutes late per day can add up to 3.4 school days (more than 20 hours) of learning missed a year?

Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their children are receiving efficient full-time education. The expectation of the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture and one that Forest Primary School shares, is that our children achieve at least 95% attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 90%, for whatever reason, including sickness absence and holidays, therefore becomes a serious cause for concern as this will constitute at least 20 days of absence across a full school year.

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