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Good morning everyone,

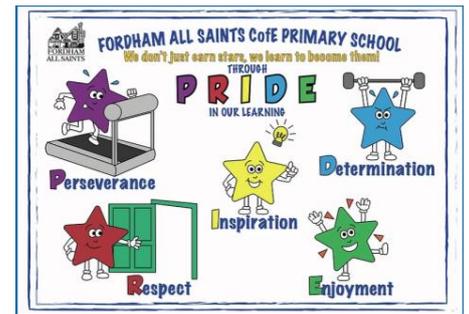
It has been a busy week in school with children doing a range of assessed tasks. The teachers have also been busy marking these tasks and identifying what the children know and what they need to be taught in the next half term. The teachers from both schools met together last night to compare children's work and agree common standards for the children in the year groups they teach. This was a really useful staff meeting with teachers sharing lots of great ideas around writing and how to gauge what level a child is working at. It also enabled us to look at how we use our tracking programme (Target Tracker) and align what is done across both schools for the benefit of the children.

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

Thank you for your understanding of the catering situation this week. Whilst Mrs Bartholomew is making a good recovery she will not be in the kitchen before half term. We have managed to secure the services of Mr Small who is well known in both schools and he will be cooking for us next week.

I am very pleased with the smooth transition to cooking at Fordham for both schools. In the light of the success I have been able to review the menu with Mrs Bartholomew and after half term we will be able to offer the option of a jacket potato everyday for those who do not want a hot meal or filled roll.



Upcoming Events

- 27th May** School Photographer for class photos
- 28th May** INSET Day – no children in school
- 31st May – 4th June** Half-term holidays
- 11th June** Break the Rules Day
- 17th June** Classroom Exhibition – with a difference!
- 22nd June** Full Governing Body meeting
- 23rd June** Sports day weather permitting
- w/b 12th July** KS2 Performance week
- 13th July** Full Governing Body meeting
- 21st July** Last day of term
- 22nd July** Summer holidays start

More Important News

The Friends of Fordham School met on Wednesday evening at the Three Horseshoes. It was my first pub visit since last summer (so very exciting!) and despite the chilly evening there was a really good turn out of parents. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of the group, with plenty of ideas and discussion about events for fundraising and for the children's entertainment. Obviously, we cannot organise very much at the moment, but we are all optimistic that we can return to some of the events we know and love; whilst also thinking about some new ideas. Mrs Westcott stepped down as Chair and I would like to thank her on behalf of the school community for all she has done over the most difficult of years. I would also like to welcome Mrs Gurton as the new Chair, she has lots of ideas and is keen to listen to others and get going with some fundraising events when we know these can happen. Mrs Aldis and Mrs Ellison have agreed to continue as secretary and treasurer respectively. Again, I would like to thank them for all they have done over the past year and for agreeing to continue.

Mrs Lawrence has lots of ideas for how she would like to develop the Class 1 environment. I will be including a list of things which she could make use of in next week's newsletter. It may be that while you are enjoying the half term break you come across some of them which could be donated to the school.

Finally, an apology and a plea! I am really sorry if you have messaged me via Class Dojo and I have not responded. This is a whole new method of communication and it is not something I have been checking as regularly as the teachers check theirs. Please do make sure that you raise any queries with your child's teacher in the first instance. If the issue remains unresolved then Mrs McMillan or myself will be happy to see what we can do. If that does not resolve the issue then parents can contact the governors for resolution.

May I request that if you need to contact me you email via the school office admin@allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk, Mrs Cook will then forward the emails to me. This will streamline the communication channel and ensure that I do not miss your communications.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

In the Community

School website

I will be adding information and updating the website over the next few weeks. Please do visit the site to keep up to date with all that is going on in school.

www.allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk



Dear Lord
Thank you for a wonderful
term and thank you for our
teachers who prepare
wonderful lessons.

Amen

By Maddison N and Molly S