



## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 13  
October – Harvest  
Assembly  
(pupils only)**

**Monday 26 – Friday 30  
October Half Term**

**Monday 2 November –  
Non Pupil Day &  
Learning Conferences**



# Fordham News

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Head of School: Mrs Emily McMillan

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

I hope everyone has settled back well into school life and that the morning routine is now like riding a bike! With such a long break from the usual school run, I appreciate how hard it may have been for everyone to get motivated and back to it. The children have all settled remarkably well, and although we have had to implement lots of changes in school in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, the children have come back with such a great attitude. It's really great to see so many happy children and parents at the gate in the mornings.

As always things evolve, and the Government issue new guidance and advice daily. Please be reassured that we keep up to date daily on the new government and LA updates. Essex County Council communicate very clearly any changes directly to school. We are all still working in bubbles, within pods and have adapted lunches, breaks and assemblies to suit the new rules. Here at school we very much have the attitude of 'if we can, we will' and aim to keep your children's school experience as normal as possible.

After their first month with us I want to say well done to Class 1 on a remarkable start to school. I have never seen a more settled and 'school ready' EYFS group and we are so pleased to welcome you all to the Fordham family.

I also wanted to welcome Mrs Cook in the office, who I know many of you have already spoken to and had an epic gate duty initiation one rainy Friday morning where you may have been able to finally put the face to the name/ voice on the phone!

Welcome also to the brilliant Mr Tuttlebee in class 4 who we feel really fortunate to have working with us here at Fordham. An excellent addition to a great team! Thank you all for your support in the start of this school year. I really appreciate your cooperation with the changes, your patience, understanding and feedback so far.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on the gate Monday! Mrs S ☺

## Oaks and Acorns

Our community links are really important to us here at Fordham. Oaks and Acorns is a link between older residents of our community and the school children which has been running for many years. Traditionally we would invite the Oaks into school to do a joint activity with the children, enjoy lunch with us and they would be invited to performances of the nativity or end of year show.

Obviously in these current times we cannot invite our Oaks into school like we used to enjoy doing previously. Class 3 have written cards to them which we have posted, letting them know we are still thinking of them. We have our first reply back so are pleased to be continuing this link.

## NOTICES

### **Ink Bin**

We are still collecting empty ink cartridges for our recycling collection through The Ink Bin - every cartridge makes a difference and can help us raise school funds. The Ink Bin is in reception.

**THANK YOU**

## Art Displays

Our school is starting to look full and bright again, with art work beginning to fill the walls in classrooms across school. Class 3 have produced some beautiful pastel drawings based on their RE learning on Jonah and the Whale. Class 4 have produced some stunning paintings based on their class book, Kensuke's Kingdom.



## GOLD BOOK WINNERS

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Class 1 Harry D-H & Noah E

Class 2 Joseph P & Lewis L

Class 3 Amelia W & Lauren L

Class 4 Olivia C & Ben N

Class 5 William E & Lily-Mae B

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Class 2 Mia R & Charles B

Class 3 Riley C & Yash P

Class 4 Charlie D & Theo J

Class 5 Florence C & Simeon S



PRIDE IN OUR LEARNING