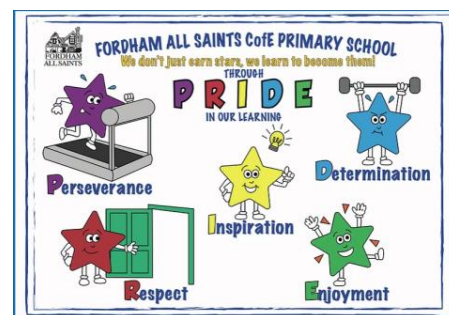


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Good afternoon everyone,

For a short week we have certainly packed a lot of learning in! The children enjoyed World Maths Day on Wednesday with a whole range of activities around practical maths.



The practical nature of the maths activities sparked lots of different conversations around mathematical concepts. I know in one class someone proudly told the teacher they could throw a tennis ball 23cm. The child was quite surprised that this was not an accomplishment when the teacher pointed out how far 23cm was, compared to 23m. The children were also keen to share other measurements saying they could jump 1000mm, which sounds very impressive until you realise it is just a meter!

Upcoming Events

18th May Joint Governors meeting Chappel and Fordham

27th May School Photographer for class photos

28th May INSET Day – no children in school

31st May – 4th June Half-term holidays

16th June New Reception Parents Induction meeting

23rd June Sports day weather permitting

24th June New Intake 1st visit

24th June Book Day -details to follow

1st July New intake 2nd visit

8th July New intake 3rd visit and stay for lunch

w/b 12th July KS2 Performance week

13th July Full Governing Body meeting

21st July School Picnic

21st July Last day of term

22nd July Summer holidays start

More Important News

The teachers from both schools had a joint staff meeting last week. We were able to share up to date information about maths and English. We also had a look at a new Curriculum Planning Tool which looks very interesting and should enable us to track our coverage of the National Curriculum learning objectives for every child so that they do not miss any areas of the curriculum. It was useful to discuss how phonics is delivered in the two schools and what we need to do to move forward. In a couple of weeks' time, we will be meeting together again to look at writing across the schools and share our judgements on the quality of the writing. Again, this is really useful as it ensures that we are all working consistently to the same standards. It also allows teachers to discuss how they approach writing in their classes and share ideas.

A number of parents have asked if there will be learning conferences this term. We have decided against this, but we will be producing a written annual report for each child which will highlight their achievements and give an indication of areas to work on. I am aiming to send the completed reports home at the beginning of July so that if there are any questions you will have time to discuss them with your child's class teacher.

We have had a number of staff absences over the last few weeks; these have been covered by staff in school who are all working tirelessly to keep things running smoothly for the children. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, flexibility and positive attitudes. I would also like to thank parents for bearing with us during these challenging times, your patience and understanding is also greatly appreciated.

Finally, you will have noticed a few more events have been added to the diary events. We are awaiting the next announcement in the lifting of restrictions, to hopefully take a further step towards normal school life. I am hopeful that all restrictions will be lifted so we can enjoy our traditional end of term activities.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

If your personal details or consents have changed please notify the office.

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.

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Dear Lord

Thank you for the planet. Please keep the sea animals safe from pollution. Help us realise that ocean dumping is wrong.
Amen.

That was written by Molly S and
Maddison N. Class 5

