



Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back!

I hope you have enjoyed family time over the break-I have been around the school this morning and all the children are settled into their classes and working hard. This is a short reminder email and some diary dates for you.

Welcome meetings

Feedback after the meetings last year was that parents found them very useful. This year's meetings are as follows. All the meetings are at 3.25pm. If you are not able to attend don't worry.

Monday 9th Year 1
Tuesday 10th Year 2
Wednesday 11th Year 3
Thursday 12th Year 4
Monday 16th Year 5
Tuesday 17th Year 6

Right to be safe week

Safeguarding is always a priority and we are having our first themed safeguarding week next week (9/9/24). The theme is 'listening and telling' and we will be reminding children about trusted adults who can help them.

Harvest Festival

Our annual harvest collection will be for the Redbridge Foodbank. I will be in touch soon with the items that they are particularly in need of at the moment. The collection point will be the playground gate area. Year 1's harvest assembly for parents is on 9th October.

School Improvement

We have two focus subjects each year where the staff team really drill down into the curriculum and there is lots of training and development. In the past we have focussed on History, Geography, Art and Design Technology. This year our focus subjects are RE and PE.

Another school improvement area this year is pupil behaviour, specifically the re-launch of houses and an online reward system. Zones of regulation are still a really important aspect of our behaviour management too. We look forward to sharing the platform details with you soon.

Our learning focus this term is maths, we are planning a launch day for 'Times Tables Rock Stars' on 24th September. Look out for information from Ms Clarke about parent maths workshops.

Year Six-secondary school admissions

Although we have only just started the new year our Year 6 families need to start thinking about their secondary school applications. Here is a link to the [information from Redbridge](#) and another link to their [admissions website](#). All of the local schools will hold open evenings so you can go and have a look around, we will send this information as we get it. I can confirm that the open evening for The Forest Academy is Tuesday 24th September.

Attendance

You may have seen in the media that there have been some changes to the way absence from school is monitored and how we work with families to improve attendance. Our new attendance has all the information, including the penalties for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly can be found [here on the school website](#).

Communication

Our year group emails are still in use and are the best place for you to ask questions about day-to-day things in school. We also wanted to clarify our phase leaders as the next group of people who can help. The phase leaders this year are:

Early Years- Mrs Schooling

Years 1,2,3-Ms Clarke

Years 4,5,6-Mrs Prasad (Deputy Headteacher)

Of course, we still have our Assistant Headteachers, Mrs James and Mrs Anderson.

PINS project (Partners in neurodiverse schools)

I wrote to you about this NHS project in the Summer. There is an introductory coffee morning here at Manford on Thursday 12th September-everyone is welcome.

After School clubs

These will start in the week of 23rd September and run for 6 weeks

After School Childcare and Breakfast Club

Childcare at school is now available from 7.45am until 6pm every day. Mrs Gould and Mrs Matthams now run the club together and they have lots of exciting changes planned.

Dates for Your Diary

September:

PINS Coffee Morning 12th

Welcome meetings (see above)

Dress like a rock star 24th September

Year 6 residential w/c 30th September

October:

Tours for prospective Reception families 2025 8th (call school office to book)

Year 1 Harvest- 9th