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Important Dates

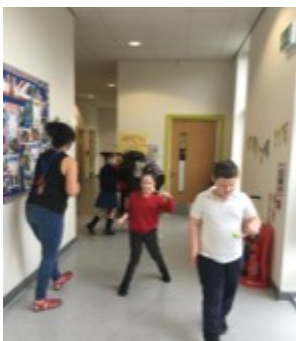
- Friday 1 April**
School closes for Easter
- Tuesday 19 April**
School re-opens
- Monday 2 May**
May Day—School closed
- Thursday 26 May**
School closes to pupils
- Friday 27 May**
Inset Day for staff
- Tuesday 7 June**
School re-opens

Message from Lucinda

This time of year is always an extremely busy but exciting one – a time for reflection and evaluation of the year so far, a time for focusing on the present and what needs to be done for our pupils right now, and a time for hope, planning ahead and considering new opportunities and further improvements; in our constant drive to deliver the very best – of everything – that we possibly can for our pupils, families and the wider community. With this in mind we have been working hard on our School Improvement Plan for 2022 – 2023 (at Fox Wood we create this plan based on the financial year, to ensure that when we set the budget we are mindful of the resources required to deliver our planned improvements.) After Easter we will be sending home a Parent Friendly (at a glance) version of this, so you can see our focus areas for this year. I look forward to being able to share our progress with you in some of the key areas as we journey through the year – but as a follow up to my last message to you I want to confirm that Forest Schools and Community Based Learning opportunities remain at the heart of our future plans, and that we have some very exciting opportunities and experiences in the pipeline!!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Easter celebrations, it was lovely to have visitors back into school, even if it was in smaller numbers.

Classes had a great time hunting for Easter Eggs around school, following the bunny footprints



I also wanted to share my thanks once again to everyone who nominated myself and Rachael Hallman (one of our fabulous TAs) for this year’s Warrington Guardian Education Awards. For anyone who didn’t hear I was very humbled to receive a ‘Highly Commended’ accolade in the Primary Headteacher of the Year Award. It was an absolute honour, and so very lovely to hear not only praise for Rachael and myself, but also for Fox Wood as a school, family and community. As I have made it clear on numerous occasions our achievements are very much a Team Effort and I do truly believe that “Together We Shine” and that I have the most wonderful team who are all essential to what we offer and achieve – so as we move forwards the challenge is to get even more recognition for the wonderful work, pupils, people, and community that makes our school (and world) so special – and this is another key focus in our School Improvement Plan, as we continue to strive to create greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of our community.



This half term, all classes engaged in the 'Keep Britain Tidy- Big clean up' event in school. The aim of the event is to collect as many bags of litter as possible. Pupils worked hard to make our school look extra clean and tidy. We are so proud of our pupils for engaging in this event and each class got their own certificate to celebrate! Well done Fox Wood.



Reading

This year, our whole school target is centred around reading and fostering an enjoyment and love of reading. For World Book Day, each class was asked to choose a Class Novel to share together and enjoy - there was a wide range of requests from more traditional tales to David Walliams and all of the classes are really enjoying their novels.

Sounds of the English Phonic Code -Synthetic Phonics.wmv

Tami Reis-Frankfort, reading specialist and trainer, demonstrates how to pronounce the sounds of the English Phonic Code, when teaching children to read with Synthetic Phonics. <http://www.phonicbooks.co.uk>

www.youtube.com

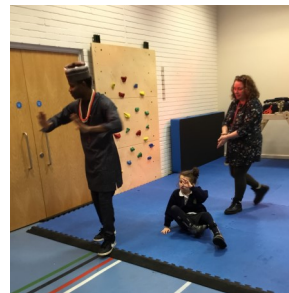
Pupils continue to benefit from their Daily Basic Skills Sessions (DBS) in these sessions pupils are taught phonics, using a synthetic phonics approach and then apply their phonics knowledge using high quality phonics books. If you would like to support your child's phonic and reading development at home, it is important that you learn and use the correct pronunciation of synthetic phonics sounds. The resource below will give you further information - it is a resource we use in school for training new staff.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwJx1NSineE>

World Book Day has been epic at Fox Wood; lots of wonderful stories, costumes, reading with hot chocolate and cookies and super story



"Pupils enjoyed a full calendar of events during our "It's a wonderful world" themed Arts week at the beginning of March. We started off in Warrington and met Wolfie from Warrington Wolves rugby team, travelling around the world to Africa, USA and Spain and celebrated World Book day with our favourite stories. We danced, made music, painted, enjoyed art activities, tasted and smelled different foods and much more!



Class 6 have enjoyed doing scientific experiments during their topic this term. They have been doing lots of different experiments testing states of matter and describing what is happening. To test how they could change a liquid into a solid, they made ice cream in a bag. They worked in groups to pour all the ingredients into a bag and then worked together to shake the bag, stopping to see what was happening to the ingredients. After lots of hard work shaking the bag the ice cream had become solid. The best part about this experiment was testing the results at the end. The pupils agreed it was yummy!

Well done Class 6 scientists.



Warrington's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education and offers vulnerable children, and children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals, to take part in holiday clubs.

warrington.gov.uk/HAF
#HAF2022

We try our utmost to accommodate all needs. The funding covers Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. Providers need to go through the council's procurement platform to be considered to provide for children and young people in Warrington.

HAF providers, parents and carers can visit the HAF website for more information
HAF@warrington.gov.uk



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Other Notices - Dinner Money—Just a reminder that Dinner Money has increased to £2.40 per day, (£12.00 per week) This is still payable on the Friday for the following week and must be paid on a weekly basis or termly in advance. Any monies sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the pupil's name, the amount, and what the money is for, written clearly. School cannot take responsibility for any loose cash.