



7th September 2018

Welcome Back!



Welcome back and happy new school year everyone! I hope you all had a good break from school. It was really good to see you all again and to be able to welcome so many new faces and families into our Forncett school family. We hope all our new families and our new teacher, Mrs Belemore-Smith will all be very happy here. Here's to a wonderful term together!

The whole Partnership staff (Carleton Rode & Forncett) spent Tuesday updating their Safeguarding and Child Protection training together. We also held a general staff meeting, training on behaviour management, writing and on using our new interactive computer screens more fully. It was a very useful two days.

Morning Playground Supervision

We are extending the trial morning drop off and drive away scheme this half-term to see if it helps free up more parking spaces. From 8.35am – 8.45am (when the doors open), staff will be on duty outside.



New Partnership Working Information

From this week onwards, I will be at Carleton Rode on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Mrs Gionis and Ms Cartner are now job-sharing the role of 'Senior Teacher' at Forncett. They will oversee the day to day running of the school, leading in my absence.

Mrs Gionis will cover me on Mondays.

Ms Cartner will cover me on Wednesdays.

Mrs Creasey will deal with any safeguarding matter in my absence as usual.

If you have an urgent matter you need to speak to me about on a Carleton Rode day, please telephone Carleton Rode Primary on 01953 789384.

Partnership Launch Day

On Friday 21st September, we will be holding our partnership launch event. Carleton Rode will join us at Forncett for a fun-packed day of learning treats. We will be learning some things about Indian culture and have booked workshops in Bollywood dancing and Indian music making! We will have a special collective worship session together too and are hoping that the Bishop or one of his representatives can attend.

Parking & Emergency Access Issue

Please would you all help me to ensure we make a peaceful and community spirited start to the year by not blocking the school carpark or entrance to the Loke which leads up to school. Some families have decided to start parking in the Loke (church land as we understand it). I worry this may cause a danger to children coming across the churchyard who often run down the bank, straight across the Loke and through the side gate, so please be careful if you decide to park there.

My second concern is that a few adults blocked the school carpark and Loke entrance last term so that nobody who really needed to leave/enter the staff car park could. I was very late to a meeting one time, a governor got stuck and was late to collect a child and we missed a delivery as the van couldn't access the school with a heavy load of items we needed, to name a few of the issues this caused us.

Emergency access is needed at all times to the staff car park so please, please, keep the car park and Loke entrances clear at all times.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this issue.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder to you all that if you ever have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of a child or family of children, please see me, Judith Jones, in confidence. I am the Partnership's dedicated safeguarding lead (DSL) professional and Sharon Creasey is our deputy DSL. We receive the same training to the same level, so you may see Mrs Creasey if you prefer. Our safeguarding governor is Ms Helen Carlile and she can be reached via the school office. All staff and governors take their safeguarding and child protection duties very seriously and work hard to ensure we meet the highest standards. If you would like to view our safeguarding policy, a copy is available in school and on our website at www.forncettsschool.org

September Clubs

Tim Courridge will be running a Wednesday after-school sports club, Tuesday tennis club will begin shortly and there will be a new theatre arts (drama etc.) club starting up too. Details of are available from the school office.

DIARY DATES

September

Fri 14th – Y5/6 Forncett Steam Museum Visit

Fri 21st – Partnership Launch Event - Indian Cultural Day of Learning

October

Friday 5th - European Day of Languages celebration with family Continental Breakfast Café

Thurs 11th – Harvest Thanksgiving – 2pm in St Peter's Church

Tues 16th – Parent/carer consultations – details to follow

Weds 17th – Parent/carer consultations BREAK UP for HALF TERM

Half-term week is Thurs 18th – Fri 26th October

Mon 29th – school re-opens

November

Week beginning Mon 12th – National Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 16th – Children in Need

December

Mon 10th – Infants Nativity dress rehearsal

Tues 11th & Weds 12th Infant Nativity performances – details nearer the time

Tues 18th – Christmas Service 2pm in St. Peter's Church & break up for Christmas Holidays

January

Thurs 3rd – School re-opens for new spring term

‘Thumbs-up and Thank yous’ – a message from Mrs Chubbock

Thank you for the cards, gifts and kind wishes given to me at the end of the summer term and of my happy time at Forncett. It has been a privilege to play a part in the education of so many of your children. I have always appreciated good relationships with parents and carers and really valued the feedback from so many of you.

It was such ‘feedback’ that made me think about what I could leave behind. Forncett has a great system of *Good Choice* tickets, which rewards children for any manner of positive reasons and the whole school celebrates weekly during a Special Assembly. I thought it would be great to have a similar system in place for the staff, who are an amazing bunch of dedicated people. Often, you will not be aware of some kindness or attention or great piece of teaching your child has received during their school day. They may have received a listening ear; been helped after a fall in the playground; been read an interesting story; been reconciled with a friend; been helped to overcome a fear; had a piece of lost property located – this list is endless!

A large orange and purple box has been placed opposite the sliding doors, beneath the photo display for your ‘thumbs up and thank you’ notes. Some Post-Its are nearby. Whenever you feel you would like to make an acknowledgement, please feel free to jot down a short note for something that a member of staff has helped your child with. If you wish, you could do this at home, bring it to school and then place inside. The box will only be opened by Mrs Jones, celebrated and shared at staff meetings.

Best wishes for a happy term ahead.

Liz Chubbock