

# TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



## Forest Community Newsletter

Easter 2019



Welcome to the Easter Newsletter. The year is flying by and the staff and pupils in Forest Community have been very busy! I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what we have been doing recently.

*Mrs Knight*



### Sporting Achievements:



Thanks to our great PE team, we have taken part in a number of events in term 3 and 4 including;

Swimming Gala (Year 5&6)

Key steps Gymnastics competition (Year 3, 4, 5, 6)

Handball competition (Year 5&6)

Minterne 7's Football Tournament (Year 4, 5 & 6) in which Iwade A Team were the overall winners!

### **Well done everyone!**

In school, we have also had Yr 1-6 Chest Push Virtual Competition, Yr 1-6 Soft Javelin Virtual Competition, Freddie Fit, Daily Mile and various sports clubs after school.

**Next term** we look forward to: Race for life event, Cricket Coaches working with Yr3,4&5 Classes as part of Chance to Shine Programme (ECB) and the Kwik Cricket Competitions.

### Term 3 & 4 Events

We have been very busy since Christmas with many whole school events that our community has taken part in. These include:

Spellathon

TT Rockstars

Mother's Day tea parties

Safer Internet Day

Science Week

World Book Day

Comic Relief



### Hall of Fame



Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in Terms 3 and 4!



**Gruffalo:** Bella, Finley, Lucia, Rhys, Henry, Preston, Jake, Topaz, Oliver and Daisy.

**Ash:** Xavier, Kai, Arthur, Ava, Mia, Thomas, Evie, Lily, Riley W and Harry.

**Elm:** Megan, Mia, Jack, Jake, Rachel, Evie H, Anna, Zara, Lola, Logan and Charlie.

**Beech:** Lucy, Joshua T, Caitlin, Sophie C, Eleanor, Jacob, Harry, Ellie, Maizie, Isobel and Joshua S.

**Willow:** Jack B, Summer, Oliver F, Georgia, Daisy, Tessa, Molly, Elliot, Maicie and Alfie.

**Yew:** Eleni, Hayden, Ruby, Millie, Jess, Harvey, Lily, Emily, Jacob and Imogen.

**Oak:** Isla, Angel, Finn, Archie, Alexis, Neve, Ruby B, Jack, Martha-Lily and Angel.

**PE:** Isla (Oak), Samuel (Beech), Scarlett (Elm), Philippa (Yew), Scott (Willow), Mia (Ash), Alfie (Willow), Anna (Elm) and Taki (Oak).

### Attendance Update

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year, Elm, Beech and Yew classes have risen to the challenge. Congratulations!

Well done to our attendance prize draw winners for Term 2 and 3, Tede G (Yew) and Alfie H (Yew).



### We Love Reading!

Our focus on reading has continued since the New Year and we have had some fantastic results (with many classes seeing over 80% of children reading regularly at home). Thank you for your continuing support with this to meet our expectations as outlined in our home learning policy. Take a look at our averages since Christmas!

Gruffalo: 77 % Ash: 77.4% Elm: 77% Beech: 86.2% Willow: 91.1%  
Yew: 82.4% Oak: 84.4%

We are looking forward to seeing these percentages rise over the coming terms – remember to keep reading at home at least 3 times a week!

### Trip to Waterstones

At the end of Terms 3 and 4, we held our prize draws for a trip to Bluewater to spend a £10 voucher. To qualify, children needed to have met their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout. Philippa M from Yew Class and Harrison from Elm Class were the winners for Forest Community.

**Congratulations!**



**Gruffalo Class**

Fairy tales / People who help us (Superheroes)



"I loved beating Dr Freeze! We had to find the clues and he was in the shed. That was so silly!"

"I liked all of it—it was really fun learning about the Royal family."

**Ash Class**

Times they are a-changing



**Elm Class**

Fire Fire / The Terrible Tudors



"It was nice to have someone new come in and talk to us, we enjoyed acting and was very hands on."

"I liked it when we made our shields. We got to work with partners. It was great!"

**Beech Class**

How does Usain Bolt move so quickly?/ Romans in Britain



**Willow Class**

Ice Palace & Shackleton's Adventure / Anglo-Saxons and Scots



"I thought our wow day was brilliant! We learnt about lots of stuff and the myths"

"For our Wow day about the Vikings, we made longboats. It was really difficult but I did enjoy it!"

**Yew Class**

Stargazers/ Viking Raids and Invasion



**Oak Class**

Europe and the Battle of Britain/ The Mayans



"I enjoyed our Mayan wow day as everybody got to act out a part of a Mayan story. My favourite part was making the head-dresses."

Shout out to Mr Banning who not only claims the original "King of TT Rockstars" title but along with Mrs Banning will be welcoming their second baby later this year.

Update on wedding news! Both Miss Peel and Mr Davies have now booked their wedding dates for next year. The hat shopping can now begin!

We say welcome to Mrs Pumfrett who has joined us as the new TA in Elm Class.

**Staff shout-outs**

Well done to Mr Claridge and Mr Wybraniec who have completed some challenging running events recently.

**TT Rockstars**

Congratulations to the following people (Pupils and Staff) who have achieved "Rock Hero" status and made the top 10!

Charlie T (Beech), Mrs K Elmer (Staff), Mr A Banning (Staff), Alfie H (Yew), Millie C (Yew), Mrs S Adcock (Staff), David A (Octopus), Jacob A-H (Yew), Mr T Davies (Staff) and Abi A (Yew).



**Coming up in the next two terms:**

- Wow days to start all our new topics
- Swattenden trip for year 5
- Parents evenings
- PGL and Chessington for year 6
- Sports days
- Community Days
- Induction afternoons – new schools and new classes

**We look forward to sharing all of the exciting things coming up in the next few months as well as some warmer weather (hopefully)!**

**From all of us in Forest Community, have a wonderful break!**

