



## Important Dates

**Our Website address: [www.foxwoodschool.org.uk](http://www.foxwoodschool.org.uk)**

**Wednesday 20 July**

**Thursday and Friday 21 and 22 July**

**Thursday 1 September, Friday 2 September**

**Monday 5 September**

*School closes for pupils*

*Inset Days or staff*

*Inset Day for Staff*

*Pupils return to school*

## Thank you

### Summer Fayre

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who donated some lovely items which we could use for our bottle lucky dip, tombola, and raffle. All of your support is appreciated, and it helped to create some amazing prizes. We also had some prizes donated by local organisations, including our Star Prize from the Warrington Play and Sensory Centre. The pupils were really excited to be able to create carnival games, and it was lovely to see so many parents in school again. We raised £890—this will go into School Fund and we will keep you posted what it is used on.

## Good Luck

Good Luck to Luis, Kaytlyn, Patrick and Tamara who are moving over to College in September.

Another chapter in your lives, you will have a great time.

## Goodbye

This term we have said Goodbye to Lucinda Warren our OT. She has moved on to pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well.

Lucinda leaves a great legacy behind her and we are excited to see how our new OT, Anita, further develops our offer when she joins us in mid September.

## Message from Lucinda

What another truly amazing and jam-packed year we have had – it's not been easy at times, we all know that, but together we have risen to every challenge, and created some incredible opportunities, experiences and achievements. I am – as I often tell you - so proud to be the Head of Fox Wood, and the leader of such inspirational, creative, hardworking, talented and committed individuals who make up Team Fox Wood. It truly is an honour! This term has been especially exciting as we have begun to venture out more once again into our local community (as you will see within this newsletter) and this is something that we are keen to do even more of over the coming academic year, because we believe that it provides essential opportunities to address one of our key aims:

- To provide pupils with an education that will equip them for the world beyond the classroom, and to proactively assist in the development of a community that will welcome and value them.

There are a variety of ways in which we will be supporting and developing this further over the coming year, both for school and college. However one very exciting new development within school is that – from September – one of our fabulous TAs Geta will be focusing on pupils' learning beyond the classroom as our 'Community Champion' – I know that she has already had lots of ideas, and lots of conversations with teachers and class teams to try to plan visits and opportunities that will further enhance our pupils' life skills and support our new curriculum offer. I also know that, now the class lists have been shared with pupils, Geta will undoubtedly be getting comments/questions/requests from some of our pupils about their ideas and aspirations. I can't wait to see what fabulous learning opportunities – and fun – awaits us in September!

As always I want to say a big thank you to our 'retiring' Head and Deputy Head Pupils Luis and Layton who have been excellent advocates for their friends, and who have also helped me in lots of ways – and a big Congratulations to our new Head and Deputy Head Pupils from September – Robyn and JonJay. I am looking forward to seeing some of their ideas coming into action (and I know their friends are too!)



## Fox Wood Sports Day 2022

Fox Wood Sports Day was a great success to finish our wonderful Outdoor Learning Week. All pupils took part in a wider range of sporting activities, including races, personal challenges and class activities. The races, including egg and bowl, a builder dress up race and traditional running races were great fun and all pupils received stickers for taking part, with the first three racers in each race winning special medal stickers. There were even several staff races which were highly competitive and great fun to watch. We had a parade at the end of the day where pupils showed off their prizes and celebrated their achievements. Well done everyone!!!



## The Fun we had!!!

This half term has seen several visits happen for our pupils. Thanks to The Puddle Project some pupils have had a trip to the cinema to watch Lightyear. A truly magical experience for cinema first timers. Others have been over to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust to see the animals and experience the nature trail. With others enjoying some time out at the play and sensory center doing what we do best...having fun!!!

Other visits have included Manchester Airport viewing centre, strawberry picking, bowling, and the park. We have definitely made the most of the warmer weather.



## Cancer Awareness Race for Life

Class 6 organised a day for Cancer Awareness - Race for Life this month. All pupils and staff were invited to wear bright colours and join in arts and sports activities to raise awareness of cancer. Pupils decorated rainbows and the school was very colourful whilst pupils learnt about how cancer can affect people and affect their life and family, through personal videos and a PowerPoint presentation. Those pupils who know someone who has been affected by cancer wore their name on their rainbow whilst they took part in a run or walk to help think about or remember the person and celebrate how special they are to them. Thankyou for all donations. Class 6 will be organising sending the donations to Race for Life.



## Read, Write Inc

In September we will be teaching phonics using the Read, Write Inc phonics scheme. This scheme is fully accredited by the DfE and is an engaging and exciting way to teach phonics, using pure phonic sounds. Pupils will be taught letter sounds which are matched to the RWI reading scheme, enabling early reading. For those pupils not ready to engage with learning letter sounds, we have written an 'Early Phonics Programme' which enhances and develops listening, rhyming, making sounds and vocalisation skills.

Reading books will be sent home with pupils so that you can support reading at home.

**Lyndsey Phillips**

## Forest School

This term has been very exciting for our Forest School, we have welcomed to the Forest School team 3 of our very talented Teaching Assistants who have undertaken their Level 3 training. They have bags of ideas to share and roll out across the school starting next academic year. This will enhance our opportunities for our wonderful pupils to access our outdoor learning environment! Watch this space...

**Sam Scott**

## STORY MESSAGE

I was trained in the Story Massage programme during the last academic year. We have trialled it throughout the year with selected pupils, with excellent results.

The programme is describe on the Story massage website as:-

"...a fun and fully inclusive way of combining the creativity of story, song and rhyme with the benefits of positive touch. Everyone can join in, whatever age or ability. It is enjoyed by children and adults of all ages and abilities in a wide variety of settings."

Pupils have enjoyed a range of stories, poems, rhymes and songs with the ten accompanying strokes and all have responded positively.

We have recently won a Story massage best practice award and show-cased some of the fantastic responses of our pupils in the evidence submitted.

I am now in the process of developing a Story massage pack for pupils to bring home and share the strokes and texts at home as part of home reading.

We hope you enjoy this at home as much as we do at Fox Wood! **Janet Wilson**



Woolston Learning Village had a wonderful time celebrating the **Queen's Jubilee** earlier this term. Fox Wood, Green Lane and Woolston Learning Village teamed up, had a picnic lunch outside and enjoyed ice creams funded by My School Lottery. We enjoyed 'Garden Games' and finished off the afternoon with a crown parade. It was great to be able to celebrate such a wonderful event together!



### **Pastoral Support**

Friends of Fox Wood Coffee Morning

Thank you to all our parents who attend the Fox Wood Coffee Morning, you came up with some lovely ideas and it was lovely to see that so many of you attended.

### **Early Help**

Should you like more information on the 'Early Help' process to look at how your family could be supported through direct payments then please contact me when we come back in September, and I will be happy to talk this through with you.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to working with you in the next academic year.

Rachael, Pastoral Support Officer.

**Other Notices - Dinner Money—Just a reminder that Dinner Money is £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.