



# FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



May  
2021

## Important Dates

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

**Friday 28 May**

*School closes for pupils*

**Monday 7 June**

*Pupils return to school and the start of Out Door Learning Week*

**Wednesday 21 July**

*School closes for pupils for Summer*

**Thursday & Friday**

**22 and 23 July**

*Training Days for Staff*

## Message from Lucinda

At the risk of being terribly British I can't help but mention the weather – it truly has been the coldest, dullest, wettest May that I can remember (apparently it's 25 years since Britain experienced such a miserable May.) However, fear not, because the warmth within Fox Wood has continued to keep us all learning, laughing and exploring together, and we've even had fun leaping in the occasional muddy puddle! It is always inspiring to see what can be achieved, whatever the weather!

It's also been wonderful to see things further opening up, and developing, as we work towards a (we hope) more 'normal' time both within school and our local area. As I have said before, we move forwards cautiously so that all members of our community can be part of this; and we can be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

With this in mind we have given careful consideration to how we run this year's Summer Fayre on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Whilst we would dearly love to have every member of our School Community (which absolutely includes you all) together we know that this is not feasible yet.

However, we want to ensure that our children have the opportunity to enjoy a special Summer event, and therefore on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 we will host Fox Wood's 'FunFest' for our pupils in place of our usual Summer Fayre. This event will be organised in our well established Bubbles and each Bubble will be asking for any family volunteers to come into school on the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> June to lead activities (this could be things like face painting, hook a duck, – if you happen to have a kit at home as my parents used to for many years! – name the teddy, - you could maybe encourage a local business to donate a teddy for this? - etc.) We will also be having some special surprises which we will tell you more about nearer the time . . .

Again we will be asking any volunteers to support us with keeping everyone as safe as possible by taking a lateral flow test before coming into school and wearing a face covering on site (unless medically exempt.) For all members of our community who want to support, including those who are unable to volunteer, (and I do appreciate that so many of you have so many commitments) we will be offering opportunities to buy Raffle Tickets \*there are a number of prizes already creating excitement, and some amazing Friends of Fox Wood members who are working hard to ensure that this is a Raffle not to be missed!\*, asking parents & carers to send their children in with 'spending money' for the FunFest (once you have more details about what is on offer), and we are also considering some other ways to include families remotely.

Much more info to follow about all of this after half term, from Rachael who is leading on this exciting event, and from your child's Bubble! In the meantime please note the date in your diary and, if you are able to, give some thought to how you can help.

With your help we WILL make 18<sup>th</sup> June the FunFest day ever for our children!!

### Goodbye

### Welcome

### Thank you

This half term we have said Goodbye to Jeni TA from Class 6. Jeni has moved on to pastures new and we wish her all the very best.

We have welcomed 3 new Mid Day Assistants; Jade, Emma and Kathryn. They are all settling into 'Fox Wood Life' very well .

Thank you to Mr Illidge and friends for their kind donation.



## Pastoral Support

Friends of Fox Wood - We held our second virtual Friends of Fox Wood Coffee Morning on 19.5.21. We are starting to gather lots of exciting raffle prizes and where possible asking local businesses in the hope that this can then help support them in returning to "business as usual" while the world starts to open up again. I can't wait to be able to start sharing these donations with you over the next few weeks. In the first Coffee Morning it was suggested about getting a clothes bank which would mean that the Fox Wood Community could donate any unwanted clothes and once the bin is full could help us raise additional funds for school; this is now at school and ready for any unwanted clothes.

The school lottery is growing, and the weekly winnings are increasing due to the amount of tickets being sold. With the money which school has received through this classes have been able to purchase something which can support pupil wellbeing, which have included dark dens, projector lights, games and even a kettle with some mugs!

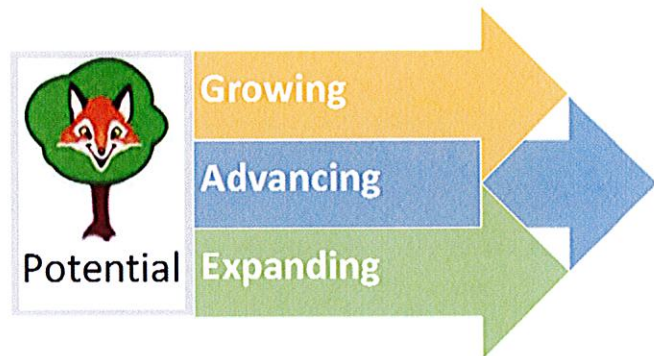
Early Help – Please remember that if you need any additional support to make contact with me, this could be finding out more about direct payments for respite support and additional support through the early help team. The ASPIRE holiday club will be running in the Summer Holidays and information has been shared on the Early Help and SEND Warrington Facebook Page, if you have a Social Worker or Family Support Worker please make contact with them directly to do your referral.

If you need to contact me please phone the school office or email [rjohnston@foxwoodschoolorg.uk](mailto:rjohnston@foxwoodschoolorg.uk)

**Rachael, Pastoral Support Officer**

Over the previous half term, we have been running our 'Potential' program that makes the best use of several funding streams such as Catch Up Premium & Pupil Premium. The programme has provided many different opportunities and support to pupils across school and has had a fantastic impact. Pupils have benefitted from 1:1 and small group sessions that have targeted specific areas of Maths, English and positive mental health and wellbeing.

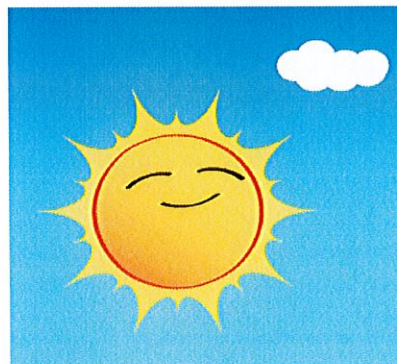
We have seen fantastic progress made from pupils engaging in Potential so far and are looking forward to continuing the program and making even more progress in the final half term. Something that has been even better than the progress, is seeing the smiles and enjoyment that all pupils get from these additional sessions and participating in Potential!



## TOP TIPS FOR SUN

5 top tips for staying safe in the sun!

1. Stay in the shade when possible
2. Use a good suncream
3. Keep topping up the suncream
4. Always pack a sunhat
5. Drink lots of water



**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.

## Staff Training

Team Teach, First Aid,  
Safeguarding, Wellbeing



## EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

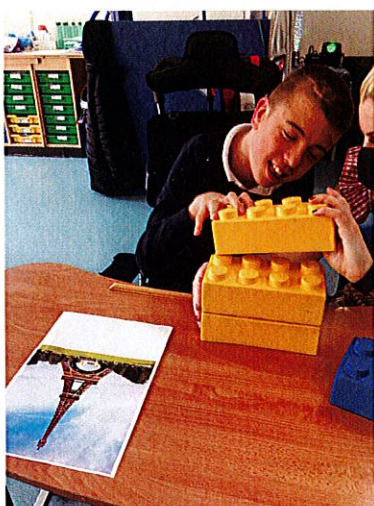
It is really important that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

To provide additional guidance, a very clear EUSS [leaflet](#) has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS. A set of accompanying [FAQs](#) are available too.

Please find other EUSS [resources](#) here and a list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available [here](#).

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme), where you can also find out more information about how to apply.

**The Leaflet can be found on our Website under Useful Information for Parents.**



Class 10's topic this summer is 'Travel and Transport'. Class 10 went to a travel agent and booked their holidays, answering questions using symbols. We then packed our suitcases, choosing what items would be suitable for our trip. Class 10 then took a flight over to France, where they looked out the window and painted what they could see! Once landed in France, we explored lots of different landmarks, such as making stained glass windows inspired by Notre Dame and building the Eiffel tower out of bricks. We then learnt about the French flag and what each colour represented. Lastly, we role-played what it would be like to go to French cafe where we ordered and tasted different cultural foods, shown preferences, and paid using real money!



This year the charity SWAN UK (syndrome without a name) turns 10. SWAN UK is currently the only dedicated support for families of children and young adults with undiagnosed genetic conditions in the UK. To celebrate this class 7 have organised a colourful rainbow inspired day, with each class receiving a party pack to help them to celebrate this occasion. What a fun way to end the half-term!



On 9<sup>th</sup> June we will be having our Sports Day. Here are some activities for you to practice with your child over half term. Please let class staff know which activities your child enjoyed.

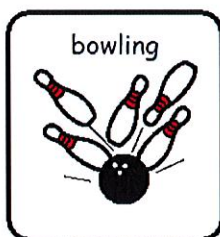


Stretching towards an object of their choice using one arm or hand and then the other.



Throw objects towards a target. We will be using small beanbags and a hoop.

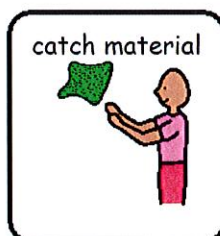
Bowling towards targets. They could knock down bottles or toys.



Knock down cups with their hand, arm or a ball.



Kick a ball towards a target.

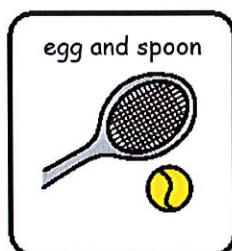
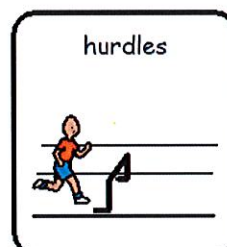


Catch material that is dropped from above.

Move from one place to another using your wheelchair or walker.



Run or walk jumping over hurdles.

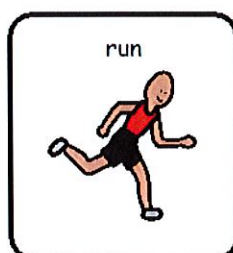


Balance an object and walk in a straight line.



Collect objects and return them to a hoop.

Run as far as they can. Can you race against your family?



Walk, as far as you can, with a family member.







## EU Settlement Scheme: Information for EU/EEA citizen children

If you were living in the UK before 1 January 2021, and you are from one of the European countries listed on this leaflet, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **30 June 2021**

Now that the UK has left the European Union, children and adults from other European countries who live in the UK may need to apply for permission to stay. This is called 'pre-settled' or 'settled status' depending on how long you or your parents have lived in the UK. Once you have received permission, you can carry on living in the UK as you do now. Existing close family members (who are EU or non-EU citizens) will also be allowed to come and live with you in the UK.



### How do I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme?

You need to apply online:

[www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status)

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING.** You can apply yourself if you understand how to, as long as you were living in the UK before 31 December 2020. Your parents or another adult who looks after you can also apply for you or 'link' your application with theirs.

### How can I get help if I need it?

If you have a question about your application or need additional support, go to:  
**[eu-settledstatus-enquiries.service.gov.uk](https://eu-settledstatus-enquiries.service.gov.uk)**

There is also a helpline:  
**0300 123 7379**

### Is there a deadline?

**You must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021.**

If you don't apply by then, you may experience problems when it comes to applying for college, university, jobs or other benefits in the future.





If you are from one of the European countries listed here, or you are a family member of someone from one of these countries, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **30 June 2021**



To apply, visit [gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme) If you need any help, call **0300 123 7379**



## What will I need to apply?

- Identity document such as a passport or national identity card and a digital photo of your face
- or a biometric residence card (if you are a non-EEA citizen) - for more information see the FAQs



### Remember!

A separate application form has to be filled out for each child in the family

## What happens when I apply?

### Step 1

#### They will make sure that you are who you say you are

You will need to use your identity document to confirm who you are. Scan the document on your phone, send your document by post or visit a location that can scan it for you:  
[gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations](https://gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations)

### Step 2

#### They will make sure you are already living in the UK

If you do not have a national insurance number, you can upload other documents such as an official letter from your bank, school or doctor.

### Step 3

#### They will do some final checks

If you are under 18, you do not need to tell them if you have been in jail or committed a crime. They will check, however, if any applicants over the age of 10 have a criminal record.





## What happens after I have applied?

### **CONFIRMATION:**

You or your parent (if they have applied for you) will receive an email telling you if you have been granted pre-settled or settled status or not.

**DIGITAL STATUS:** You will not receive an immigration document through the post (unless you are a non-EEA family member of an EU citizen). Instead, your immigration status will be accessed and demonstrated digitally: a record will be kept online. You can get details of your status in the future by going to the gov.uk website and following the links. **MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE FUTURE, INCLUDING THE ID DOCUMENT, MOBILE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS YOU USED.**

If you have been granted pre-settled status, you will need to **APPLY FOR SETTLED STATUS** when you have been resident in the UK for at least 5 years.

Further information and answers to some frequently asked questions are available here:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/brexit/eu-settlement-scheme/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/brexit/eu-settlement-scheme/)