



# FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Important Dates

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

<b>Wednesday 31 March 2021</b>	<i>School closes for pupils</i>
<b>Thursday 1 April</b>	<i>Inset Day for Staff</i>
<b>Monday 19 April</b>	<i>School re-opens after Easter Holidays</i>
<b>Friday 28 May</b>	<i>Pupils finish for half term</i>

### Message from Lucinda

It's been another busy term and finally it feels as if Spring has Sprung! I am so hoping that the Easter break gives us all a chance to get outside and enjoy some different experiences – and if the weather doesn't play nicely, then I hope you've got wellies and waterproofs and you can go adventuring nonetheless!

It really has seemed a tough few months for most of us, and it's really important that – where we possibly can – we proactively find ways to assist us in relaxing a little more than usual, and 'unplugging' ourselves from the pressures of life for a short while (and that can range from work, bills, Social Media, difficult conversations, cleaning the house/car/ clothes, etc!)

One of the things that helps me to relax is reading (not Government guidance though, if I'm honest!) and so I was delighted to find out more about the Sponsored Read that our pupils have been taking part in over the past few weeks, led by one of our wonderful parents Abbey Jones, who is an Usborne Consultant. Then, very recently, I was even more delighted to be able to spend some time reading a book with one of our pupils. It was a beautiful bright day, and so we sat outside and let the world pass us by as we read about 'Amelie and Albie's Adventures.' This is the first book written by Sarah Caldwell, 'Mum' to my reading partner! As well as being very impressed that she's found time in her very busy schedule to write this, it was lovely to see that Sarah has used this opportunity to write about a little girl with Autism and Epilepsy, promoting inclusion and highlighting that – even though there may be many differences between the friends – there is plenty of fun to be had together (and lots of mischief to get up to!) It was a lovely reminder too of our World Book Day focus earlier this month, which was all about 'Disability Awareness and Pride Through Books' – we have so many pupils who love to explore, read and share books, story sacks and story massage opportunities and so I hope that you have time to share some stories together over the next couple of weeks too!

Should you wish to buy a copy of 'Amelie and Albie's Adventures' then it's available via Amazon or Waterstones. Please remember too that if you have a talent you'd like to share, or further explore, then I'm always keen to know (I am, for example, very lucky to know we have a fabulous cake maker-parent if you ever want to check out 'The Bakery Outlet' on Facebook.) Maybe we need to create some kind of guide? If you think this is a good idea, then please have a chat with Rachael Johnston our Pastoral Support Officer – better still join her and other parents for the first ever virtual 'Friends of Fox Wood' meeting if you are able to, TOMORROW (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am) - please email Rachael on [rjohnston@foxwoodschoo.org.uk](mailto:rjohnston@foxwoodschoo.org.uk) today so she can send you the link, if you've not already done this.



Happy Easter!

Classes have been taking part in different Easter activities, including making cards, decorations and performing Easter songs. Class 5 have been making handprint chicks and Easter masks, they really enjoyed working together to draw around each others hands and developing their cutting skills. Next week, classes are looking forward to taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and hoping to find a special treat!

*Thank you to 'The Puddle' for their very kind donation of Easter Eggs, essential for an 'Easter Egg Hunt'.*



Class 3 have enjoyed accessing the Sensational Space and Fox Wood Grounds to take part in outdoor education. We have explored texture found in nature, created a bug hotel separating materials and located, identified and handled a wide range of insects. We are looking forward to continuing our outdoor education this half term as we begin our new science topic 'Rocks'.



"Some pupils from Class 4 and 8 have started singing lessons this half term provided through Accent Warrington. The vocal coach is called Trish and the lessons are conducted over Zoom sessions. The pupils start with a vocal warm up, singing along to melodies and songs they know. They then move on to other familiar songs including nursery rhymes and pop songs such as "Shotgun." All pupils look forward to their weekly lessons with excitement and Class 8 children are even writing their own song! Other pupils in other classes are on a waiting list for lessons and will take their turn on a rota."



**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.

This half term, Fox Wood has celebrated World Book Day - with our theme being Disability Awareness and Pride Through Books. Pupils were invited to come into school dressed as a book character and with their favourite book to share with their friends. As a special treat, Rita and Louise left hot chocolate and biscuits outside each classroom for pupils to enjoy as they read a story. Learning for the day was based on 'The Abilities in Me' series which is a series of books written about children with different abilities. Linked to World Book Day this year, is our sponsored read in conjunction with Usborne Books - we are very excited to hear what books all of the children have been reading



The local Police invited us to take part in an Art Competition. Bubble D won and the prizes were Easter Eggs, here are the proud winners! The Police very kindly donated enough eggs for all those that took part to have a prize.

Thank you



Friday 19th March was Red Nose Day, pupils and staff came to school as a Super Hero or dressed in red. We raised £112.30 which we have forwarded. Thank you for your donations, we had a great day.



#### Staff Courses

Story Massage and Hirstwood "Foundations of Reading"

Safeguarding , PAT Testing, Year End Finance, Single Central Record, Team Teach