



Dear Parents/Carers,

VIDEO

Over the coming weeks the children will be filmed and recorded singing and taking part in festive activities which we hope to correlate and produce a compilation DVD. We hope these will be available to order once completed.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children will be allowed to send Christmas cards but in a slightly different way this year. If your child/children want to send cards to their friends then these must arrive in school on Monday 7th December only. The cards will then be quarantined and distributed on Friday 11th December. For logistical reasons please ensure cards are only written for children in your child's own class. For Year 6 there will be one box for distribution.

CINDERELLA LIVE STREAM

A huge thank you to the Friends of Foxmoor who have agreed to pay for a live stream of Cinderella on the last day of term. I know the children will enjoy this treat.

STROUD PARISH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Year 5 children have been asked to take part in this year's online virtual Stroud Parish Christmas Service. We will be recording the children in two groups socially distanced. When I know how to access the performance, I will let you know.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you to Mrs Marchant and the Year 6 Team Captains for organising a fantastic take over day. The children had a fantastic time and with your support, we raised £367 for Children in Need. Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR

I am delighted to inform you that following the election process, Marc Chevalier has been elected as a parent Governor. Marc is joining a dedicated team of governors who work tirelessly to ensure the children of Foxmoor receive an excellent education.

Current Governors:

Richard Bridgewater	Matt Canning - Vice Chair
Marc Chevalier	Jen Douglas
Sue Freck	Faye Ingram
Helen Riddell	Paula Rimmer
Laura Smith - Chair	Jane Stevens
Paul Summers	Val Tuck

GLoucester Families Magazine

Please follow the link below if you would like to read the Nov/Dec version of the Gloucester Families magazine.

<https://bit.ly/3npg0dS>

LATENESS

There are still a small number of children who are continually arriving late. The staggered starts are important so that we can keep numbers of adults at the school gate to a minimum. Lessons start 5 minutes after arrival time. If your child arrives late, they are missing valuable learning time and interrupting others learning. Thank you for your support with this.

COMMUNITY COMPLAINT

I have received two complaints from members of the public regarding before and after school. The first complaint was regarding the lack of social distancing by parents. I know that this is a social time but the current legislation requires everyone to maintain a safe social distance of 2m. The member of the public was unable to walk along the path, as there were several large groups of parents blocking it. Please can everyone follow the legislation and be considerate to other members of the public.

The second complaint was concerning the behaviour of some children after school. The member of the public complained that children were climbing trees, breaking branches, running across the road and kicking footballs into adults and pushchairs, and not apologising or seeming to care when these incidents happened. I have spoken with the children today and reminded them that when they are in school uniform they are representing Foxmoor. We have always prided ourselves on the behaviour of our children both in and out of school and I would not want this reputation to be damaged in any way.

Thank you for your support with this.

WARM CLOTHES IN SCHOOL

As part of the government guidelines, we have to keep windows and some external doors open to aid ventilation. As the weather becomes colder, it is important that all children have warm clothing in school. If you would like to send your child in with extra layers then please do so. This could include a fleece or gilet.

CORONAVIRUS REPORTING

As cases of Coronavirus are increasing in the Stroud area, we ask parents to be extra vigilant. There are currently 18 schools in Gloucestershire that have either completely closed or closed classes/year groups. Details of the three main coronavirus symptoms and what to do if your child or a family member has symptoms or tests positive is set out in the section below. **Under no circumstances are parents to send children into school knowing that their child has been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case.** This is so we can keep all of our school community safe.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

It is vital that we all work together to minimise the risk of any coronavirus outbreak. The government have issued clear guidance on what to do if anyone within your household has any of the three main coronavirus symptoms. The three main symptoms are fever, a continuous dry cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. Please see the table below for what to do if any member of your household shows any of these symptoms.

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about the test result 	They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the virus has gone
Somebody in my house has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Household member to get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The household member test is negative.
Somebody in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine period is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to discuss distance learning Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	Medical professional informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

HOME LEARNING

If your child has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms and they are not attending school, whilst awaiting test results, we ask that, in the short term, you encourage your child to read, practise their spellings and times tables while they are at home.

In the event of a class bubble having to isolate or the school is instructed to close in full, we will switch to remote learning. In these circumstances, teachers will be setting work weekly with direct links to pre-recorded lessons and associated activities. Lessons and activities will mirror what would be being taught

face-to-face in the classroom. Parents will be able to communicate with teachers directly on a daily basis via email.

If you have any problems accessing digital resources please contact the school office.

Richard Bridgewater
Headteacher

INFORMATION

School and Governor Contact:

01453 757251

Facebook @foxmoorprimaryschool

Family Lives Helpline:

0808 800 2222

www.familylives.org

Early Help Partnership Families First Plus Stroud:

01452 328130

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

School Nurse Contact:

0300 421 8959

Early Years and Childcare:

0800 542 02 02

Gloucestershire County Council:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Friends of Foxmoor (FOF)

Facebook @friendsoffoxmoorschool

Contact: Natalie Hombrado via the school office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current visits planned and some important dates. I hope you find it useful. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Autumn 2020	Term 2
2nd November	First day of Term 2
13th November	Children in Need Day
18th November	Parent's Evening
25th November	Parent's Evening
26th November	Flu immunisations
2nd December	Parent's Evening
7th December	Year 2 Phonics check week

Headteacher: Mr Richard Bridgewater

10 th December	PC Weedon visiting Year 6
17 th December	Live stream of Cinderella
17 th December	Last day of Term 2
18 th December	Inset Day
Spring 2021	Term 3
4 th January	First day of Term 3
12 th February	Last day of Term 3
Spring 2021	Term 4
22 nd February	First day of Term 4
1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Summer 2021	Term 5
19 th April	First day of Term 5
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
10 th May	KS2 SATs Week
27 th May	Last day of Term 5 for children
28 th May	Inset Day
Summer 2021	Term 6
7 th June	First day of Term 6
20 th July	Last day of Term 6 for children
21 st July	Inset Day