



# Forest Way School Newsletter

March 2023

## A Word From Gail

Hi Everyone

Spring Term has flown by and it has been lovely to see so many of you attending annual reviews and supporting the Friends of Forest Way Parent Group.

This week the contractors have started work on the new modular building. As part of this work we are planning a new forest school's area and sensory playground, we will share our plans with you early next term.

We have set dates for Parents' Evening and Social Events which we have detailed on the back page. We hope that you will be able to join us for these.

We are beginning to think about classes and staffing for the next academic year. The 2 transition days that we did last year worked well so we will look to repeat this during the latter part of the Summer Term.

We have enjoyed Easter Workshops today and I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

Best wishes

*Gail*

## What came first, the chicken or the egg?



This half term in Science we were lucky to have the living eggs back in school. We saw first hand the life cycle of a chicken and the students absolutely loved it. We were even lucky enough to get to watch some of the chicks hatch. This allowed us to focus on life cycles, animal welfare and caring for something. All students in school had the opportunity to look at and hold the chicks, ensuring they were very gentle and kind.



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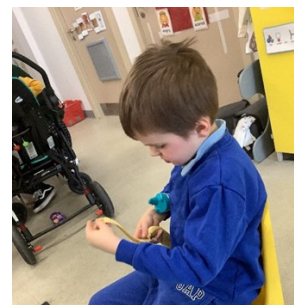
# Acorns 1 and 2 Encouraging Independence

In A1 we encourage all the children to develop life skills to support them in becoming more independent.

Dylan knows it's time for swimming and is encouraged to collect his swimming kit, taking responsibility for his own kit. He gets a bit tangled with it but perseveres with the help of an adult. Once it is on his back he looks towards the symbol realising it's time for one of his favourite activities. Here's Warren. He has collected his swimming kit too ready for swimming.



Elliot is also taking responsibility for his reading book. He has shared his reading book with a teacher and now is looking for his name to place it back in his drawer. Elliott is tidying away too. Well done Elliott.



It's snack time. Having the ability to peel an orange to then eat it is a life skill. Arlo has learnt how to peel an orange. He is very focused and uses fine manipulation skills. He is very good at this.



Max has learnt how to peel a banana. He does enjoy bananas!



This term In Acorns 2 we have explored the life skills of preparing snacks and drinks and the importance of hand washing.

## Easter Eggs Donated



Kim & Meena Mistry from Walgreens Boots Alliance/NHS Childrens Services have kindly donated an easter egg for each child at Forest Way

They also bought sensory eggs from Sensory Sparkle for those pupils who needed an alternative to chocolate.

## Acorns 3

In Acorns 3 this term, we have been developing our understanding of people in the community who can help us. We explored different careers and the skills an individual would need for that job. We all practiced being different professionals and even had a nurse visit our class to explain what she does in her role.



## The Den - Snow fun and the Mobile Library



The Badgers had a wonderful time playing in the snow! They threw snowballs, made snow angels, made a snowman and ran around in the snow in their wellies! They enjoyed a hot chocolate in the classroom afterwards to warm up!

The Badgers and Bears in the Den enjoyed a trip to the mobile library. We walked from school to St David's Crescent where we found the bus. This gave us the opportunity to practice our life skills in crossing the roads and looking for cars. The pupils waited patiently to get on the bus and loved choosing their own library book which they brought back to school to read and share!



# Key Stage 3 - Stonehurst Farm



All the classes in Key Stage 3 went on a trip to Stonehurst Farm. We had such fantastic mornings at the farm; feeding the animals, holding the guinea pigs, having a tractor ride and playing on all the exciting play equipment they have.

Oaks 4 even got to see a new-born lamb, only a few hours old!

*'My favourite thing was swinging on the rope, because it's fun. It made me feel happy and brave!'*

Bobby (Oaks 1)

*'My favourite animal at Stonehurst farm was the pigs because they were!'*

Joshua (Oaks 1)

*'My favourite farm I've ever visited, I would happily spend all day here!'*

Liam (Oaks 3)

*'What a fab place, I love all the animals and stuff!'*

Olivia (Oaks 3)

*'The farm trip was so good! I liked it when I heard the cows go 'moo!'. I also enjoyed stroking the pigs and feeding the animals. It was a fantastic day!'*

Tyler (Oaks 4)



# Work Experience O10

We have been given instructions by Neil Armstrong. He needs some jobs doing as his work list is too long! We have litter picked the playground and swept big mucky piles up. We have cleared the embankment of toys that the Acorns have thrown over the fence. We have then cleaned them so they are ready to be used again! A small team also went to the Croft and patted down the mole hills with a spade as the loose soil is causing problems with students walking mud into classrooms after break.

We got feedback from Neil throughout the day. At the end he was incredibly happy with how productive we had been and we relaxed after a hard days work with a game of table tennis!

Everyone got really involved and worked incredibly hard even when some of the jobs were tricky!



## Diary Dates

<b>17.04.2023</b>	Beginning of Summer Term
<b>01.05.2023</b>	May Day Bank Holiday— School closed
<b>08.05.2023</b>	King's Coronation—School Closed
<b>26.05.2023</b>	School closes for Half Term 3.15pm
<b>05.06.2023</b>	School Opens
<b>07.06.2023 4.00-6.00pm</b>	Parents Evening for All at For- est Way School Ashby Hastings Parent/Carers will also be at Forest Way
<b>w/c 12.06.2023</b>	Sports Day - exact day TBC
<b>19.06.2023</b>	Questionnaire to be sent home
<b>22.06.2023 6.00-7.30pm</b>	Post 16 Leavers Social Event at Forest Way School
<b>06.07.2023 6.00-7.30pm</b>	End of Year Family Celebration
<b>12.07.2023</b>	School closes for summer 3.15pm



# Forest Way Career Champions



**Become a Careers Champion and support our student`s careers aspirations.**

**We are looking to make long term sustainable links with anyone in the world of work. You maybe be an employer, self employed, a business, a volunteer or a charitable organisation.**

## **Engaging with employers**

- We are looking for ,online or face to face discussions with our students about career pathways in your business sector area.
- Help with CV and letter writing.
- Provide a video about your company or information about your role in your company.
- Support with STEM activities in the school

## **Work placements**

- Can you offer work experience from a few hours to 5 day? ( All students will be full risk assessed and supported by a trained staff member)
- We have already completed successful work placements in garages, care homes, hotels, pubs and local cafes.
- If you want to find more we would love to hear from you

- Is your business willing to talk to our students about the qualities needed in the world of work?
- Can you offer a tour of your business so that students know what the world of work looks like?
- Can you support with practical tasks so that students can experience work based tasks in school?

## **Engagements with further education and Universities.**

- Can you talk to our students about what colleges and universities are?
- Can you offer enrichment opportunities?
- Provide tours of your college or University?

## **What`s in it for you?**

- We will publicise your company`s support for Forest Way via our website and social media.
- Status of being a Careers Champion and will be added to our school website.
- We can support your company with Makaton sign language as part of a staff CPD programme.
- Networking opportunities through celebration evenings.
- Invites to to promote your business at Transition events.
- You will be supporting our students and their families and making a difference.

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