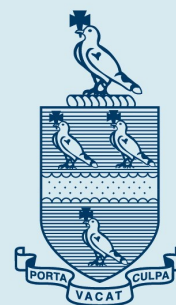


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FOREMARKE
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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

I extend a very warm welcome to you all, those returning and the new children and their families joining Foremarke for the first time. I trust you have all had a very enjoyable and family orientated summer break and that you have made many happy memories to reflect upon.

The Rio Olympics saw OF Georgie Twigg win her second Olympic medal, this time a gold with the victory of the GB Ladies Hockey Team; she is an inspiration to us all. We are also very proud of our association with fellow gold medallist Adam Peaty. It is hard to believe he was here chatting to our children just days before he achieved his record-breaking swim.

The holidays saw other gold medal performances from our pupils in Sport and Music particularly and excellent outings with Greenpower, 'Dangerous Kidz' and the French Exchange, reported so brilliantly on the Foremarke Twitter feed.

The school is once again vibrant as the excitement and eagerness of the children comes spilling out. We are in for a very good, purposeful and happy academic year.

The highlights of the term ahead are many and various, from Y5-Y8 and their OB experiences in the first part of next week, to all the 'glorumptious' celebrations surrounding Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary on 13th September, and not forgetting the marvellous unifying occasion that the Inter-House Tug o' War presents.

I very much look forward to seeing you all over the coming days and weeks.

We welcome our new staff



L-R, Mrs Rachel Casey (Head of Nightingale, Head of Art), Mr Mike Casey (Nightingale Houseparent, P.E. Teacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead) Mrs Jo Hill, Head of Boarding and Head of Burdett), Mr Ian Masters (Head of History)

We welcome our new Gappers



Joss Morgan (Gap) and Lucy Bougeard (French Assistante and Gap). Joss joins us from Repton and is a keen cricketer, and Lucy from Brittany.

Summer Sporting Success

IAPS NATIONAL ATHLETICS FINAL

On Monday 4th July a large team from Foremarke competed in the IAPS Athletics Championships at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. The day proved to be a very successful one for all Foremarke competitors, with many personal records broken. Running at such a great venue where many athletic names have competed in the past was a superb experience for all.

Once again we had several qualify for the finals of their respective events.

Ella Rush competed in the Long Jump and produced a series of consistent jumps one of which broke the IAPS record. However, one last gasp jump from another competitor broke the record again and Ella finished in 2nd place. Ella had also qualified for the 200m event and what a performance! She delivered the perfect race to become the IAPS National Champion.



**Congratulations to Ella
IAPS 200m National Champion.**

Jolyon Leavesley (now OF) also fought competitively to break his 800m record by five seconds and finish a close 2nd.

James Taylor competed in the hurdles event and qualified for the final in fine form. He maintained his composure in the final of this technical event to finish in 6th. Huge congratulations to all who competed so well.

IAPS NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The second week of our summer break saw our young tennis players travel down to Millfield to represent the school. The competition took place over three days where the children competed in group stages followed by the knock out phase and then the finals.

Rory Fitzgerald and Jasper Grace (now OF) competed in the U14 competition. They progressed into the knockout phase and battled hard.

Our girls' pairing of Libby Ottewell and Sophia Middleton also played well in the first phase of the competition and qualified for the knockouts, sadly losing in this section. Well done to all and a big thank you to the mums and dads who took their children down to compete.

Hockey and Football trials

Year 7 and 8 pre-season trials are this Saturday at 1.30pm for those wishing to take part.

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From the School Nurses

Would all pupils with asthma please remember to provide a spare blue ventolin inhaler (that is named and in date), to the medical centre at the earliest opportunity.

Also could all medical forms for new starters be returned to the Nurses as soon as possible. These forms are mandatory as they include your consent for care in an emergency.



Many thanks,
Nurses Pettitt & Rushton

Learning Enhancement

Please note:

Throughout their time at Foremarke all children will be monitored for evidence of a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia. This may involve whole class or individual screening. If anyone would like more information about this please contact Mrs Lesley Shaw-wall, Head of Learning Enhancement. lshaw-wall@foremarke.org.uk

Boarding News

We are delighted to welcome all of our new boarders who have had a very good first couple of nights. They have all been getting to know each other and the returning boarders and are already settling in well. It has been great to have the houses so lively and full of activity again. They have enjoyed swimming, football and games and playing in the woods on their first evenings here and we have been blessed by gorgeous weather.

They are all looking extremely smart in their new uniforms.

Jo Hill (Head of Boarding)



Quad Biking trip on Sunday 6th November

There is a slight change to the details of this trip as Quad Biking is only available to those aged 12 or over. This group will also do a second activity which will be laser tag or archery.

Younger pupils will do two activities – laser tag and archery instead.

I will assume those who have already replied wish to keep their selection for this trip unless I hear otherwise.

JH

BOARDING PARENTS URGENT REQUEST

Please can you help the smooth running of Boarding by returning the following forms:-

1. **Boarding Parents Consent Form**

With permission preference for parties etc completed and signed giving your consent

2. **Trip booking and consent form**

Please note you can change this no later than 10 days before or a charge will be applied.

All weekend boarders must attend the trips taking place as there will be no staff cover left at school. Without your consent they will be unable to attend and therefore will need to go home for the weekend.

Please contact the office if you require a replacement form. Forms may be either posted back or scanned and returned directly to myself by email: jhill@foremarke.org.uk.

Thank you for your assistance.



Pre-Prep News

Welcome to

Lisa Smith - Our Teaching Assistant Y2



Thank you maintenance team

Over the summer, our wonderful maintenance men and Pre-Prep team have been hard at work! If you take a look in Reception and Nursery you will see bright, freshly painted fences and sheds, which add a lovely splash of colour to these areas, as well as many other new features. In the Quad Area, opposite Year Two, you will see a relaxing Quiet Area and on the opposite side, the beautiful Sensory Garden, full of plants that have different colours, smells and textures! Please do take a look as you pass through Pre-Prep.



Lower School News

Welcome Back

We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and are now looking forward to getting back into 'normal' routines. The children have all returned with much excitement and it has been lovely to welcome new children to both Year 3 and Year 4.

Michaelmas is a busy term so please do keep an eye on the school calendar, the Flyer and your child's prep diary, and if you have any queries then do either pop in and ask a member of staff or send an email to your child's form tutor.

Foremarke Plus

Foremarke Plus starts tomorrow (Saturday 3rd). Children attending should arrive by 8.25am, wearing their school tracksuit, white polo shirt and white trainers. They should also bring with them their swimming bag with costume/trunks, towel, hat and goggles.

Deregistration takes place from the Reception Area at 12pm or 12.30pm.

After School Activities

A letter has been sent home this week detailing the after school activities on offer this term. Please can completed forms be returned promptly to Form Tutors.

Activities will officially start on Thursday 10th September, although there will be an ad-hoc programme on Monday and Tuesday for those pupils who need to stay in school beyond 4pm.

September dates for your diary

Monday 12th - Tug O' War (4.15pm)

Tuesday 13th – Roald Dahl Day

Friday 16th – Lower School Curriculum Information Evening (7pm) and Friends of Foremarke Canapés and Drinks for new parents (7.45pm)

Friday 23rd – Lower School Football Tournament (11am – 12pm)

Friday 23rd – Exeat (12.35pm)

More details will follow.

Roald Dahl Day

Please refer to Mrs Kelly's letter posted to you last term.

Reminder - we will be celebrating on Tuesday 13th September. Y3, 4, 5 and 6 to come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character

Please start to think about baking a Roald Dahl themed cake to bring to school on Tuesday 13th for "The Great Foremarke Bake Off!"

Also please remember there will be an Internet Safety Talk on the same day at 4.15pm. Please return all slips to the school office as soon as possible.

Friends OF FOREMARKE

COFFEE MORNING

MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

HCMR 8.30AM

FOLLOWED BY Fof F

MEETING AT 9.15AM

ALL WELCOME



Please note - the HCMR is located through the brick Arch way on your left as you drive into school in the cottage straight ahead of you.

From the Maths Department:

All pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 require a scientific calculator for their Maths and Science lessons. The school has made a bulk purchase of our preferred model, the Sharp EL-W531B which we are offering for sale at cost price (Approx £6.20). If you would like to purchase one of these for your child please contact Mr Davis at jdavis@foremarke.org.uk and the cost will be added to your school bill. Calculators will be issued to pupils during Week 3 or 4 of term.



Pupils also require a geometry set which includes at least a protractor and pair of compasses. If possible, pupils should have a 360° protractor as this is very useful for bearings and pie charts work. In common with most other subjects, pupils also require lead pencils, a 30cm ruler (preferably clear plastic), a glue stick and scissors.