the Foremarke **Flyer**



The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I extend a very warm welcome to you all, those returning and those new children and families joining Foremarke for the first time. I trust you have all had a very enjoyable and splendid summer break and that many memories have been created.

I am delighted to say Foremarke is once again alive to the chatter and excitement of the pupils and staff, all eager to engage and get the academic year underway.

You will now have seen the old dining room has been demolished. The immediate environment looks so different. Over the next months we will see the new facility emerge from the ground. We are excited by the prospect of the new addition. Meals for all the pupils will for this academic year by served in the former Boarders Games Room, which provides a generous space to dine. The Boarders Games Room has been moved onto the balcony of the Sports Hall.

All is in place for another busy, exciting and fulfilling year.

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

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Work Begins on New Dining Hall

I am pleased to report that we have survived the first few days eating out of the temporary dining room.





Both staff and pupils have faced change and new routines, some have picked it up quicker than others and I must say the pupils have done particularly well. With the old Dining Room demolished, the focus of the work will be centred around preparing the ground for the foundations to be laid later on in September.

For those new to Foremarke I attach a photograph of where we hope to be by the end of June 2018 - I will endeavour to keep you updated as things progress.





Richard Fletcher, Bursar

New staff

A warm Foremarke welcome to our new staff joining us this term:

Miss Charlotte Odell joins us as a Year 4 form teacher and is very much looking forward to contributing to the extra-curricular programme after school.

Mrs Katherine Farrow is our new Year 3 form teacher and, as a keen netball player, she will be a useful addition to the staff netball team!

Mrs Catherine Drakeley joins the team as a part-time Lower School teacher and, having previously been an ICT Co-ordinator, is keen to enable the children to use technology.

Mrs Verna Shipley is our new School Nurse. She is a registered nurse with over 20 years' experience having worked previously at the Royal School for the Deaf and the Derby Children's Hospital.



Mrs Rachael Cotton joins us as our Marketing Manager having previously worked at Alton Towers as their Senior Brand Manager - that's sure to come in useful!



Our new gap students pictured here, are **Simon Renard** (French Assistant), **Tom Wilkinson** (OR) and **Tom Clarke** (OF+OR). All are eager to take up the baton and are already throwing themselves into Foremarke life!

Maths Equipment for Year 7 + Year 8

As your child moves into the senior part of the school it is important that they have the correct equipment for Maths lessons in year 7 and in Year 8. This equipment is used regularly in class and for preps for Maths as well as other subjects such as Science and Geography. All pupils in Year 7 and 8 require the following:

A scientific calculator:

Our preferred model is the <u>Sharp EL-W531</u> as this offers all of the features required for Common Entrance and beyond (although any scientific calculator will do). Where possible, we prefer all children to have the same model calculator, as this allows us to



show the specific features to all children, without having to teach 16 different models. We also have a version of this particular calculator for use on the interactive whiteboard.

Each year the school orders a quantity of Sharp calculators which may be purchased for cost price of approximately $\pounds 6.50$. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please contact Mr Davis by <u>Saturday 9th September</u> and the cost can be added to your school bill.

A geometry set:

Pupils 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. Unfortunately these are notoriously easy to break inside schoolbags, and so we suggest the Oracle or Achiever geometry sets made by Helix, as they include high quality equipment in a protective plastic case. Alternately, a normal geometry set could be bought with a separate 360° protractor.

Other equipment:

In common with most other subjects, pupils also require lead pencils, a 30cm ruler (preferably clear plastic), a glue stick and scissors.

Please make sure that all equipment is clearly named.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>jdavis@foremarke.org.uk</u>

John Davis Head of Maths

Pre-Prep News

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer. The children have made a fantastic start to the term and it was great to see smiling, eager faces on their return yesterday (both parents and children!). We look forward to seeing you at the Information Evening on Monday evening and at many of the events we have planned over the Michaelmas term.

Learning Objectives:

RECEPTION

Literacy

To recognise the phonemes s, a, t and i and apply this knowledge when reading simple words.

Mathematics

To recognise and count numbers to ten.

YEAR ONE

English

To describe and write a simple story, using capital letters and full stops.

Mathematics

To count in 1s to 20 and on to 100 and to read numbers to 20.

YEAR TWO

English

To read sentences and highlight capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences.

To begin to write a sequence of sentences, retelling the story of the Great Fire of London.

Mathematics

To recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens and ones).

To identify, represent and estimate numbers to one hundred using different representations, including the number line.

Lower School News

De-Registration

Please note that there has been a change to the arrangements for deregistration at 6.00pm for Lower School children. ALL deregistration is across in Lower School at 4.00pm, 5.00pm and 6.00pm.

Upper School News

Year 6 Trip to Buxton Urgent Notice!

Please could you return the consent forms, which pupils received on Thursday, by Saturday morning at the latest, including all up-to-date medical information

Sports Tour Dubai Easter 2018



Sadly, due to insufficient numbers the planned Sports Tour to Dubai will not take place in the Easter break 2018. All cheques have been destroyed. If you paid directly to the Accounts department at Repton

then please contact them for the deposit refund.

From the School Office

New Parents:

Please ensure ALL forms have been completed and returned to the Office in order that up-to-

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date information is held in case of emergency.

If not already done so, please bring your child's passport to the School Office so we may copy as proof of ID to place on file.

Thank you

Boarding News and Notices

Welcome to our 17 new boarders! They have made a fantastic start to their time as boarders at Foremarke. BHMF!



Notices

Trips

A reminder to all boarding parents to please return the trips form for the boarding trips taking place this term urgently to Mrs Hill if you wish your child to take part in any of the boarding trips. All children boarding on a day where there is a trip must attend the trip and must therefore be booked on to it in advance.

Travel

Please return the completed form detailing the arrangements for the first Exeat travel directly to Mrs Hill no later than Friday 8th September.

Welcome Back to All Foremarke Boarders ...



... BHMF !!





Hello Everyone - Happy New School Year!!

The next few weeks will be busy for the Friends of Foremarke, with a number of activities taking place before Exeat. More details next week (when we've all had a chance to catch our breath and get into the routine of the new school year), but in the meantime, just a quick note to let you know that it's not too late to book your Friends of Foremarke 2017 Ball tickets!

See you soon,

Dons Coleston-Shields (Chair, Friends of Foremarke)

FITNESS CLASSES STRAIGHT AFTER DROP OFF

HIIT CLASSES (Intervals) TUE & FRI (40 mins)

FITNESS PILATES THURS, 8.45am REPTON VILLAGE HALL, ASKEVV GROVE. BRING MAT, WATER & £5!

Great way to get to know other parents!

Doesn't matter if you are fit or not, you soon will be!

Any questions text Victoria 07791 837909.

