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Dear Families,

## **School Community**

Thank you for a fabulous first week back for the Spring term; the children have been working hard and are showing amazing dedication to their learning. This week, we interviewed both Mrs Atherton and Miss El Oakley to find out what their favourite books and food are; what their super power would be if they had one and most importantly, what they hope to bring to their roles at Forest of Galtres. We are excited to have them with us.

One of my goals for our school is to improve the grounds and school environment. We are so privileged to have such a beautiful setting and I want to see us utilise this. One of our lovely parents mentioned to me that our school community has a wealth of expertise and experience and it got me thinking that we really should be making use of that. So with this in mind, stand by for a call to action! I would love it, if one weekend in the not so distant future, we could get a working bee together to tackle the bigger jobs around the school. Rakes at the ready, gardening gloves on and hopefully, a cup of tea or two.

## **Thought for the week from Bill**

*This week we began looking at Love Languages in Collective Worship and for lunch club we reflected on how we best feel and show love. Not that I expected anything else, but I have been particularly struck by the loving nature of our children here, clear to see in the early conversations on these topics. Next week we begin to delve in more detail into the specific Love Languages and begin with the language of gifts. Perhaps this week you may like to think about the gifts you have and how you share them with others, as well as those we receive from our loved ones. To that end, why not get a small gift this week for someone you know will feel loved by the gesture. Have a lovely and loving week.*

## **Staffing Update**

My apologies to Miss El Oakley whose name wasn't fully printed in last week's newsletter. Please refer to her as Miss **El** Oakley from now on.

## **Covid Changes**



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The DfE announced that from Tuesday 11 January 2022, all staff and students who test positive on a Lateral Flow Device, no longer need to take a PCR test. So if you test positive on a LFD, you will no longer be advised to get a PCR.

This decision is informed by public health advice due to high numbers of Covid-19 cases and the low risk of a positive LFD being false.

In the event that a person is positive, staff and pupils can take an LFD test from 6 days after the day their symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end self-isolation immediately after the second negative test result.

They should stop testing after they have had 2 consecutive negative test results and can return to their education setting on the 7th day if they have tested negative in the morning.

## **What is the position of individuals without symptoms returning after 10 days if their lateral flow is still positive?**

- They may return to their education setting and should not take any more LFD tests after the 10th day of their isolation period *even if they have a positive LFD test result.*
- This is because they are *unlikely to be infectious after the 10th day of their isolation period.*
- If they still have a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, they should stay at home.

## **Parent Governor**

Don't be shy on the parent governor front- whoever you are has a lot to offer and we really are a warm and welcoming bunch. If you'd like an informal chat about it, please catch me at the gate or drop me an email. Just to remind you that appropriate training will be given to ensure you feel confident in the position with the commitment being six meetings a year- each meeting usually lasting around two hours and beginning at 18:00. Please reach out to myself or our chair of governors, Sue Van Hout (chair@fog.hslt.academy).

## **Application for Primary School Places**

The deadline is fast approaching!



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From the 12th October, primary applications for Reception places for September 2022 have opened. If you live in the City of York, please apply via: <https://www.york.gov.uk/admissions>  
If you live within the North Yorkshire City Council area, you can apply via: <http://www.north-yorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

**The closing date for applications is: 15th January 2022**

Please bear in mind that even if your child attends the nursery setting here, you still need to make an application for a Reception school place.

## **Mr Davies's Sports Club**

This term Mr Davis is going to be running a Gymnastic Club for Year Two and Three this half term. Thank you to all the families who have returned your forms. It is a first come first served basis with 20 allocated places available.

The club will begin next Tuesday 18th January from 15:30-16:30.

## **Super Stars this week**

Congratulations to those children who received Gold, Silver and Bronze awards this week- we had 10 golds and two silvers. AMAZING effort everyone. We are really proud of your efforts and the example that you are to others. Well done and keep it up.

## **School Diary Dates**

### Bun Days

Oak: 14.01.22

Beech: 28.01.22

Elm: 11.02.22

Ash: 04.03.22

Acorns: 18.03.22

Yoyo Workshop in school: Monday 14th February

Term ends: Friday 28th February- 15:30

Next term: Beech class swimming on Thursdays



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## **Club Forms**

Please find attached the club booking form link at the end of this newsletter. Please ensure you complete this if you would like your child to attend any clubs.

Have a lovely and safe weekend,

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