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Coming Up at FoG

Hello everyone- I hope this letter finds you happy, well and enjoying the glorious sunshine that this week has graced us with.

There is lots of fun coming up at FoG and I wanted to outline it here for you:

Tuesday 5th April- 14:30- Easter Family Craft Afternoon

Tuesday 5th April- 15:30-16:30- Easter Fayre

Thursday 7th April- 10:00am-Easter Church Service at Holy Evangelist Church in Shipton-by-Beningbrough.

We are looking forward to having our wonderful parents and community back into school.

Thank you to those who have completed the Easter Crafts form outlining your attendance. Please ensure you do this if you want to attend the event- especially if you have multiple children attending our school. If you neglect to inform us of your attendance, we cannot promise that you will a) get to work with all of your children and b) that there will be enough resources for you to join in the crafting. You can find it [here](#) if you still need to outline your intentions.

While we know it is time to move forward, we also know that Covid-19 still exists and ask that if you are feeling unwell or demonstrating any symptoms of Covid-19, that you refrain from attending the above events. We hate that you might miss out but we need to ensure we are safeguarding and protecting the vulnerable people in our school community and that they feel safe to join us for the fun.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Staffing Updates

We understand that some of you may have noticed that there have been some changes to staffing this term and we thank you for your respect and understanding around the sensitive and confidential nature of such information.

I am now in a position to inform you of the following changes to staffing going forward.



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Mrs Kirsty Mills, who has served our school community for 24 years has secured herself an exciting opportunity as a full time SENCO at a school in York and so will be leaving us at Easter. Kirsty, we are so grateful to you and your service to the school- thank you for all you have done for us and our families.

In her place, we welcome back Mrs Cope who is returning from Maternity Leave and who will support as the SENCO at FoG.

Mrs Helen Jefferies has resigned from her post as Ash Class teacher after four and a half years at our school. She has been a real asset to the school and will be greatly missed. Mrs Beccy Pilgrim has been a fabulous support during this time of change and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to Ash Class. Going forward, Miss El Oakley will be teaching in Ash class, alongside Miss Dorman and Mrs Pilgrim.

Mrs Ellie Heaton is set to have her baby in May with her last day with Elm class on Thursday 7th April. She has been a fabulously fun teacher for Elm class and I am sure she will be greatly missed. We wish her well and will keep you all posted on the safe arrival of her little one.

In her place, Mrs Jenni Kellow is stepping into the full time position as the new teacher of Elm class until the end of the academic year. Her creativity, gentleness and dedication to the job will serve Elm class beautifully in this time of transition.

Working in Beech class with Mrs Chapman, will be Mrs Beccy Pilgrim on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Pilgrim is already well known to the children in our school and has a brilliant relationship with Mrs Chapman already which will make for a smooth transition for Beech class.

Mrs Gwen Guildford, our talented and versatile PPA teacher, will be finishing with us at Easter in the hope of spending more time with her family, dog and friends. Gwen has been a friendly face to many in our school and we will miss her willingness to help out and her fabulous sense of humour- go well Mrs Guildford.



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New to the role, but not new to us, is Mrs Wendy McGahan who is working in the After School Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. With her passion for working with children and crafts, she is a real asset to our team.

I continue to grow these twins but am steadily getting rounder and rounder by the day- as some of you noted on the gate this week! I will be taking Maternity Leave from Monday 2nd May so will see you back after the Easter holidays before leaving you in the capable hands of our new Headteacher, Miss Hannah Smithson.

Thank you all endlessly for your patience and support of the school; we so appreciate you.

Highlight of the Week

I asked some children what the highlight of their week was this week. Here's what they had to say...

"My highlight of the week was the school trip to Ripon Workhouse Museum - I really enjoyed it and loved going on a trip after so long. We had lots of fun gardening, doing laundry and doing a role play." Max- Oak Class

"I've really enjoyed maths this week doing column addition, but I also liked looking at the beans we're growing for science. They're really interesting and we get to use magnifiers!" Freddie- Ash Class

Thought for the week from Bill

Unfortunately, Bill has been poorly with Covid-19 this week- we wish him well and for a speedy return to full health.

Super Stars this week

Well done to all children who continue to strive to do their best. When visiting Ash class this week, I couldn't move without hearing a story of someone shining bright like the stars they are! Keep up the great work everyone.



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School Diary Dates

Beech Class: Swimming Thursdays

Elm Class swimming next term

Easter Craft Afternoon- Tuesday 4th April 14:30

Easter Fayre- Tuesday 4th April 15:30-16:30

Easter Church Service- Thursday 7th April 10:00am

Spring Term ends- Thursday 7th April- 15:30

Staff Training Day-Friday 8th April

Happy Mother's Day to all of you! Have a lovely and sunny weekend.

Take care,

Gemma Sutton