

Forest of Galtres Anglican Methodist Primary School

'Rooted and grounded in love' (Ephesians 3:17).

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A Message from Miss Smithson

It has been lovely to meet you all on the gate over the last two weeks. I have had a wonderful start at Forest of Galtres and the whole community have made me feel extremely welcome. Thank you.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. We are really proud of them all and wish them the best of luck for next week. You are going to be amazing!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.



PE

With impressive teamwork, Elm continue to improve their throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills. The children then applied these skills in a game of cricket and rounders.

Conkers and Acorns love planting!

The children have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and have been watering them daily. We are excited to watch and measure the sunflowers as they grow.



Bill's thought for the week

This term we're looking at the Beatitudes, the series of blessings Jesus bestows on to certain groups of people, most of whom are often overlooked by society. In Collective Worship we'll look at what Jesus means when he says "blessed are the poor, the hungry, blessed are those who weep" and many more. Perhaps this week you might like to think about how you are blessed and in what way you may be able to bless those who are in need.

Have a blessed week.



Lunchtime fun!

Providing a range of activities for our children during break and lunch times is really important to us. This week the children have enjoyed arts and crafts, our climbing equipment, reading books in the sunshine and playing cricket with their friends.



Cello lessons

We are delighted to be able to offer your child one to one private Cello lessons in school.

Age: 5-11 years

Price - £15

Weekly half an hour lessons

If your child is interested, please speak to Miss Smithson.



Update from our Forest of Galtres Friends

Hi everyone,

Hard to believe but it has been a whole year since the The Friends have been able to start their fundraising efforts and events since the school officially reopened after Covid restrictions were lifted again in 2021.

We have thrown ourselves in trying to support the school and pupils in coordinating exciting events, created wonderful gin and delicious cheese/wine hampers to buy for special occasions plus wonderful Summer picnic kits. Worked with the pupils to design, print and sell Class T-Towels, held our first online Easter raffle, provided eggs for the School Easter Egg painting competition and class egg hunts, set pupils the challenge of an Easter trail around Beningbrough Woods, coordinated a Harvest collection for Easingwold Food Bank and held an outdoor Christmas Twilight event with a tombola, hot Chocolate stand and cakes. Our online Christmas raffle was also another big success.

This year's Easter Fayre was a wonderful opportunity for us all to be back together in the school hall after social distancing was lifted, coordinating a tombola, raffle, refreshments, crafts and Easter games.

Our road traffic signs are now in place and we are excited to see the development of the school sensory room which The Friends have contributed certain accessories to. We were delighted to also support the school again by providing bacon butties and refreshments at their recent car boot sale!

Through all our fundraising in 2021/2022 we have raised an incredible £2,045 which will ultimately be fed straight back to the school and its amazing pupils. Supporting new initiatives, exciting new improvements in the outdoor spaces, extracurricular activities, sport, music and art equipment plus the Christmas books for each year group. We are now working closely with the Student Council for their ideas generated by pupils to enhance everyone's school experience. We have a list!

We had never dreamt of raising such a large amount of money as we continue to move out of covid restrictions but one thing that is certain is that we could never of achieved these successes without YOUR support. In whatever capacity we are so very grateful. Whether you supported at an event, donated cakes, dropped off tombola and raffle prizes, treated yourself to a picnic hamper, stocked up on class T-Towels for numerous family relatives! or were persuaded to buy numerous tombola tickets we THANK YOU.

We have also had some very generous donations and offers of support through this last year by the local community and we are very grateful for everyone involved who wanted to support the school in various ways. Thanks go to Cottingley Gin for providing the selections of alcohol for our wonderful Hamper kits, Croft Equestrian for sponsoring last years Christmas Tree, the talented Adrian Salton for hand making and donating the large wooden reindeer for the Christmas raffle and donating his additional reindeer rales sold prior to Christmas. Many thanks to pupil Jacob Popplewell with his fundraising event and thanks to AVIVA who match funded. Jacob thank you again for being so thoughtful.

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of local businesses and organisations when it came to contacting them for donations to the Christmas raffle and as a consequence we raised a fantastic amount of money, thanks to everyone that supported.

Thanks go to John and Branwen Farbrother and Matthew from Audby Manor Farm for the 'village egg collection' donation and to Ink Dot for producing the road traffic signs. We are also grateful to Angela and Eric Roberts from Shipton for taking on the challenge of judging the egg painting at the Easter Fayre!

I would like to give a special thanks to the amazing parents who have given their time and efforts to coordinate all the above activities and events whilst juggling busy lives and jobs and to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Heaton for being the teacher representatives on the committee. Anna Phillips, Marie Harris, Susie Ravasio and Laura Huggins you are superstars!

We look forward to the year ahead and as always are excited to see how we can support the school. If you would like to join our friendly team we would be delighted to hear from you!

Many thanks,

Jo. Secretary/Acting Chairman.

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@FOG_AshClass
@FOG_ElmClass
@FOG_Beech
@FOG_OakClass



We are delighted to share the news of the birth of Mrs Heaton's daughter Nora Nancy Taylor, born 1st May weighing 9lbs 8oz. Both Mum and baby doing well.



Summer term dates for your diary

During May—KSI SATs

W/C Monday 9th May—Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 10th May—Elm/Ash Parents' evenings

Wednesday 11th May—Early Years and KSI Phunkyfoods workshops.

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Friday 13th May—Year 6 Nerfwar games

Friday 13th May—Pyjamarama day. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their pyjamas.

Monday 16th May—Living eggs chicks arrive.

Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th May—Y6 residential

Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th May—DT (Design Technology) days.

Tuesday 24th May—Oak class bun day

Thursday 26th May—Purple Pig Farm

Friday 27th May—Non-uniform day. Break up for half term.

Monday 6th June— Back to school. Year 1 Phonics screen this week. Year 4 multiplication check opens.

Tuesday 7th June—Class photographs.



Attendance awards



Acorns



100%

Ash



100%

Elm



96%

Beech



88%

Oak



89%

Our winning class is:



Acorn and Ash

