

Dear Families,

Tomorrow we invite children to come to school dressed as an athlete or sports person.

This is a charity event so we also invite donations of £1 or as much as you feel able to contribute.

Thank you

Health Update

Please be advised that we are receiving daily advice from the Government regarding Corona virus.

Evidence seems to suggest that it is not seriously affecting children but is far more dangerous for elderly people. I am going to follow advice and not authorise any absence without medical proof that a child has been instructed to be isolated.

If we are instructed to close school I will do so, but until then it is business as usual and we expect all children to be at school and not missing out on learning.

One of our action points following our Ofsted inspection was to work on children's attention during teaching time. We introduced a new learning power character- Focus Fox. We have noticed this helps to remind children to look, listen and take part more actively.

We have an informal approach to uniform. We recommend children wear it but do not insist. Recently we have seen children being really distracted by clothes and need some help from you.

When choosing what to wear I ask that you do not send your child to school in "party wear"

In my mind this includes fancy hair bands with big bows, unicorn horns or ears, sparkly, sequined items, I ask that children are dressed in practical, simple clothing in which they can run around, climb and jump. This will help so many aspects of their learning (and keep the staff sane!)

Please also note that jewellery is not permitted- real or "toy".

International Breakfast – parent & governor focus group - all parents, carers and governors invited

Please come to a slightly different Parent & Governor Focus Group 9-10am on **Friday 20th March**.

There will be a topic for everyone and you can choose what you concentrate on.

We would love people to bring something to share that you traditionally have for breakfast (this is optional).

Big and brave ideas have been working. Come and hear about progress and next steps across this year's school goals. Then join a small circle discussing one of the following areas.

You can bring children with you and there will be space for them to read or play quietly in the room.

We want to include all parents and can try to form small groups speaking any language, especially if you let the school office know in advance. Come along and we will try to make it work.

We look forward to seeing you.

A big thank you to Years 9 and 10 from Forest gate school who have been coaching some of the Year 2 children today in their PE lessons.

We have begun woodwork in Reception and Year 1 and would gratefully accept donations of wood, nails or screws (please no MDF or treated wood)

A reminder that children should not be on top of sheds or shelters in the playground after school.

There is no basketball club on 12th March- apologies- this is due to Parents' Evening

Have a good weekend, Sarah & Staff