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Tesco Stronger Starts

Forest View is taking part in the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' scheme. By dropping the blue tokens that customers can get in store, into a voting box, Tesco customers can vote in a scheme that gives community projects like us grants of up to £1500.

You will be able to vote in the Cinderford, Lydney and Coleford Tesco stores. Your vote is really important to us as it will determine how much funding we receive.

Stronger Starts

Forestry England—Log Donation

A huge thank you to Forestry England for their donation of 'sitting logs' which will be used in the construction of our new base camp. We are currently working to develop our Forest School area on site which is being part funded by the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme.



National Story Telling Week

For National Story Telling week, which was held by the Literacy Trust at the start of February, the children took part in live story telling events.

For this years theme 'Dream up a World' the infants took part in a session with Swapna Haddow, author of Dave Pigeon and The Bad Panda series. The juniors took part in a session with poet Steve Camden, author of AKA Polar-bear.

Reading really does change our children's lives. You can access support with story telling at home by going to: [Celebrate Storytelling Week at home | Words for Life](#)

Y5/6 Football

Our y5/6 football team put in a massive effort at the recent Forest High tournament. They showed a huge improvement from their last tournament, finishing 2nd in their group and narrowly missing out on a semi-final place due to goal difference.



Girls Football

A huge well done to our girls football team who won their side of the GPJ district qualifier event. They are now through to the GPJ School Games, district final!

Reel Education—Angling Workshops

Children recently took part in Reel Education workshops which are run and organised by the Angling Trust. The workshops, which are run by Prostars, provide children with the opportunity to take part in activities which focus on casting, reeling, hooking, baiting and netting.



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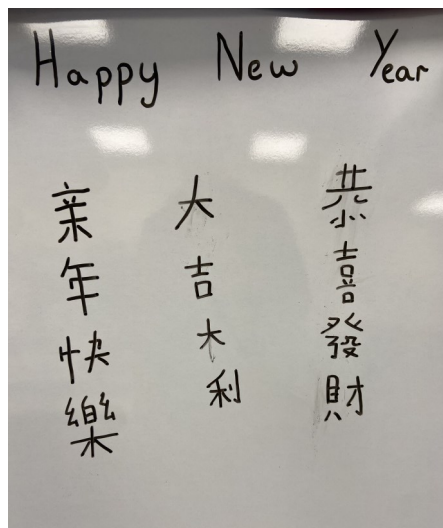
Wear it Red Day

Thank you to everyone that supported our Wear it Red day today in support of the Midlands Air Ambulance. It was amazing to see so many children dressed in red. We raised a total of £295.74.



Chinese New Year

We recognised the Chinese New Year by encouraging children to take part in learning activities linked to the lunar new year. Our value during the week was tolerance and our book of the week was 'The New Girl' a heart warming story about a girls attempt to fit in at school which taught children about acceptance of others.



Street Wardens Assembly and Litter Pick

The street wardens recently held an assembly for our children about dropping litter and keeping our communities clean.

Our school council also went out into neighbouring streets with the street wardens to collect litter.

County Cross Country

Well done to Poppy and Rienna from year 6 who took part in the recent county cross country finals which was held at Newent school. Both placed in the top 70 runners in the county which is an amazing effort!

Parent Phonic Sessions

Reception and Year 1 parents are invited into their child's class on the dates below to work with their child in a phonics lesson. This will be a great opportunity for parents to see how Read Write Inc is used to teach phonics and strategies to support at home.

Dragonflies – Monday 18th March

Otters – Tuesday 19th March

Grasshoppers – Wednesday 20th March

Rabbits – Wednesday 20th March

Parents are welcome to wait in the gazebo on the KS1 playground after dropping children off in the morning, class teachers will welcome you into class around 9am, this will last around 25 minutes. Parents are then welcome to stay in class to listen to their children read and speak to class teachers if needed



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Safer Internet Day

The children took part in a range of activities for safer internet day this year. They participated in online workshops and completed lessons and activities linked to staying safe online.

Please speak to any member of school staff if you would like further help with keeping your child safe online.

Child's Mental Health Week

To recognise child's mental health week the children took part in 'mindful' activities and shared tips to start conversations with others about mental health.

Toilet Refurbishments

Our school toilet redevelopments are progressing well. The year 3 and 4 boys toilets have just been completed. What an amazing difference!



February Attendance

School attendance for February was: 94.9% (since September 94.7%)

Classes with the highest attendance were: Hawks (98.1%), Eagles (97.6%), Harriers (97.4%)

Classes with the lowest attendance were: Dragonflies (88.5%), Rabbits (91.5%), Merlins (92.2%)

It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success. **100%**

Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year **90%**

Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year. **80%**

Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year. **70%**

80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!

Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Day Counts



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Parents Consultations

Bookings for parents consultation meetings are now live. You will be able to book these through your Parent-Mail accounts.

Meetings have been scheduled for the following days for each class:

- Monday 18th March - Squirrels (Mrs Bennett), Hedgehogs (Mrs Lewis), Eagles (Mrs Stevens), Hawks (Mr Moore)
- Tuesday 19th March - Ospreys (Mr Thomas), Falcons (Miss Wilkins), Harriers (Mr Merry), Grasshoppers (Mrs Barrow)
- Wednesday 20th March - Merlins (Mrs Hugo), Kites (Miss Woskett and Miss Rickards), Rabbits (Miss Sparkes)
- Thursday 21st March - Otters (Miss Slater and Mrs F. Smith), Kestrels (Mr Harris and Mrs S. Smith), Dragonflies (Mrs Burke)

All meetings will be either be face to face in school during the day or there is the option to book a telephone appointment on ParentMail. If you are unable to meet your child's class teacher on the day allocated then please contact them directly to arrange a meeting at a more suitable time.

2023/24 Key Dates

1/3/24 - Otters class trip to Robinswood	24/5/24 - End of Term 5
4/3/24 - Visiting Author—John Dougherty	3/6/24 - Start of Term 6
11/3/24 - Super Sewers Workshops and Assembly	3/6/24 - 14/6/24 - Parents Consultations (to discuss reports)
12/3/24 - Y5/6 Police Drug Workshops	17/7/24 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon
15/3/24 - Y5 Residential Begins	12/7/24 - Summer Showcase
18/3/24 - Y5 Residential Ends	19/7/24 - End of Term 6
18/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings	
18/3/24 - Dragonflies Parent Phonic Session	2024/25 Academic Year
19/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings	4/9/24 - Start of Term 1
19/3/24 - Otters Parent Phonic Session	17/10/24 - End of Term 1
20/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings	4/11/24 - Start of Term 2
20/3/23 - Grasshoppers and Rabbits Parent Phonic Session	19/12/24 - End of Term 2 (1.30pm)
21/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings	7/1/25 - Start of Term 3
21/3/24 - Spring Showcase	14/2/25 - End of Term 3
22/3/24 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)	24/2/25 - Start of Term 4
8/4/24 - Start of Term 5	4/3/25 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)
9/5/24 - Y3 Residential Begins	22/4/25 - Start of Term 5
10/5/24- Y3 Residential Ends	23/5/25 - End of Term 5
24/5/24 - Reports Out	2/6/25 - Start of Term 6
	18/7/23 - End of Term 6 (1.30pm)



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