



4th March 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

RE: New term, new beginnings

The half term week now seems a world away and we are back at full pace. I have been at my old school in Leeds for two days doing a review of the school but I was back on Thursday for all the fun and colour of World Book Day. This is not something the school has fully embraced in the past so I really wanted the staff to get involved this year. As you can see from the photos at the end of this letter, they have done a great job. It is important our students feel they are getting a real school experience and we shall be taking part in national events such as Red Nose day which is coming up soon.

Lots of changes are going on at Forest Moor and we are starting to see a difference and I intend to write to you weekly for this half term to keep up fully updated.

Staffing

We recruited another member of staff this week and I am now just waiting for DBS clearances for these staff to be able to start. Once they start I will tell you where they will be based so you will know if they are working with your child.

I also wish to inform you that Gemma Dixon has now left her post as Head Teacher at Forest Moor. Gemma has been at Forest Moor for nearly three years and led the school at a very challenging time. We thank her for her work at the school and wish her the best of luck in the future. In the interim period I will remain as the Associate Principal of the school whilst we look for a permanent replacement later in the year. This will ensure consistency and allows us to continue with the work of rapid improvement at the school.

Change of class names

To match the colours of each key stage we have now changed the names of the classes.

Primary will be Orange - O1 and O2

Years 7-9 will now be Green - G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and G6

Years 10 & 11 will be Blue - B1, B2, B3 and B4

Medication in school

Please be aware that we are no longer permitted to give non-prescribed medication, such as paracetamol in school. If your child needs medication it needs to have the pharmacy / Dr's label on it. Parent/carer will still need to sign the medication form so we can safely follow medical advice.

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Class closures

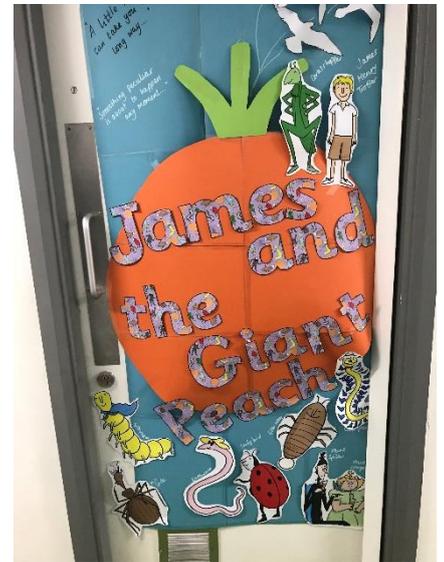
I know this is a sensitive one and I understand that you won't truly see the improvements until all classes are open every day. Please believe me when I say we are getting there. There were less closures this week than before half term. (Still too many) I anticipate less next week and expect these to become less frequent during next half term.

Yours faithfully



Steve Tighe
Associate Principal

Below you can see some World Book Day doors that the students and staff have created together along with a picture of the staff bring fun to education for your children



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