



Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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Mission

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

Vision

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

School Value:

Heard

Empowered

Achieving

Respected

Trusted

Safe



Star of The Week goes to:

Class	Child	Reason
Little Apples	Evie-Mae	For positive interactions with a peer
Little Apples	Elijah	For positive interactions with a peer
Chestnuts	Issac T	For making great progress with personal care and using the toilet
Maple	Parker	For positive transitions into and out of school this week, well done Parker
Willow	Noah	For having a fantastic start to the week and working hard in all aspects of the curriculum
Hazel	Charlie	For helping a peer to remove their waterproof trousers. Fantastic!
Osprey	Coby	For excellent engagement in lessons this week achieving lots of green on his reward chart and following instructions to complete tasks
Cherry	Ella	For work independently on the eye gaze and excellent engagement in our sensory story session
Buzzard	Jake	For a mature attitude to learning this week
Peregrine	Libby	For dancing in PE doing the 'Military two step'
Peregrine	Jonah	For his dancing in PE doing 'Military two step'
Caracara	Ellie	For engaging really well in all lessons and for having a really positive first full week back at school after her operation! Well done Ellie ☺
Hobby	Ellie	Well done Ellie, this week you have a lovely hydrotherapy session, using your legs to push off the wall. Great work!
Goshawk	Finlay	For excellent focus when learning about improper fractions
Kestrel	Carter	For requesting his communication book
Forest School	Elijah	You engage well in all our Forest School activities and kept your welly boots on!

Vacancy for a Parent Governor at Heart of the Forest

We currently have a vacancy at Heart of the Forest for Parent Governor. If you are interested in this rewarding and valuable role please drop an email to clerk@hofschool.co.uk for more information.

Polite Reminder to parents

School gates CLOSE AT 8:55am MORNINGS AND 3:00pm EVENINGS.

Gates will remain closed until ALL children are safely inside the building or vehicles.



Key dates for your diary:

Half-term February 12th to 16th return to school on Monday 19th February

February 2024 – Black History month

6th February 2024 – Safer Internet Day

28th February Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

7th March – World Book Day

8th March 2024 – International Women's day

15th March Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd March term ends for Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April return to school



Weekly Class Attendance 29th January to 2nd February 2024

Little Apples	84.17%
Chestnuts	99.17%
Maple	96.67%
Willow	77.50%
Hazel	88.89%
Cherry	71.43%
Hobby	78.75%
Buzzard	98.33%
Osprey	80.00%
Caracara	88.33%
Kestrel	75.00%
Goshawk	98.75%
Peregrine	90.00%



Congratulations to Cherry on achieving 98.75% attendance this week

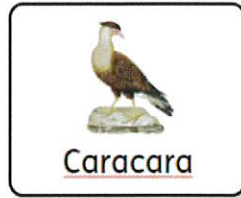


Family Liaison Workers

Reminder to our families we are available at school daily our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter. We also have a 'drop-in session' each week on a Wednesday between 9-10:30am in the Conference room within school tea/coffee will be available.

Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=2_1



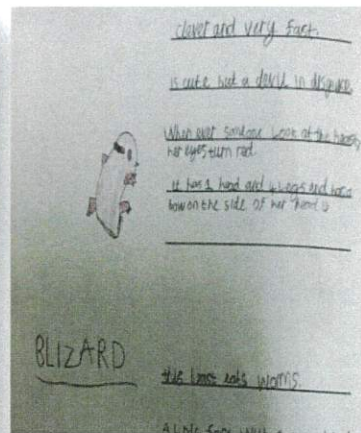
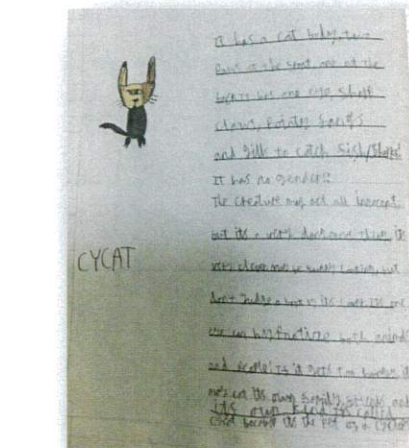
We have been super busy in Caracara this term, especially in English. We have thoroughly enjoyed our book this term – Fantastic Beasts by J.K Rowling. We have been planning and creating our own mythical beats. We are currently in the process of typing them up and publishing them next week to create our own Fantastic Beasts book by Caracara Class. We have all worked really hard on our beasts and are very proud of what we've achieved.

In maths we have been learning all about fractions and learning to complete addition sums using the column method and fractions. In ICT we have been learning all about algorithms and programming. In History we have been learning all about the Black Death, how it spread and the symptoms. In RE we have been learning all about Buddhism, where it originated and its beliefs. In PSHE we have been learning all about different jobs and careers. We have been speaking about our aspirations and what we would like to do when we are adults.

I have attached below some photos of our work that we have all worked very hard on this term!

Have a lovely weekend,

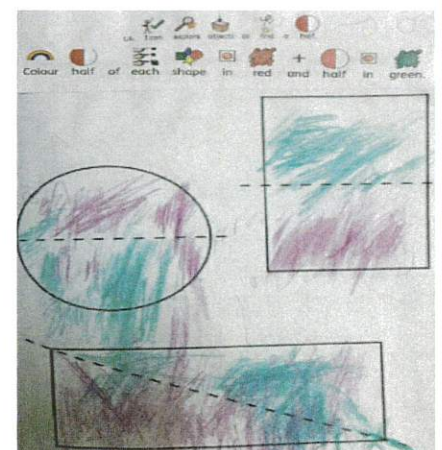
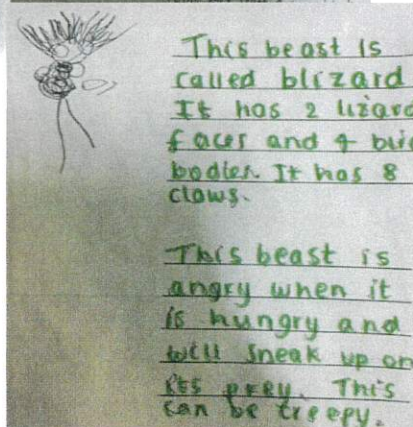
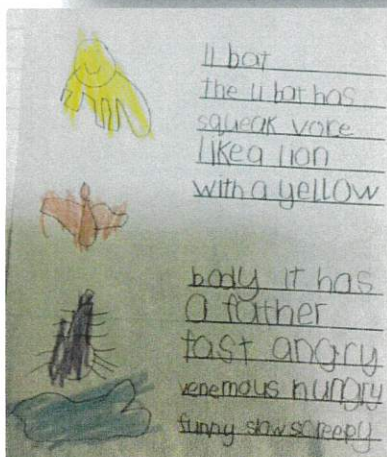
Hayley & the Caracara Class Team



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Heart of the Forest Community Special School have opportunities for enthusiastic staff to support pupils with special educational needs, including severe, profound or complex learning difficulties.

Teaching Assistants – Grade 4 – term time only

Applications for the post of Grade 4 Teaching Assistants are invited. The job description, person specification within our recruitment job pack and the Gloucestershire County Council application form is available on our website.

Teaching Assistants – Grade 6 – term time only

Applications for the post of Grade 6 Teaching Assistants are invited. The job description, person specification are available within a recruitment pack and the Gloucestershire County Council application form on our website.

Part-time SEN Teaching Assistants – 25 hours - term time only

We are also recruiting for Part-time SEN Teaching Assistants to cover within our classrooms and lunchtimes on a daily basis. We would like to offer these positions to suit school hours (i.e. 9:30 am – 2:30pm) hours could be negotiable for the right candidate. A recruitment pack with a job description and person specification is available on our website along with the Gloucestershire county council application form.

SEMH vacancies for Teacher/Teaching Assistants/Midday Supervisors/Cleaner – term time only

We have a brand new SEMH building and we are looking to recruit for the above vacancies. We are looking for TAs who hold a SEMH Primary background. If you are interested in any of the above please find our recruitment pack and Gloucestershire County Council application form on our website.

Parent Governors

Heart of the Forest are also looking for Parent Governors to join their Governing Body to play a vital role in the governing of the school. Please contact clerk@hofschool.co.uk or call 01594 822175 to discuss further.

If you require any further information about any of the above vacancies, please email admin@hofschool.co.uk or call HR on 01594 822175.



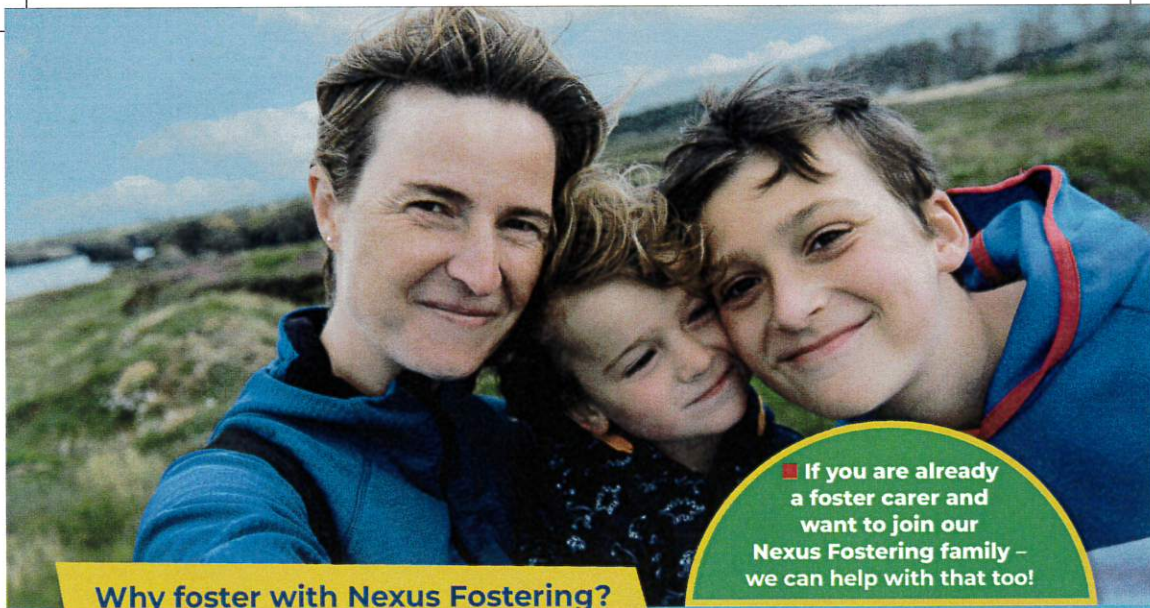
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PARENT GOVERNORS REQUIRED



Governors



Parent Governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and the community's point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

Please contact
clerk@hofschool.co.uk for more
information or call 01594 822175

To effectively fulfil the role, parent governors should:

- ✓ Attend four governing body meetings during the year
- ✓ Attend training as necessary
- ✓ Get to know the school
- ✓ Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community

Club Connect Lydney

Come along to our relaxed and friendly group, supporting people experiencing long-term/ chronic pain conditions – including fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue (ME).

RIVER CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE

Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU

1ST AND 3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Starting 19th February 2024 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

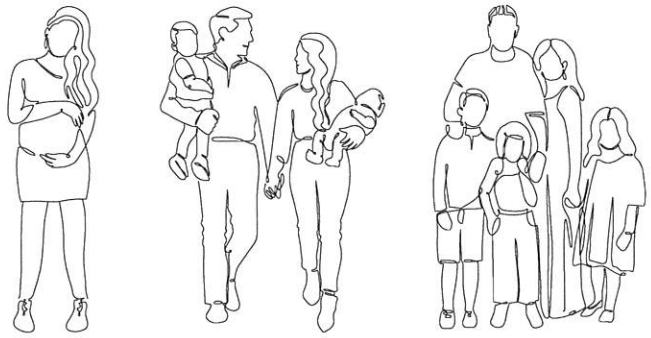
A chance to connect with others and find out about local services, support, information and activities.

Family members/carers and children welcome along too.



For more information contact the Community Wellbeing Service on 01594 812447 or email community.wellbeing@fdean.gov.uk

Parents' Relationships Matter Gloucestershire Conference 2024



Sessions for Parents



Monday 26th February 2024 / 12.30pm / In-person at Kingsholm Stadium

Why our children want us to be happy, why it matters and what we can do to get there

Presented by Honor Rhodes from Tavistock Relationships (<https://qrco.de/bekSJ3>)



Tuesday 27th February 2024 / 1.00pm / Online via Zoom

'Me, You and Baby Too' - how to strengthen your relationship as you enter parenthood

Presented by OnePlusOne (<https://qrco.de/bekSJn>)



Wednesday 28th February 2024 / 1.00pm / Online via Zoom

We all count - The importance of dads in building resilient families

Presented by Dad Matters Gloucestershire (<https://qrco.de/bekSJv>)



Thursday 29th February 2024 / 1.00pm / Online via Zoom

What are they saying? How to have conversations about relationships with your children

Presented by Gloucestershire County Council and STREET (<https://qrco.de/bekSKF>)

Sessions are completely **FREE** and a great chance to learn new things and get tips from the experts. Don't miss out! Scan the QR codes or follow the links to "join the guestlist" and be a part of the movement. See you there!



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