

Lexia – Congratulations to Martha and Isobel for completing a level on Lexia. Pupils in Year 1 are now able to use Lexia and have brought a letter home explaining how to access this at home.

Music Lessons

Updated guidance now allows individual music lessons to begin again in school. We have visiting music teachers for woodwind instruments, brass instruments or guitar and drums.

Please follow the links to an [information flyer](#) and [demonstration video](#) from Mari who teaches woodwind.

Enterprise during lockdown

We were very impressed to hear about 2 of our pupils who set up a business enterprise during lockdown making and selling beautiful crafts. Hollie and Ella Sheppard (with their older sister Ffion) generously donated the £200 they raised to the MIU at Welshpool Hospital. (Crafty Delights on Facebook). Well done for showing true community spirit.

Absence from school – If your child is absent from school, please contact the school before 9:00am with the reason for their absence. This contact can be by phone or email using the school office email address (office@forden.powys.sch.uk). Please do not ask staff about the absence of other pupils.

COVID_19

It is vitally important that any pupils or staff members displaying any of the symptoms of COVID_19 **do not** attend school and follow the appropriate isolation and testing guidance procedures. If any member of the household is displaying symptoms then pupils should not be sent to school.

If a pupil's test result comes back negative (usually by text message) please take a screenshot and email it to school. Your child can then return to school immediately. If a pupil's test result comes back positive TTP (Test, Trace, Protect) will contact the school and issue guidance as to who, within the school community, will need to self isolate.

We will be erring on the side of caution when it comes to symptoms displayed in school. If a pupil displays any symptoms in school, you will be contacted to collect them from school immediately. **This will be applied rigorously in all circumstances and we ask for your total compliance and support in this matter.**

Home Learning – Continuity of Education

If a child is off because they have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days, work will be provided for them to complete at home. Work will not be set if your child is ill or awaiting a COVID test result.

School Newsletters

All past newsletters are available to view on the school website.

**Monday 19th Oct – Friday 30th Oct – Half Term holiday
(2 weeks)**

Friends of Forden

Online pumpkin competition – The 2020 Pumpkin carving Competition will be taking place on the Friends of Forden Facebook page. Please upload your child's creation (without their face in the shot) on their class thread on the Facebook page over half term. 31 per pumpkin / £1 per child will be collected in an honesty box at the school gate on return to school on Monday 2nd November.



Dragon Bags collection on Wednesday 14th October. Bags can be left outside the Community Centre on the morning. Unfortunately the school is unable to store any bags beforehand. The last collection raised £121.00
Please let others in the community know.

Items accepted:

- Clean, undamaged clothes
- Bags
- Belts & ties
- Shoes, boots and trainers
- Jewellery
- Swimwear
- Lingerie

Not accepted:

- Ripped or stained clothes
- Socks
- Dirty underwear!
- Bath robes
- Slippers
- Workwear
- Pyjamas
- Uniforms