



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new year and to the Spring term, there are only 5 weeks until half term and we have a lot to do in that short space of time.

It has been a great start to the Spring term and lovely to see children engaged in purposeful learning straight away. Welcome to Miss Graver, who is teaching Foxes class for the next two terms. We would also like to say (a temporary) goodbye and good luck to Miss Barnes as she goes on maternity leave. We all look forward to hearing whether it's a girl or boy and hope that there is some time to put her feet up and rest before the baby is born.

Red Kites and Robins started their return to school with Forest School and had an amazing learning experience there. On the following morning Red Kites had their own archaeological dig, examining bones and fossils to support their topic this half term. The children were excited and engrossed in their findings, it was lovely to see their genuine excitement and enthusiasm – a brilliant start to their topic “Solid as a Rock”.



Thank you all so much for supporting the school Christmas productions at the end of last term, thanks to your generosity we raised £171 from the collections. This money will be spent on improving our resources for future productions and performances – we will keep you updated as to what the money was actually spent on.

You will be aware from the letter before the Christmas break, and from your child(ren) that the NSPCC visited to give assemblies for everyone and workshops for upper key stage 2 on keeping safe. The NSPCC is a very important organisation supporting children, they also run Childline, they need money from schools to enable them to continue to undertake the fantastic work they do. Therefore, we agreed to run a sponsored activity to help them raise money to ensure that children all over the country are supported to keep themselves safe. At some point during the next week or two your child (ren) will take part in a short workout, we will be attempting the Body Coach's school workout, and the children will do as much of as they can at their own level (as will the staff!). If possible, we would like you and members of your family to sponsor your child to complete this. Please return the forms and money by 24th of January (there is a collection box in each classroom) the class with the greatest participation will receive a certificate.

This afternoon a group of children are taking part in an indoor quad athletics tournament. We wish them lots of luck and will keep you updated as to how they get on.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a restful weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Nevie Wallace who passed her Grade 1 piano exam with Merit! Well done, Nevie!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS

Rory Strutt

DEER

Isaac Elder

OWLS

Lara Harrison

RED KITES

Harriet Hewer

ROBINS

Tom Whitehead

FOXES

Matthew Tempest

BADGERS

Freddie Nagle

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Riley Inder

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL AWARD

Harrison Cole

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DIARY DATES

JAN 2018

Tues 16 8.15am SPAG Booster Sessions start
Tues 16 8.45am Drop in with the School Nurse
Tues 16 Rother Valley Orchestra Day
Fri 19 9am FOFS Meeting in Oscars
Mon 22 8.55am SATS Meeting for Owls' Parents
Tues 23 Red Kites to Haslemere Museum
Wed 24 NSPCC Sponsor Money to be returned
Thurs 25 3.15pm SATS Meeting for Owls' Parents
Fri 26 Foxes to Brooklands Museum
Fri 26 Maths Booster Sessions start

FEB

Thurs 1 7pm Parent Forum
Fri 2 9am Maths for Mums & Dads
Fri 2 10.30am Parent Forum
Mon 5 Red Kites "Valentines" Cake Sale

MAR

Thur 1 Red Kites to RHS Wisley
Mon 5 Owls "Easter" Cake Sale
Fri 9 Badgers to "Voices Around the World"
Fri 9 Book Fair arrives
Tues 13 Class photographs
Wed 14 "Voice in a Million" at Wembley
Fri 16 Book Fair leaves

SQUIRRELS COSTUMES

Squirrels class topics for this term are 'Dungeons & Dragons' and 'Chinese New Year' and their role play area is looking a bit sad! If you have any of the following costumes or items relating to these topics and you wouldn't mind donating them to Squirrels then they would much appreciate:

- Knights
- Princesses
- Kings & Queens
- Dragons
- Traditional Chinese clothes



ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS

Whilst this term's enrichment has only just started we are looking to next term already! We are hoping to spread our wings a bit in the summer term and invite some parents/friends to come in and run enrichment activities with the children. Enrichment runs from 2.30pm until 3.10pm every Friday and it is for children of all age ranges. Enrichment could be anything from gardening to yoga, card games to car maintenance, astronomy to cheer leading, languages to origami! Anything that you might have a passion for or a skill in that you would be willing to share with the children, bring something new to their table, offer them something different. If you feel you could help us with this please contact Fiona Atkinson. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked.

NEW LOGO

The more observant amongst you will have noticed that we have started using our new school logo incorporating the strapline chosen by the school community. The amended logo, tweaked and changed free of charge by Cornberry Press, is a fresh start for the new year for the school. You will see it appearing on all our letters, correspondence, documents and website over the coming weeks. We hope you approve!



REMINDERS & NOTICES

- Replies needed for **Red Kites trip to the Haslemere Museum**, don't forget that if you pay online you can give your consent via Scopay. All other payment methods require a reply slip.
- Replies and volunteers needed for **Foxes trip to Brooklands**, don't forget that if you pay online you can give your consent via Scopay. All other payment methods require a reply slip. If you would be willing to accompany the class on this trip please let the school office or Ms Graver know.
- **MRC Orchestra Day** is taking place on January 16th: Consent/medical forms need to be returned asap. Children need to familiarise themselves with the three pieces which will be taught / played on the day.
- **Lost Property** is over flowing—water bottles being a particular feature! Please come and check that your child isn't missing anything!
- **Clubs** start next week, all children got into the club of their choice. Tag Rugby, Art Club and Choir are particularly full and we have increased our adult numbers to ensure that everyone is able to take part who wanted to. If after the first week your child decides they do not wish to continue the club (please note that after this point they are committed to attending every week) then please let the school office know.

Letters sent home this week:

- Red Kites to Haslemere Museum
- Foxes to Brooklands
- MRC Orchestra Day
- Sponsor forms for NSPCC Buddy's Big Work Out
- Maths Booster sessions for invited Y6 pupils

SENCO Dates for your Diary

16.01.18 This coming Tuesday Sophie King, our school nurse, will be holding a drop-in session in Oscars from 8.45am. If you have any questions about any child related health issue, eg, anxiety, bedwetting, sleep, eating she will be available for general advice. If you need more specific/confidential advice then this can be arranged via a referral either to her or to a specialist for that area of health.

26.01.18 Making Sense of Anxiety in Children, Friday 26th January, 9.45am – 12.30pm Easebourne School

An introduction to understanding anxiety in primary aged children, ways to support them if they are worrying too much, and tips for looking after yourself along the way. **Bookings:** Please visit [Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Reaching Families and event title, or look at the Reaching Families Events page on Facebook. Any queries, please email admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk or call Rosemary: 07704 037664 or Michele: 07470 005734. Their full programme of events can be found at: http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/pdfs/RF_TrainingA4_Winter2018.pdf

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