

FERNHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another week has flown by and we are getting closer towards the end of term.

This week the children in years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 have been undertaking assessments in reading and maths. The purpose of these is to support the teacher assessments we do daily within school and to make sure that children are on track to make at least the expected progress over the year. From this we can also identify gaps in our planning to ensure effective curriculum coverage across all year groups. In addition to this the children have started their Christmas topics; Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol in years 3 – 6 and a topic based around their Christmas play and the Christmas Story in years R, 1 and 2. The pupil decorations on the Christmas tree make it feel really seasonal and all the classes have decorated hoops around a Christmas theme, to decorate the hall during our final week.

On Tuesday, Squirrels class presented to parents and families their production of “The Innkeeper’s Breakfast”. They were fantastic, such clear voices, amazing concentration and expressive faces – it was a pleasure to watch. Well done to all of Squirrels Class, Mrs Malt and Mrs Bell, you have set an extremely high standard for the rest of the school to follow. Next week we have the KS1 Christmas production, The Nativity at St Margaret’s Church and the following week the KS2 Victorian Christmas Concert. Please check the dates list on the newsletter or letters that have been sent home for the specific days and times.

This evening is the FOFs Christmas Party, there are lots of things to do including a disco for the children, a games room, a craft room and cakes – as well as Rudolf’s Diner and Bar Noel. Santa’s grotto will be available and hopefully a special visitor will be there! We would like to say a big thank you to the FOFs committee and all the parent volunteers who have made this event possible. Don’t forget to get your tickets in the office today or come along and pay at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Just to let you know, the back gate was closed this morning as it had failed to shut last night after school. Having tested it this morning it looks like it is working properly again so should be open for afternoon pick up today.

As a school we know that reading is the key to success and we are trying to generate a love of reading, as well as encouraging children to try a range of different genres. To promote reading further we are getting a bookcase for our entrance hall and are looking to fill it with the “100 books you should read before leaving primary school”, (please see the attached poster). If you are able to donate one of these books or have a second hand book from the list, which is still in good condition we would be very grateful, please do let us know via the school office.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to **James Tempest** for being awarded his Level 5 on his Excel Gymnastics course. Amazing work James!
And congratulations to **Elsa Kelsey** for progressing up to the next level in her swimming course!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS

Elsa Kelsey

DEER

Harry Orange

OWLS

Oskar Hutchinson

RED KITES

Joanna Bell

ROBINS

Eloise Denny

FOXES

Zac Garguilo

BADGERS

Lily Shotter

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Emma Robinson

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL AWARD

Alexis James

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DIARY DATES

DEC

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| Mon 11 | 6pm Y1&2 Christmas Play |
| Tues 12 | 6pm Y1&2 Christmas Play |
| Wed 13 | 6pm Nativity at St Margaret's Church |
| Fri 15 | Badgers & Foxes to MRC Pantomime |
| Fri 15 | Red Kites & Robins final swimming lesson |
| Fri 15 | Christmas Lunch |
| Mon 18 | 6pm Victorian Christmas Concert |
| Wed 20 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wed 20 | End of term |

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| Thurs 4 | INSET DAY – school closed |
| Fri 5 | INSET DAY – school closed |
| Mon 8 | TRUST INSET DAY – school closed |
| Tues 9 | First day of term |
| Wed 10 | NSPCC Assemblies & workshops |
| Tues 16 | Drop in time with the School Nurse |
| Fri 19 | 9am FOFS Meeting in Oscars |
| Tues 23 | Red Kites to Haslemere Museum |

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| Fri 2 | 9am Maths for Mums & Dads |
| Mon 5 | Red Kites "Valentines" Cake Sale |

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| 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 |

REMINDERS & NOTICES

Not long until the end of term and we are sorry, we keep giving you more to remember and do!

Replies needed:

- Clubs and Enrichment forms are due back by Friday 15 December, we can already see that there are going to be some oversubscribed clubs so please ensure that you get your forms in promptly so that we can allocate spaces accordingly.
- Voice in a Million—if your child is taking part in this event, please return the consent form and make payment for the t-shirt please.

Notices:

- We have some Christmas design mugs and Christmas puddings waiting to be picked up from the office, if these are yours, please arrange prompt collection.
- Clubs for this term are now all finished, so no clubs next week at all. Please ensure that you book Oscars if it is required.

SNACKS AT SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that children are bringing all manner of snacks in for playtime consumption and we felt it timely to remind all parents/carers that snacks brought into school must be fruit and vegetable based. This can be fresh fruit or vegetables or dried fruit, olives or 100% fruit/veg smoothies. Please note that children bringing in other types of snack will not be allowed to eat them at snack time and will be offered a piece of school fruit or veg instead. Thank you for cooperation.



LOVE READING

We have created an account with Love Reading for Schools, www.lovereadingschools.co.uk. This is a great website for getting advice and guidance on age appropriate books your child might like to read. We have created lists by class of texts that might inspire your child, push them outside of their reading comfort zone or simply encourage them to pick up a book. We are hoping to develop our page to incorporate other lists outside of the class ones, such as "Mrs Richardson recommends..." and other lists of teachers favourites so watch out for those. The lists will be updated regularly so do please add the website to your favourites.

The books can be bought directly from Love Reading and whilst we, as a school, receive 5% of all purchases made from the site, we are not suggesting that you have to purchase from them. Please feel free to use the lists for reference and then purchase wherever you would like to.

TUTORING

If you feel that your child may need a little extra help to support their learning in school, specifically if they face learning difficulties, Gillian Morton offers private tutoring. Whilst, as a school, we have no first hand knowledge of her abilities and can therefore not officially recommend her, she has worked with pupils at Fernhurst Primary School before and we thought that her services might be of interest to some of you. Gillian can be contacted on Gillian.senteacher@gmail.com or 01730 818408 for further information.

THE CHRISTMAS CORNER

Tickets for the **Key Stage 1 production**, A King is Born, have been sent home. Children should be dropped off at 5.40pm at the Oscars door where they will be ushered down to their classrooms to change. At the end of the productions, children will return to their classrooms to change and should then be collected from the Oscars door. The performance will last 30minutes approximately, so with time to change, collection will be at around 6.40pm. This applies to both nights. Don't forget that costumes need to be in school, in a named bag ready for Monday's performance, if they aren't already.

Christmas Concert—We are holding a Victorian Christmas Concert on Monday 18 December at 6pm. This is for the choir and invited children from Key Stage 2. Ticket requests should now be in and tickets will come home on Monday. Unfortunately, we will not have any spare tickets for this event due to the large numbers of participants.

Christmas Jumper Day—in case you missed it in last week's newsletter, on Wednesday 20 December, the last day of term, as a celebration of Christmas and the end of a busy term, we are inviting the children to come to school in their uniform but instead of the school sweatshirts/cardigans they can wear festive jumpers!

