



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always time is whizzing by and we are fast approaching the end of the Spring term. It is a privilege to wander around school and pop into classrooms to see real enthusiasm for learning from both the children and the staff.

We had our pupil voice sessions yesterday and it was lovely to see the confidence of pupils, especially Squirrels in expressing their ideas about the things they like about the school and the things that they would like to change. *Article 12 Respect the views of a child*

It is also a time for the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to reflect back on the progress we have made and the next steps we need to take on our Journey to Excellence. We are all proud of the completed milestones and the impact they have had and we would like to thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring we achieve the best outcomes for all of our children.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Chris and Jennie Orange, who have been in school over the past few days compiling a video of the school in action. The main focus is pupils and their learning and how they are experiencing the "nurture, explore, achieve" ethos that the school promotes. Please look out over the next few weeks for it - coming to our website soon!

Some members of the choir took part in the Rother Valley Schools Arts Festival, they were amazing and did a fantastic performance. Mrs Gibbon was very proud of them, they represented the school amazingly well proving themselves to be great ambassadors for Fernhurst. Thank you to all the children who took part and to Mrs Gibbon for her organisation and enthusiasm which enables pupils to receive these wider curriculum opportunities. Unfortunately, due to a pre-existing Governors meeting I was unable to be there to support them. *Article 31 Leisure, play and culture*

On Wednesday several Squirrels parents turned up to help at the workers tea party. They did an amazing job in developing the outdoor area and creating further fantastic opportunities to enhance our children's learning. A big thank you to:

- Mr & Mrs Burger
- Mrs Carr
- Mrs James
- Mr & Mrs Leat
- Mrs Nayager
- Mrs Southon
- Miss Venus
- Mrs Strutt

As always, we are on the lookout for volunteers, can you help with the following:

- Supporting readers in year 4, 5 and 6 (training will be given where necessary).
- Chess Club (for either lunchtimes or Friday afternoon enrichment).
- Help for running a debating society for upper key stage 2 – lunchtimes or after school.

If you can help in anyway, please do contact us and find out more.

Don't forget that we also have a suggestion box in reception, should you wish to put forward any ideas on how to further improve the experiences for all pupils here are Fernhurst Primary.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT



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## DIARY DATES

### MAR

- Fri 23 3.10pm Messy Church  
Mon 26 3.10pm Owls Easter Cake Sale  
Tues 27 Blackdown Treat Afternoon  
Thurs 29 2.15pm Whole School Easter Egg Hunt  
Thurs 29 3.10pm End of term

### APR

- Mon 16 Summer term commences  
Tues 17 Foxes to South Downs Planetarium  
Tues 24 FOFS Life Laundry collection date  
Tues 24 Red Kites to Butser Ancient Farm  
Thurs 26 1.45pm FOFS AGM in Oscars  
Fri 27 FOFS Mufti for Tombola Day  
Mon 30 Squirrels to Ladyland Farm  
Mon 30 Deer Class "Spring" Cake Sale

### MAY

- Mon 7 Maypole Dancers at Charter Fair  
Thurs 10 3.10pm Red Kites PGL Information Session  
Fri 11 Foxes to Fun Maths at MRC  
Mon 14 SATS Week commences  
Thurs 17 Bohunt Y6 New Starter Evening  
Sun 21 Fernhurst Revels  
Tues 22 3.10pm Badgers Cobnor Meeting  
Fri 25 3.10pm End of first half of term

### JUN

- Mon 4 Second half of term commences  
Fri 8 7.30pm FOFS Meeting at Red Lion  
Mon 11 Badgers to Cobnor  
Fri 15 Badgers return from Cobnor  
Wed 20 Foxes to Woolmer Hill Taster Morning  
Wed 20 Woolmer Hill Information Evening for Y5  
Mon 25 Squirrels Summer Cake Sale

### JUL

- Tues 3 Owls' Brilliant Bricks morning  
Wed 4 Woolmer Hill & MRC Y6 Transition Days  
Fri 6 Bohunt Y6 Transition Days  
Fri 13 FOFS Summer BBQ  
Mon 16 Badgers Bikeability Week  
Tues 17 KS2 Evening Production  
Wed 18 KS2 Evening Production  
Tues 24 Last day of term

## BLACKDOWN TREAT

On Tuesday 27 March, Blackdown House will spend the afternoon enjoying their choice of treat for being the house with the most house points in the Autumn Term. They have chosen to have a movie afternoon with popcorn. The film is to be decided but it will be one with a universal rating. If you have any queries surrounding this activity please let the office know.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

- There will be no Drumming lessons next week, yesterday was the last session this term.
- All clubs have now finished for the term, so there won't be any taking place next week. If you would like to book Oscars or Breakfast Club please let the school office know.
- Class photo proofs have come home this week, for larger, clearer copies of the photos please see the relevant classroom doors where they will be up on display. Orders must be submitted online or to school by Tuesday 17 April.
- Enrichment—we will be organising enrichment slightly differently for the summer term. Rather than sending choices forms home for completion, we will be doing this in class instead. This should alleviate any confusion with clubs and be one less thing for parents/carers to complete and return.
- Clubs letters for next term will be published soon, please watch out for these and return by the deadline.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Eloise Denny for being awarded her proficiency award for Level 5 Gymnastics!  
And another gymnastics well done to Nevie Wallace for attaining her Bronze Award at Excel Gymnastics!  
Excellent work girls!



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### SQUIRRELS

James Nayager

### DEER

Charlie Lambert

### OWLS

Harrison Cole

### RED KITES

Mia Goode

### ROBINS

Neve Marston

### FOXES

Elise Arnold

### BADGERS

Badgers Class

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

Violet Asbridge

### HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD

Red Kites Class

### FOREST SCHOOL DEER

Kelsie Jones

### FOREST SCHOOL FOXES

Melisa Kovacheva