



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, it has been another eventful week at Fernhurst Primary School, although the weather has turned a lot colder than last week. All the children remain engaged in their learning and all is calm and purposeful in the classrooms.

This week Red Kites (year 3) visited Butser Ancient Farm to support their "Stones and Bones" topic. They had an amazing time discovering what life was like in the Stone Age and they took part in lots of practical activities related to life in those times. Peter Wright, who won student of the week for his enthusiasm for all the activities, was particularly proud of the fact that he attempted to make string out of hay. Thank you to all the parents who supported the trip and helped make it a really fun learning experience.

Squirrels class are very excited about their Farm topic and have planted lots of seed this week, which they are hoping will grow in to some of their favourite fruit and vegetables. They are learning how to look after the seed and what they need to grow into plants, once the weather improves they are hoping to plant them in their garden area. (If there are any green fingered parents or grandparents out there who would like to help them with this – please do get in touch). On Monday they are off the visit Ladyland Farm to learn about all the animal and how best to look after them. Fingers crossed that the rain holds off for the day!

FOFS held their Annual General Meeting yesterday and the election of new committee members took place. The school would like to say a really big thank you to all the members of FOFs for everything that they do to fundraise for our children. FOFS are a great asset to the school and we very grateful for all that they provide both in terms of much needed finances but amazing events, support and community spirit. We would particularly like to say a big thank you to Niels Larsen, who is stepping down as Chairman, for all of his valuable help and support this year.

We have applied for the Rights Respecting School Silver Award and we will be assessed against the criteria for this on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. In school we do a great deal of work around the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and we are supporting the children to understand and use rights and respect language. We would really appreciate it if you could take some time to ask your child about it and what it means to them in school and at home. If you want any further information about how we are developing this at school or you feel you can help promote it in any way, please do let us know.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Rory and Oscar Strutt for completing the season with Petersfield Rugby Club!

*Article 31; leisure, play and culture*

Don't forget to send any "out of school" achievements to the school office before the end of the school day on Thursday so that we can include them in Friday's Celebration assembly.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**SQUIRRELS**

**Arthur Southon**

**DEER**

**Harry Orange**

**OWLS**

**Alfie Cobb**

**RED KITES**

**Peter Wright**

**ROBINS**

**Jack Dummer**

**FOXES**

**Lily Skelton**

**BADGERS**

**Mia Polson**

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

**Zoe Riley**

**HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD**

**Sienna Boshier-Thomas**

**FOREST SCHOOL ROBINS**

**Jack Fowler**

Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST

## DIARY DATES

### APR

- Sat 28 MRC Community Day  
Mon 30 Squirrels to Ladyland Farm  
Mon 30 Deer Class "Spring" Cake Sale

### MAY

- Wed 2 Robins Class to Dylan's Ice Cream Shop  
Thurs 3 Hamptons visit Owls Class  
Mon 7 Maypole Dancers at Charter Fair  
Thurs 10 3.10pm Red Kites PGL Information Session  
Fri 11 Owls Class to Weald & Downland Museum  
Fri 11 Foxes to Fun Maths at MRC  
Mon 14 SATS Week commences  
Thurs 17 Bohunt Y6 New Starter Evening  
Sun 20 Fernhurst Revels  
Mon 21 6pm Musicians Concert  
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  
Wed 13 Under the Sea Drama Workshop for KS1  
Fri 15 9.30am Welcome Morning for New Parents  
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  
Thurs 28 Sports Day

### JUL

- Tues 3 Owls Class Brilliant Bricks morning  
Wed 4 Woolmer Hill & MRC Y6 Transition Days  
Fri 6 Bohunt Y6 Transition Days  
Fri 6 Transition morning for all classes  
Wed 11 Reserve Sports Day  
Fri 13 FOFS Summer BBQ  
Mon 16 Badgers Bikeability Week  
Tues 17 KS2 Evening Production  
Wed 18 KS2 Evening Production  
Mon 23 1.30pm Fernhurst has got Talent  
Tues 24 Last day of term

## FROM THE OFFICE.....

- Robins—please return your **Dylan's Ice Cream** reply slips.
- Owls—please return your **Weald & Downland** reply slips.
- Squirrels—don't forget you're off on your very exciting trip to **Ladyland Farm** on Monday! Pack your waterproofs it's forecast to be very wet and breezy!
- **Cricket Club**—due to the coach being on crutches, this club will now start on Friday 2 May.
- **RV Enrichment Events**—if your child receives an invitation to one of these events, please could we ask that the forms are returned promptly and if your child does not want to attend please let us know as soon as possible so that we can invite another child.
- **Lost Property**—is overflowing once more! It will be put out on tables over the coming weeks (when the dry weather returns!) but if your child has lost something please come and have a look before that, we would love to get all of the lost belongings back to their owners!

## FOFS ROUND-UP

**Life Laundry**— it took place this week and was a huge success, thank you for all your donations! We will let you know how much we raised in due course.

**Mufti for Tombola**—another fantastic event, with lots of prizes and cash being donated for our Revels stall—thank you again and seeing the children in home clothes on this grey Friday was a really bright sight!

**100 Club**—congratulations to Caroline Parry for winning April's cash prize—we hope you enjoy your winnings!

**EasyFundraising**—please register! Use it to switch your car & home insurance, purchase a new tv package, take a new mobile contract or switch your gas supplier and you can raise over £100 for Fernhurst Primary School (Friends Of Fernhurst School)! Aviva will donate up to £30, More Than up to £22.50, Vodafone and EE up to £35, SKY up to £52.50 and British Gas up to £25, to name just a few. You can get yourself a better deal at the same time so check it out today: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fernhurstprimary/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fernhurstprimary/)

**Cake Sale**— Deer class will be holding their cake sale on Monday after school, so as always please bring your pennies to buy some yummy baked treats!!

**AGM**—and last but definitely not least, many thanks to everyone that attended our AGM. We would like to thank Niels Larsen for leading us over the last year, your time and efforts are much appreciated, if you hadn't stepped up last year FOFS might not be here today, so a big thank you from us all!

We are very pleased that all FOFS roles were elected and we are delighted to announce the following committee for the coming year:

- ◆ Chairperson—Caroline Parry (mum to Lucas in Owls & Niall in Robins)
- ◆ Treasurer—Damon Parry (dad to Lucas in Owls & Niall in Robins)
- ◆ Secretary—Ruth Burger (mum to Sienna in Squirrels & Alfie in Owls)
- ◆ Fundraising Rep—Lana Kelsey (mum to Elsa in Squirrels)
- ◆ Events Coordinator—Claudia Codlin (mum to Sebastian in Owls)
- ◆ Comms Officer—Robyn Patterson (mum to Ben in Owls & Grace in Robins)

Thank you all for putting yourselves forward and good luck for the coming year!

## WISH LIST

The school are in need of picnic blankets and wool. Can you help?? Please drop any donations into the school office. Thank you in advance.

## 2018/19 TERM DATES

Term dates for the next academic year will be published on our website soon although please be aware that Inset days have not been set yet and could fall at anytime. If you need dates before this, we follow West Sussex's term dates and these can be viewed online at: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/)

## THE BOOK CORNER

*This is a new part of the newsletter, where we will be asking teachers to review a book from the 'Top 100 Books to Read before you leave Primary School'.*

'On The Way Home' by Jill Murphy is a fantastic story about a girl named Claire who hurts her knee - the premise doesn't sound very enjoyable but I can assure you that Key Stage 1 children will love it! We follow her on her journey home, where she meets many of her friends and tells each of them a different wildly imaginative story of how she did it (for example a flying saucer trying to carry her off to a distant planet to one friend and a dragon picking her up in its claws to another friend). It's a hilariously funny story with a heart-warming ending. Year 2 will find it particularly useful as we'll be doing some writing based on it later in the half term!

Miss A Barnes



Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST