



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend there are lots of events that have happened this week in school.

Firstly, we are really proud to announce that, after our assessment visit on Tuesday, we have achieved our **Silver Award for being a Rights Respecting school**, this means that children's understanding of global rights and the links to the UN Charter on the Rights of the Child is clear, embedded and part of our everyday ethos. The assessor was very stringent in his examination of evidence but was particularly impressed by the inclusivity of our pupil voice, the link to our learning behaviours and the clarity of our strategic leadership in developing this in our school ethos. A really big thank you to Mrs Isaac, in particular, whose drive and passion for this (supported by the rest of the staff) has really helped us achieve this award. We feel really proud of the all children for really embracing a rights and respect culture. Next stop – Gold!

On Monday Squirrels Class visited Ladyland farm, to support their farm topic in class; unfortunately, despite being 30th April it was one of the wettest and coldest days of Spring, with temperatures barely getting above 4 degrees! They all really enjoyed the visit and were exceptionally well behaved, the favourite activities seemed to be holding the chicks and feeding the goats. Thank you to the parents that supported this visit on what was a really miserably cold day.

Deer class had their cake sale and thank you again to everyone who helped and supported that event; as a school we really do appreciate and benefit from all of the money raised by FoFs. Budgets, as reported regularly in the media, are very tight and small rural schools like ours do really struggle financially – so all help is much appreciated.

On Tuesday Owls class started their Key Stage One assessments – these will take place over the whole of May with the children working on them in small groups. Although children have to sit the tests they are only used to support our own teacher assessment and not reported to parents. We make sure that they are just seen by the children as part of normal classroom practise.

On Wednesday Robins class enjoyed a trip to Dylan's Ice Cream Parlour as part of their topic on "Ingenious inventions", where they learnt all about ice cream, how it is made, how to come up with great flavour combinations and the most important bit—a taste test! They will be using this information over coming weeks to design their own flavour of ice cream.

We have had other visitors into school this week, Badgers class had a talk from a local hypnotherapist, Geraldine Joaquim, on dealing with potential anxiety – which they enjoyed and will hopefully be of use of the coming weeks; thank you to Ms Sidwell for making us aware of the contact. Owls class had a local estate agent in to talk to them, supporting their topic "Home Sweet Home", they were really excited and asked lots of interesting questions – thank you to Mr Barnes from Hamptons for giving up his time to come and talk to the children.

I received a letter this week from Gillian Keegan, our MP, that visited us last term. It detailed an update on what she has done in light of the issues we are facing with fairer funding for West Sussex schools. It is good to see that she is taking our feelings forward and we can only hope that changes will be seen soon.

Lastly, we are sad to announce that both Mrs Mackey and Miss Ramsey will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Mackey is retiring to her new home in Devon and Miss Ramsey is relocating to Plymouth to be nearer her family. We will be sorry to see them go but we wish them well with their new ventures. We are currently recruiting for their replacements and will announce news of that as soon as we have it.

Fingers crossed that it will be a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and good luck to our Maypole dancers who are taking part in Haslemere Charter Fair on Bank Holiday Monday – please do go along and support them if you can.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS

Sebastian Vass

DEER

Oliver Cotton

OWLS

Erin Pegg

RED KITES

Harriet Hewer

ROBINS

Grace Patterson

FOXES

Calan Morrin

BADGERS

Eleanor Hardiman

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Toby Dodson

HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD

Tyler Spear

FOREST SCHOOL RED KITES

Charlie Koritsas

FOREST SCHOOL ROBINS

Lennie Nagle

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DIARY DATES

MAY

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| Mon 7 | Maypole Dancers at Charter Fair |
| Thurs 10 | 7.30pm FOFS Meeting at school |
| 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

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| 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 |
| Thurs 21 | 9am & 6pm Parent Forum |
| Mon 25 | Squirrels Summer Cake Sale |
| Thurs 28 | Sports Day |

JUL

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| Tues 3 | 9am Cobnor Assembly |
| 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 |



Fun at Dylan's for Robins Class!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Dylan and George Davey have completed their second season of training at Worthing rugby club, and have represented their club in competitions this year.

Maya Szabo Steer took part in the Swimathon for Macmillan last week and along with 4 other people they swam 5km (1000m each) raising money for this worth cause—well done, Maya, you should be very proud of yourself!

Congratulations to our swimmers.....Emilia Hill for achieving Level 5, Nevie Wallace for achieving Level 6 and Joshua Wallace for achieving Level 2.

Article 31; leisure, play and culture

FROM THE OFFICE.....

- Owls—please return your **Weald & Downland** reply slips as soon as possible.
- Foxes—please return your reply slips for **Fun Maths** taking place next Friday and please also let us know if you are able to help with transport.
- **Forest School**—volunteers needed to help on a Tuesdays—sessions are running in both the morning (Robins) and afternoon (Red Kites).
- Red Kites have their pasta reward **Pyjama Party** afternoon next Thursday—please remember that they must come to school in their uniform and they will get changed at lunchtime.
- Red Kites—**PGL Information Session**—due to the impromptu meeting that took place last term we will be postponing the meeting booked for next Thursday. We will hold another session nearer the event when we will have more information to share.
- **Cricket** club starts after school today and there are still spaces so if your child is interested please let the school office know.
- A reminder that there is no **Brilliant Bricks** next week (10 May) and no **Ballet** on (22 May). Please note that we still have spaces in Ballet so if your child would like to join please let the school office know.

FOFS

Thank you to everyone that supported the Deer Class Spring time cake sale on Monday this week. They raised a wonderful £64.30!

Please don't forget our meeting taking place next Thursday at 7.30pm at school, we would really love to see lots of you there. Our main agenda item will of course be The Revels. And on that note, don't forget to return your volunteer forms, we really need your support to help with the smooth running of our stall.

We announced last week that Caroline Parry was our 100 Club winner for April and we would like to thank her as she has decided not to accept her winnings but to put them back in the pot.

TICK TOCK!

The rain has poured and the sun is shining, perfect weather for ticks! They are rife at the moment all over the country but particularly in fields, woods and forest areas. Everybody is susceptible to them, children in particular, and we would therefore remind you to check your children for ticks and tick bites regularly. Children going to the Forest School must wear long trousers and ideally long sleeve tops—lightweight if the weather is warm. If you find you or your child has been bitten by a tick, do not attempt to pull the tick out but contact your GP for information on what to do. *Article 24; health & health services*

THE BOOK CORNER

Judith Kerr is the author of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', which is a lovely story about Sophie and her mum who kindly invite a tiger into their house to share some tea and treats with them. However, they are very surprised to discover the tiger's huge appetite, and are left with an empty fridge, cupboard and even taps! The illustrations in this story are very important for conveying the mum's concern which is not entirely explicit and I particularly enjoyed these illustrations as they have a real textural appearance to them. This is a real classic and I recommend this as a great story for children in Key Stage 1.



Mrs E Malt

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