



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of our first full week and the children are all engaged in their new topics; all of which sound really exciting and have captivated their imagination and enthusiasm. The topics this term are:

- Squirrels: Autumn (why do squirrels hide their nuts?)
- Deer Class: Memory Box
- Owl Class: Wriggle and Crawl
- Red Kites: Scrumdiddlyumptious
- Robins: Misty Mountain Sierra
- Foxes: Alchemy Island
- Badgers: A Child's War

This week we have heard that a strange person, calling themselves an alchemist, appeared in Foxes Class and left them with a suitcase full of weird clues, beseeching them to complete a quest – all very mysterious! During the course of the week we have heard air-raid sirens; which have caused Badgers Class to crawl to safety under their tables. Owls class have been seen on a bug exploration in various places around the school. Each day we have noticed a very calm and purposeful learning environment around the school, which has been commented on by several visitors to the school.

Squirrels class have settled in well and it is a real pleasure to welcome them, Mrs Malt and Mrs Bell are thrilled at the way they have all taken to school life.

Here at Fernhurst school we are committed to keeping children safe, and through our PHSE teaching enabling them to keep themselves safe. One of the key areas we focus on, particularly at Key Stage 2, is online safety. However, it is vital that parents know about the dangers of the internet and how you can support at home to keep your children safe online. We will be holding an e-safety evening for parents on 18th October; this will be run by West Sussex Police, Barnados and West Sussex safeguarding team. It is recommend for parent with pupils in Key Stage 2 (7-11), however we would welcome parents from the rest of the school to come along too. It is vital that you are aware of the potential dangers and would strongly recommend that you come to this event. (*Articles 3, 17, 34 and 36*)

We are always keen to develop pupil voice and this morning held our Head Boy and Head Girl elections. After some excellent speeches in assembly this morning all the children returned to their classrooms and votes were completed in secret; following the democratic election process (*Article 12*). We are pleased to announce that the following year 6 pupils have been elected:

- Head Boy: James Vigar
- Deputy Head Boy: George Lay
- Head Girl: Josephine Harrison
- Deputy Head Girl: Elise Arnold

Well done to all who took part they did amazingly well and should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to our four new school officers, we wish you lots of luck in your new roles.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday at "Meet the teacher" and our Macmillan afternoon tea.

Gill Richardson on behalf of SLT

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

DEER	Emma Whitehead
OWLS	Jake Coventry
RED KITES	Jack-James Lewis
ROBINS	Mia Goode
FOXES	Grace Conley-Harper
BADGERS	Matthew Tempest
LUNCHTIME AWARD	Lily Leat
DEER FOREST SCHOOL	Emily Carr
ROBINS FOREST SCHOOL	Blade Combes

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DIARY DATES

SEPT

Fri 14	7.30pm FOFS Meeting at Red Lion
Mon 17	3pm Meet the Teacher & Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Thurs 20	Robins to PGL Residential
Fri 21	Robins return from PGL Residential
Fri 21	Messy Harvest at St Margaret's
Tues 25	OSCARS CLOSED
Wed 26	Badgers to MRC Taster Day

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Tues 2	OSCARS CLOSED
Thurs 4	Owls to Pulborough Brooks
Mon 8	Badgers Cake Sale
Fri 12	9am FOFS Meeting in Oscars
Fri 12	3.30pm Prospective Parents Open Afternoon
Sat 13	FOFS Film Night at Village Hall
Thurs 18	6-8pm Parents Online Safety Forum
Fri 19	Inset day—school closed

OSCARS CLOSURE—REMINDER

Please note that due to whole staff training Oscars will be closed on the afternoons of **Tuesday 25 September and Tuesday 2 October**. You should make alternative arrangements for your children after school on this day if they normally attend Oscars. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always on the look out for volunteers to help out at school. This could be with all manner of things; reading with the children, helping in class, helping with lost property, helping at events or even running a club. At the moment our most pressing need is for someone to help in our library. Our regular volunteer, Mrs Bird, is unwell and we don't want the library duties to fall behind. If you are able to spare an hour each week and would be willing to come in and tidy the books and log books in and out, we would be much appreciative and would love to hear from you.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations & Well Done to.....

Leo Corps for taking part in a mountain bike event called 'Swinduro' in Swinley Forest. He came 6th out of 22 in the U12s category!

Emily Lodge for taking part in a production of Moana.

Article 31; leisure, play and culture

To ensure your child's achievement is mentioned, please make sure that it is with the school office before Friday morning. Achievements received on the morning run the risk of being missed.

SHIRTS FOR PAINTING

We love painting here at school but we also love keeping our uniforms clean! If you have any old loose fitting, large shirts at home that you are looking to get rid of please don't bin them, we need them across all ages and classes so lots required! Please hand in to the office.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

Don't forget we will be selling off our uniform stock at Monday's Meet the Teacher and Macmillan Fundraiser. Prices for all items will be discounted so come and grab a bargain!

We have a new Drama Club due to start in October—please see the letter sent out today for details on times and prices.

All other Clubs start next week but please don't forget, that if a payment is required, it must be made in full before the clubs start. Your child will be unable to attend without this,

REMINDERS

- Badgers Class—Please email back your replies for the MRC Experience Day.
- Owls Class—Pulborough Brooks replies and payments to be returned as soon as possible please.

CAKES & TREATS

Don't forget we are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support on Monday and we need your donations of cakes, biscuits and sweet treats! Please bring them to school on Monday morning so that we can set up our lovely refreshments stall in time for the afternoon. Meet the Teacher starts at 3pm and refreshments will be served from 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you all then.



DON'T FORGET THE FOFS MEETING TONIGHT AT THE RED LION PUB IN THE VILLAGE AT 7.30PM. LOTS OF FUNDRAISING IDEAS TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE LOTS OF NEW FACES AS WELL AS OUR REGULARS, SO DO PLEASE COME ALONG!

WORTHLESS CAMPAIGN?

The West Sussex Youth Cabinet has put together a petition about the WorthLess? campaign movement we hope you support. We know that as a school you receive less than half of what other constituencies earn. This petition is an effort to create fairer funding for schools in West Sussex. We want support from all of your pupils, parents and staff to contribute toward the broader WorthLess? campaign and make an impact upon our community. So please, if you feel able, follow the link below and support the campaign.

<https://www.change.org/p/young-people-worthless-campaign-for-fairer-funding-in-west-sussex-s-schools>

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