



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at school and the children remain positive and proactive in their approach to learning.

Robins class returned this week full of excitement after their residential, they had a thoroughly enjoyable time and can't wait to tell the school all about it at their class assembly next week. We are already looking at next year's Robins Residential and hope to get some dates in the diary soon.

Deer and Robins classes spent some wonderful autumnal time at Forest School on Tuesday—it really is a beautiful time of year to be up in the woods especially whilst it is so crisp and clear! Deer Class had a camp fire for the first time and learnt all about how to build it, tend to it and most importantly put it out carefully.

Owls class have been studying everything about bees this week. They have on a loan a piece of honeycomb from a Fernhurst hive, they have been using the bee bots in ICT, making honeycomb shapes and doing bee dances in PE and best of all they have made delicious banana and honey muffins—they smelt wonderful!

On Wednesday, Badgers class, as part of the transition process to secondary school, spent the day at Midhurst Rother College. They had a great time with some of the class making rockets and some riding on magic carpets! The class were well behaved and represented the school well. Transition days take place at three of the local secondary schools and offer the children a valuable insight into what life will be like in Year 7 and beyond. If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, please don't forget that the deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October and we would urge you to make a timely application. If you need any assistance please do let us know.

On a similar note, West Sussex applications for reception places open next week and alongside this, we have open events available for any families that would like to come and have a look around. The first is our big Open Afternoon on Friday 12 October, 3.30-5.30pm. Please encourage any families you know with children due to start school next September to come along, places can be booked via the office. More information and further dates are available on our website.

This week also saw us hold our termly fire drill practice and I am pleased to say that it was swift and efficient and the children were very well behaved throughout.

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest and the children have been very busy preparing poems, songs and other pieces of entertainment to perform to you at St Margaret's. Please see the diary dates section for times and dates, we look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing a relaxing weekend,

Gill Richardson on behalf of SLT



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



DEER	Toby Dodson
OWLS	Joshua Wallace
RED KITES	Lara Harrison
ROBINS	Sebastian Pakium
FOXES	Tom Whitehead
BADGERS	Tom Ward
LUNCHTIME AWARD	George Lay
HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD	Alfie Burger
DEER FOREST SCHOOL	Yoanna Beshirova
ROBINS FOREST SCHOOL	Isaac Cousins, Beatrice Heale & Peter Wright

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DIARY DATES

OCT

Tues 2	OSCARS CLOSED
Wed 3	8.55am Robins Residential Assembly
Thurs 4	Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival at St Margaret's
Thurs 4	Owls to Pulborough Brooks
Fri 5	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival at St Margaret's
Fri 5	RV Football Tournament at MRC
Mon 8	Badgers Cake Sale
Wed 10	Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day
Wed 10	3.10pm Badgers Parents Cobnor Meeting
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	Red Kites to Pizza Express
Thurs 18	Badgers to Milestones Museum
Thurs 18	End of first half of term
Fri 19	Inset day—school closed
Mon 29	Second half of term commences

NOV

Fri 2	FOFS Halloween Disco (TBC)
Mon 5	Foxes Cake Sale
Tues 6	9am Prospective Parents Morning
Tues 6	3.20-5.30pm Parents' Evening
Wed 7	3.20-5.30pm Parents' Evening
Fri 9	RV Quik sticks hockey tournament at MRC
Mon 12	Individual School Photos
Wed 21	Foxes to All Sing at MRC
Fri 23	7.30pm FOFS Meeting at The Red Lion
Thurs 29	Flu immunisations for YR-5

DEC

Mon 3	Robins Cake Sale
Thurs 6	9am Prospective Parents' Morning
Fri 7	Mufti for Tombola Day
Fri 14	4pm FOFS Christmas Disco
Wed 19	Final Day of term

OSCARS CLOSURE

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

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning to play the saxophone, clarinet or flute (or any other instrument for that matter!) West Sussex Music Service would love to hear from you. Lessons take place during the school day and instruments can be hired from West Sussex Music and in some cases the school. Please visit the West Sussex Music website, www.westsussexmusic.co.uk, for more information on how to register your interest and to apply for lessons.

Please be aware that there are some instruments that might not be suitable for all ages.

FOFS ROUND UP

- Tickets are now on sale for Film night which is on Saturday 13th October in the Village Hall, doors will open at 4.20pm for a 4.50pm screening of Paddington 2, so please put the date in your diary and tell family and friends too. Hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and drinks will be available. Tickets are £3 per child (under 2s go free) and £5.50 per adult with family bundles available if purchased in advance. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 100 Club update—the winner of our September draw is Niels Larsen. New numbers will be available starting with a November draw. For your chance to win, buy one or more numbers (£12 each for the year). There are 100 numbers in total. If your number is drawn you win £25. Simple! Look out for more information coming soon.



HARVEST DONATIONS

The Harvest donations box is filling up, please don't forget to bring in your offerings to go the local charity Stonepillow. The charity operate a Wish List and at the moment they are after the following items:

Coffee	Sugar
Jams/spreads	Longlife Fruit Juice & Milk
Squash/Cordial	Tinned meat/pies
Instant noodles/rice	Biscuits
Condiments	Hand Wash
Washing up liquid	Toilet roll
Washing powder	Bin Bags
Foil/Cling film	Anti-bacterial spray
Sponges/Cloths	Chopping boards
Sleeping bags/blankets	Board games
Tea towels	Underwear (new only)
Men's shoes	Socks

Donations needs to be with us by lunchtime on Wednesday 3 October.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

- Owls Class—Pulborough Brooks replies and payments to be returned as soon as possible please.
- There are still places available for Dramarama, it starts 1st October for all children in KS2 and is £40 for 8 weeks.
- A lot of Data Collection forms have already been returned, thank you, please amend and return as necessary over the course of next week.
- The Office should be informed if a child no longer wishes to attend a Club, even if it is a teacher-led free one. Registers are taken and it causes concern if a child has been at school, but doesn't then attend a club that they have signed up for.
- Swimming payments— if you are paying weekly please remember to do so.