



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, and the children remain engaged and are enjoying their learning. One of our focuses this academic year is presentation and handwriting and it is great to see pupils rising to the challenge. Foxes class in particular, as they have come up with a daily competition which gives the three pupils at the top of the leader board the opportunity to show Mrs Richardson their work at the end of the day, the golden sticker is proving to be a great incentive.

Thank you for your patience as Oscars was closed after school on the last two Tuesdays. This has enabled us to get some valuable training for all staff on de-escalation, this will help us improve our support for children, particularly during those tricky playground situations, which arise from time to time.

We are very proud of our pupils' behaviour both within and outside school and this was demonstrated at our Harvest Services at St. Margaret's Church. The Key Stage 2 event was on Thursday and Reception and Key Stage 1 was today, thank you so much for coming along and supporting us and for the food donations to "Stone Pillow". We were treated to lovely art work, great story telling, excellent songs, explanations about what harvest means and a harvest prayer. The whole school singing was a joy to listen to. Thank you so much to Mrs Gibbon for arranging and Rev. Nick Haigh for hosting us.

On Thursday Owl Class went to Pulborough Brooks to support their topic "Wriggle and Crawl", they had an amazing time looking at bugs and spiders and the trip really enhanced their understanding and got them thinking about life cycles and habitats. Thank you to those of you who were able to help out and support Owl Class.

Being part of the University of Chichester Academy Trust we are sometimes able to take advantage of free support from the University. We have a group of students who have agreed to work for us, on a project to develop the outdoor space behind Deer and Owl class. We have been really excited by their ideas; however, they do need to raise a little bit of money to buy resources and will be organising a cake sale in KS1 next Wednesday.

Deer and Robins class have continued to thrive in Forest School; Red Kites and Robins are enjoying their swimming sessions on Friday Mornings.

Next week, we also have lots of things planned, don't forget "Hello Yellow" on Wednesday and our Open Afternoon event for new parents on Friday. We do hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Whilst on their school trip to Pulborough Brooks, Owl Class received a certificate for completing a Wild Challenge which involved becoming habitat explorers!

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.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



DEER	TYLER SPEAR
OWLS	ISAAC ELDER
RED KITES	ALFIE COBB
ROBINS	JOANNA BELL
FOXES	JACK DUMMER
BADGERS	TALLULAH PLEACE
LUNCHTIME AWARD	EMILIA BRYANT
HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD	JACK SOUTH
DEER FOREST SCHOOL	TABETHA PARKER
ROBINS FOREST SCHOOL	ISABEL BRADLEY

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DIARY DATES

OCT

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
Wed 10	KS1 cake sale in aid of outdoor project
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 14	World Diabetes Superhero Day
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

HELLO YELLOW!

Next Wednesday, it is Hello Yellow Day—come to school in home clothes, including something yellow in return for a £1 donation to go towards the charity Young Minds.

More children and young people than ever before are seeking help with their mental health and by wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day we want them to show them that they are not alone.



BICYCLES AT SCHOOL

We are delighted to see that so many children are cycling/scooting to school, it is such a great way to get here! As a result though the bike rack at the back of the office is starting to become a bit of a safety hazard. Please note that we have a second bike rack, it is located by the pedestrian gate near the preschool, just as you come in on the left.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind anyone scooting or cycling to school that they must not ride their scooters/cycles on school grounds, that they must dismount on arrival at the school gate and walk their bikes to the racks. Thank you for your cooperation.



FOFS ROUND UP

- Don't forget to buy your tickets for Film night taking place on Saturday 13th October in the Village Hall, doors will open at 4.20pm for a 4.50pm screening of Paddington 2! 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.
- Easyfundraising - If you haven't joined easy fundraising it is so easy. Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fernhurstprimary/> and sign up and start shopping. Until 31st December, if you refer a friend and they start to shop via Easyfundraising then you can earn a £5 donation. You can refer as many family members or friends by sending them the following link via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2HTW2Y/>.



FROM THE GOVERNORS

On a sunny morning last Friday, I took a short walk from my office to Parliament Square where I had the honour to meet up with Mrs Richardson and another headteacher from the University of Chichester Academy Trust. They had both taken a day's unpaid leave to join the WorthLess march from Parliament Square to No 11 Downing Street in support of a campaign intended to gain much improved funding for all schools. This was not an action aimed at improving pay.

I am humbled by Mrs Richardson giving up her own time to take part in an event intended to help secure improved funding for the education of your children. This is a typical example of the dedication of the staff at Fernhurst Primary School, something which is easy for us all to take for granted.

I am very proud to have had the opportunity to meet Mrs Richardson and her colleague and to offer them my support. I hope that they will also have your support and thanks.

Best wishes

Christopher Lloyd, Chair of Governors

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

- Badgers to the Milestones Museum —volunteers as well as permission and payments needed. Payment and consent can be made online at www.scopay.com
- Red Kites to Pizza Express—volunteers as well as permissions and payment required. As above all can be done online.
- KS1 Football—if your child does KS1 Football on a Wednesday and they have Velcro fastening football boots please could they bring these rather than lace up ones? Currently the club is not getting out to play until gone 3.30pm as the lace-tying process is taking rather a long time!
- Last call for Data Collection sheets, if we do not hear from you we will assume your details and those of your child's emergency contacts haven't changed.
- Swimming and Forest School volunteers still needed for Robins class – please let the Mr Hussey or the Office know if you can help.
- Badgers Cake sale is this coming Monday, bring your pennies to spend after school!

Letters emailed out this week:

Milestones Museum—Badgers class

Y5&Y6 RV Football tournament—invited children

RV Y4 Creative Art Day—invited children

Pizza Express—Red Kites class

Parents' Evenings—All year groups

Woolmer Hill Experience Day—Foxes class

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