



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy week at school. Even though the weather is turning greyer and wetter, it doesn't seem to be impacting the children's enthusiasm to learn and as I walk around the classrooms they seem engaged and motivated in their lessons.

Our week ended last Friday with a squad of Year 5 and 6 children attending a Quik Sticks Hockey Tournament at Midhurst Rother College. Despite the fact that they have not played a great deal of hockey, the children played with vigour and energy and our teams came 8th and 9th out 15 teams. Well played to George Lay, James Vigar, Niall Parry, Tom Whitehead, Nevie Wallace, Molly Atkinson, Adelaide Elder and Grace Conley-Harper. Tag Rugby and Cross Country competitions are all coming up so watch this space for more sporting prowess.

Monday saw us come into school, following torrential weather over the weekend, to leaks and power cuts! A big thank you to Mrs Ward for sorting out the issues quickly so that we could focus on teaching.

Owls and Badgers enjoyed their time at Forest School this week. Owls Class have also been spending time making some amazing art work as part of their 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' topic—which they can't wait to show parents soon. Tuesday also saw two of our Year 5 children attend a scientific Rother Valley Enrichment where they got to dissect a heart—gruesome but fascinating!!

On Wednesday, the school was full of superheroes supporting World Diabetes Day and fundraising for JDRF, a charity funding research into Type 1 diabetes. We raised over £144 for this worthy cause, thank you for supporting us.

Mr Gibbon (husband to Mrs Gibbon!) has been in to school this week to talk to Foxes class about space and satellites as part of their 'Stargazers' topic. They children were captivated by his knowledge and learned a great deal from his time in class—thank you, Dave.

There is an odd feel to the school today—it must be our socks! In support of Anti-Bullying week, the children have been invited to come to school in odd socks, this isn't to raise money but awareness of this vital topic. In assembly, the children watched a wonderful video created, in support of Anti-bullying week, by several local schools and filmed in the Devil's Punchbowl. It is well worth a watch if you get a moment. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK2xp8ftxro&feature=share>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend—wrap up warm, it's getting chilly!

Gill Richardson on behalf of SLT

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to....

Rafferty Porter for completing Goldfish 2 in swimming.

Oscar Porter for completing Dolphin 1 in swimming.

Joshua Wallace for completing Learn 2 Swim 3

*Article 31; leisure, play and culture*

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**SQUIRRELS**

Rocco Hodd

**DEER**

Emily Carr

**OWLS**

Gorgia Kovacheva

**RED KITES**

Stuart Bradley

**ROBINS**

Sapphire Moss

**FOXES**

Luke Coventry

**BADGERS**

Evie Fowler

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

Isaac Elder

**HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD**

Nathan Chikhliia & Seb Shepherd

**OWLS FOREST SCHOOL**

Monty Pezier

**BADGERS FOREST SCHOOL**

Tallulah Pleace

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## DIARY DATES

### NOV

Tues 20	Foxes to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 23	RV Tag Rugby Tournament at MRC
Fri 23	2pm FOFS Meeting in Pre-school
Wed 28	3.30pm KS1 Phonics Workshop
Thurs 29	Flu immunisations for YR-5

### DEC

Mon 3	Robins Cake Sale
Tues 4	2pm Squirrels Christmas Play
Tues 4	Y5&6 Cross Country Competition at Barrow Hills
Thurs 6	9am Prospective Parents' Morning
Thurs 6	Owls' Art Gallery Open Afternoon
Fri 7	FOFS Mufti for Tombola Day
Mon 10	1.30pm KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tues 11	1.30pm & 6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 13	6pm Squirrels Nativity at St Margaret's Church
Fri 14	Christmas Lunch
Fri 14	4pm FOFS Christmas Disco
Mon 17	9am-12noon KS2 to Panto at MRC
Tues 18	6pm Carol Concert for invited parents/carers
Wed 19	Final Day of term

### JAN

Thurs 3	Spring Term starts
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## FOFS ROUND UP

- ◇ **Christmas Puddings** - Thank you to all of you who sent in your order forms. We didn't quite make our minimum order so if you would still like one please forward your completed form and money to the school office. Delivery will be the week of 3rd December.
- ◇ **100 Club** - don't forget to return your forms and payment to be part of the new draw starting in late November.
- ◇ **Easyfundraising** - Please use Easyfundraising for your online Christmas orders! If you haven't joined Easyfundraising 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/>.
- ◇ **FoFS meeting** - The meeting on Friday 23rd November has been moved to earlier in the day. It will now take place at 2pm in the Pre-school. We hope that this time is more convenient for you. It should be a fun meeting as we will be planning for the Christmas Party on 14th December.

## PRE-CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT AT THE FERNHURST CENTRE

The Fernhurst Centre on Crossfield Green is hosting a Pre-Christmas treasure hunt for children under 12 on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am**. All are welcome and every participating child will receive a gift with some additional lucky winners in each age category. Just like the Centre's Easter Egg Hunt, an easy to read map will show the route through the village for parents and children with the start and finish at the Fernhurst Centre. Will you be able to spot the woolly sheep hidden in various shop and other windows? Come and join the fun, plenty of hot coffee and other refreshments at the Centre on this and every Saturday.



## SCOPAY & THE WORLD OF ONLINE PAYMENTS

As you will surely know, we use an online website, Scopay, across the school to accept online payments and authorisations for children attending trips, clubs or events. Online payments mean less cash handling, less administration and less room for error and are therefore our preferred method of payment. Mrs Ward will be sending out online access letters today to anyone that has yet to sign up and we would encourage everyone to start using Scopay as their go to means of payment and permissions. Thank you for your cooperation.

## NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

Foxes: There are still number of outstanding replies for Winchester Science Museum next week. Hard copies of the letter can be obtained from Mrs Isaac this afternoon or from the Office. Alternatively payments and consent can be made easily via Scopay.

If you child borrows any clothes from school, please wash and return as soon as possible so that other children can benefit from the small amount of spare uniform we hold for occasional toilet accidents, etc.

We have just three sessions left of swimming after today, if you pay in instalments either weekly or monthly, please do make sure your account is up to date.

Christmas lunch, taking place on 14 December, can now be ordered (£2.35) for Key Stage 2 children at the Office or via the Chartwells website. If your child is in Key Stage 1 and has opted out of school meals, they can still have Christmas lunch with us, please just let the Office know. More information can be found in the email sent earlier this week.

There is now only a limited amount of fruit available for Key Stage 2 children at break time. If you feel your child needs a snack half way through the morning, you may wish to send them to school with some raw vegetables or a piece of fruit to ensure they don't miss out.

Running Club is now up and running (!) on Friday mornings. Please join Mr Hussey from 8am, everyone is welcome, however, Key Stage One children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Could we please ask that parents check at home for any Fernhurst sports kit, which may be hiding at the bottom of your laundry basket after the recent Football and Quick Sticks tournaments? Please wash and return to school as soon as possible.

*A final word from the editor....it's farewell from me! Thank you to all my fantastic colleagues, the wonderful children and you, the parents and families. My four years here have been very happy ones and that is down to you all. With best wishes, Fiona*

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