



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week there has been a real change in the weather and it certainly feels more wintery. Please ensure that your child(ren) have a coat and appropriate shoes for playtime; we do like to get the children outside in most weather. Please make sure that all coats, boots etc. are named. The children also need appropriate footwear for playing football after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, we have seen some very muddy PE trainers (and children!) in school this week!

Owls and Badgers Class enjoyed their forest school visit this week, despite the cold weather. The children were actively engaged in planning and enjoying their own learning, Badgers class fire lighting and hot chocolate making skills are certainly improving.

On Tuesday Foxes class went to Winchester Science Museum as part of their "StarGazer" topic. They had an amazing time at the Planetarium, discovering the vastness that is space and taking part in a fascinating workshop where they built their own rocket. They were also able to explore the other amazing hands-on-science exhibitions that the museum has to offer. All of them had a brilliant time, exploring and developing their scientific vocabulary and the staff were really pleased at their exemplary behaviour during the visit.

The beautiful leaves decorating the Newsletter this week, were produced by Owls with one of our lovely volunteers, Angela Parrott, who came in and taught the children to use watercolours. It was great to see the care and attention to detail that they took with their work and they were really proud of the outcomes.

On Wednesday we had two Headteachers from the Rother Valley come in and look at girls' confidence in maths; they commented on how lovely the children were: polite, hardworking, articulate and fun. They will share their findings in the near future and we will be holding a staff workshop before Christmas to address them. We would also like to say a big thank you to those parents who came in and participated in the session.

Our Poppy Appeal collection this year raised £184.08 for the British Legion, thank you to everyone who made a donation. We hope you have had a chance to see the Children's work at St. Margaret's Church, it will be there until the end of the month, so do pop in if you can!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to....

Ethan Prudente for completing his Level 3 swimming  
*Article 31; leisure, play and culture*

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**SQUIRRELS**

**Max Bailey**

**DEER**

**Sienna Burger**

**OWLS**

**Otto Heale**

**RED KITES**

**Arthur Clayton**

**ROBINS**

**Scarlet Palmer**

**FOXES**

**Imogen Boshier-Thomas**

**BADGERS**

**Nathan Chikhliia**

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

**Tallulah Plaeace**

**HEADBOY & HEADGIRL AWARD**

**Erin Pegg**

**OWLS FOREST SCHOOL**

**Carl Van Der Walt**

**BADGERS FOREST SCHOOL**

**George Lay**

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## DIARY DATES

### NOV

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



## FOFS ROUND UP

**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/>.

## NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

Christmas lunch, taking place on 14 December, needs to be ordered by this coming Monday, the 26th 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.

**Photographs:** Everyone should now have received their individual and sibling photographs. If you would like to place an order please do so by Tuesday, 4 December, any orders received after this date will not be fulfilled before Christmas and may incur an extra charge.

**Flu nasal spray:** Children in Squirrels and Years 1-5, who have returned consent form for the flu vaccine, will be receiving it next Thursday, 29 November. For children who do not have the spray on that date for any reason but would like to, there will be flu clinics at local surgeries in December. We will circulate the dates to all parents once we have them.

**Costumes:** KSI children have now been allocated their parts in this year's Christmas productions. We hope, as always, that if your child has been asked to provide a costume from home, that it is easy to create from things you already own. If, however, you need any help or advice on what your child should wear, please do speak to their class teacher who will be very happy to help.



### Christmas Toy Service

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 10am



Join the congregation of St Margaret's, Fernhurst, for this special family-friendly occasion. Help to support local families in need this Christmas by bringing your donations of new unwrapped toys. Toys can also be dropped off at the School Reception.

For further information please contact:

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### Parent Questionnaire

We received 97 responses to the recent parent questionnaire, which were handed out during Parents Evening. We are heartened by many of the responses and will include the results with next week's Newsletter!

**Parking Reminder:** Whilst we understand that, like most schools, parking is at a premium here at Fernhurst, can we please remind parents that it is both illegal and dangerous to park on the yellow lines immediately outside of the school. In addition, please do not park on either side of the main double gates into the staff carpark and in the bus stop. The staff carpark itself should only be used by parents after 3.40 who are picking up from Oscars. We need to ensure that there is always adequate access for emergency vehicles as well as buses and coaches. Additional parking is available in the village and on Old Glebe. Please pass this message on to anyone who drop off or collects your child/ren from school, but who may not have access to this Newsletter.



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