



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

Well, the first week of December has been full of festive fun! Squirrels class started the festive period with an amazing production of Whoops a Daisy Angel. Their singing was outstanding, a big thank you to Mrs Malt, Mrs Bell, Miss Brown and all the parents for supporting with costumes. After the production, we drew the Raffle for the beautiful hampers which have been in reception for the last few weeks. A very well done to Colin Baker and Sam Brown and to Louise James who won the OPI manicure kindly donated by Sarah Dodson.

Key Stage Two began their Christmas topic this week learning all about the Christmas Truce in World War One. They are being encouraged to relate to the challenges faced by the soldiers during this time. I have also seen some excellent WW1-inspired art work in Foxes class.

On Tuesday, Mr Hussey took a group of children to Barrow Hill's School to compete in their annual Cross Country Competition. We did really well and the school is incredibly proud of the effort they put in, their behaviour and general attitude, which was outstanding. Thank you to those parents who came to watch and lost their voices through their shouts of encouragement!

Owl's class held a fantastically arty open afternoon yesterday, inviting parents in to see their work on 'Mess, Muck and Mixtures'. There was a whole host of activities for parents and grandparents to try their hand at, including portraits with Oliver and Neive, marbling with the help of Mrs Woods and leaf drawing and pressing.

Molly Atkinson and Dylan Vass were invited to an art day at MRC this week and were lucky enough to be able to use the sewing machines to make their own Christmas stockings. Both children reported that they had a fantastic day and were looking forward to hanging their stockings up.

Key Stage One are busy with rehearsals for their production next week, 'The Dinky Donkeys'. Tickets for the evening performance have sadly all gone but there are some left for 1.30pm, please see the Office if you still require any. The children sound in fine voice and some interesting props have been appearing this week!

The school Christmas post box has made its annual appearance in the entrance hall. Please encourage your child to put all their cards in here for delivery. They will need to include the recipient's name and class on the envelope.

Finally we would like to thank Fernhurst Films for kindly donating money to support the school with its Special Education Needs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Isaac on behalf of the SLT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to :

Molly Garguilo, who has achieved Level 8 in Gymnastics

Amelia Spear who has achieved Level 4 in Gymnastics



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS

Mya Hunt

DEER

Yoanna Beshirova

OWLS

James Ward

RED KITES

Ethan Prudente

ROBINS

Harriet Hewer

FOXES

Thea Pay

BADGERS

Lily Skelton

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Sam Singleton

OWLS FOREST SCHOOL

Jack South

BADGERS FOREST SCHOOL

Charlotte Hampton

HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD

Amy orange

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DIARY DATES

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Fri 7	FOFS Mufti for Tombola Day
Mon 10	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 and Christmas jumper day!
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
Fri 11	Chartwells Playground Visit
Fri 11	Year 5 and 6 athletics tournament
Mon 14	Owls class SATS meeting sfor parents
Tues 15	Musicians at Chichester Festival Hall concert
Tues 22	MRC Orchestra Day
Thurs 24	Online Safety parents meeting

Scopay.com: We know that many of you are making full use of the online payment system but we still need to convert some parents! Not only is Scopay a really convenient way to pay for Oscars, trips and clubs (no need to find cash and make a trip to the office) you can also give your consent online which avoids the need to return a paper slip. You can see any outstanding amounts owed, as well as attendance records for Oscars and Breakfast Club! It is beneficial for the school too, it reduces the amount of cash we have to handle on site and allows us to focus time on the many other office tasks that need to be performed each day. If you haven't signed up yet, look out for the forthcoming email with your access details enclosed!

Thank you to those of you who have brought in **large cardboard boxes** for Owls Class, more



would always be welcome! This week we have another request...Does anyone have a **Jenga set** that they no longer play with? Our children would love to have one! Thank you.

FOFS CHRISTMAS ROUND UP!



The Christmas Party is next week! Please see the attached poster. All Christmas rota forms should be returned to the school office by Monday 11th December. Giving just 30 minutes of your time on the day or making a delicious desert for the cake stall, will make all the difference to the party. **Christmas Puddings** will be coming home very soon! We ordered a few extra puddings and these will be on sale at the party too!

Jolly Jars! We have had a few parents ask us what Jolly Jars are. They are essentially an empty glass jar left over from your jam or marmalade (if you don't have one a plastic cup is fine). You can fill it with sweets and/or small toys. Please don't feel that you need to buy new toys, any in good condition from around your home will be perfect. If you would like to donate any jolly jars to the Christmas party tombola please leave them at the School Office.

And in other news...

Robins Cake Sale: Thank you to all bakers and supporters of this week's cake sale. It raised £63.51! A huge thank you to Badgers Class who helped serve on the stall too.

Stop Velo South supporters have kindly donated £356 to Fofs. We are planning to use the funds to purchase hockey and netball equipment for the school.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

MRC Pantomime: If you haven't already done so, please pay and give consent for your child to attend the MRC pantomime on Monday the 17th. Please also remember to provide your child with a packed lunch that day, as they won't be back at school in time for a hot meal.

Nativity at St Margaret's—we are holding a nativity at the village church on Thursday 13 December. This is for Squirrels class along with some narrators from Badgers. Please see Mrs Malt's email for further information and let us know if you have any questions.

Christmas Concert—We are holding a Christmas Concert on Tuesday 18 December at 6pm. All KS2 children were given the opportunity to take part, the parents and carers of those children who have said they want to will be sent an email on Monday with more details; please then let the Office know if you would like tickets.

Christmas Toy Service: A shout out to everyone who donated toys, they exceeded all expectations. On behalf of St Margaret's Church and the Salvation Army in Petersfield a huge...**THANK YOU!**

Friday December 14th is without a doubt the most anticipated day in the Fernhurst School Calendar! For starters there's the party, it's Christmas lunch day too—so they'll be crackers and carols a plenty AND, best of all, it's Christmas Jumper day! Children can wear their normal school uniform, but with a festive jumper or top instead of their normal green knitwear! We look forward to seeing lots of brightly coloured Santa-inspired jumpers!

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