



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful, busy week it has been here at Fernhurst and it's not even over yet! As I write, the hall is being prepared for Christmas Lunch, there's a box overflowing with crackers and the most delightful smell of turkey wafting from the kitchen! I am just waiting for someone to start singing carols and I will know that Christmas has well and truly arrived. The children and staff look great in their festive jumpers too! The party starts tonight at 4.30 and promises to be the best yet, there are cakes piling up in reception and Mrs Richardson's Office will soon be transformed into Santa's grotto!

On Tuesday we had two performances of The Dinky Donkeys take place. 135 parents, carers and grandparents came to see the children from Owls and Deer Class put on a wonderful version of the Christmas story, involving rapping donkeys, a shepherd playing the violin and even cows playing saxophones! Thank you to everyone who came and to those who supported the children with wonderful costumes and the rehearsing of lines! The collection at the end of the evening raised £107.40, which we will spend on microphones for future concerts and plays. At the moment we have to borrow microphones whenever we need them for a production. So again, thank you for your support!



The Squirrels had their turn telling the Christmas story last night at St Margaret's church with the support of James Vigar, Przemyslaw Zymek and Lily Skelton who provided a delightful narration. The children did the most wonderful Nativity and we were pleased to see so many parents in attendance again. It means a huge amount to us that the school is so well supported by you all - thank you!

Next week, Key Stage two will be attending the pantomime at MRC on Monday morning and Forest School will be taking place as normal for Owls and Badgers Classes on Tuesday.

Tuesday evening brings the final Christmas flourish with our annual Carol Concert, which will see the School choir and children from Key Stage two performing to an audience of invited parents and carers. FOFS will again be on hand to serve mince pies and festive drinks, thank you to all of them for working so unstintingly to raise money for the school and to help us buy much need equipment and improve our facilities.

We would like to take this time to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly to support the children during the festive period. We have been genuinely blown away by all of the performances.

So, all that leaves me to say is a very happy Christmas to you all. We have all had a fantastic term and, once we have had a sleep and our fill of Quality Street and mince pies, we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd January for the start of the new term – we can't wait!

Mrs Isaac on behalf of the SLT

PS Mrs Gibbon has just told me that the children from Foxes Class we will be on Radio Sussex and Radio Surrey this coming Wednesday, at approximately 3.35pm. We recorded them singing, beautifully, 'It came upon a Midnight Clear'. You can hear BBC Sussex on 104.5, 95.3FM and DAB and BBC Surrey on 104.0, 104.6FM and DAB. The stations can also be heard on Freeview. Fame at last!

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★	
SQUIRRELS	Emma Zymek
DEER	Sebastian Vass
OWLS	Michael Canton
RED KITES	Ben Patterson
ROBINS	James Tempest
FOXES	Neve Marston
BADGERS	Sam Singleton
LUNCHTIME AWARD	Lorelai Parker
HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD	Charlie Smethurst

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



We have such a lot of talented children here at Fernhurst, look at all the achievements this week!

- Olive Keeley, for gaining her Silver Chief Scouts Award. The highest award in the Cub section.
- Emilia Bryant and Olive Keeley have both achieved their Level 6 Swimming Awards.
- Maisie Bates for getting her Duckling 4 swimming certificate.
- Emma Whitehead for getting her Learn to Swim 2 certificate.
- Amelia Spear competed in the Haslemere Swimming Club, Little Sprouts Christmas Gala. She swam in seven races, coming 2nd in backstroke!
- Maisie Ravaux for receiving her Learn to Swim Award, Stage 1.
- Raff Porter for completing his Dolphin 2 level in swimming.
- Elsie Lay for moving up to Level 3 in swimming.
- Oscar Porter for completing his Whale 2 level in swimming.
- Elsa Kelsey for being awarded her Level 5 in Gymnastics and half of her Level 4
- Esme Brimacombe for completing the Gymnastics Factory levels and for getting distinction in her Grade 1 flute exam!
- Amy Orange for getting a distinction in her Grade 1 cello exam.

Congratulations to all!

DIARY DATES

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Fri 14	4.30pm FOFS Christmas Disco
Mon 17	9am-12noon KS2 to Panto at MRC
Tues 18	6pm Carol Concert
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 meetings or parents
Tues 15	Musicians at Chichester Festival Hall concert
Tues 22	MRC Orchestra Day
Thurs 24	Online Safety parents meeting

Lost Property: Before we break up for a much needed holiday, please have a look in the Lost Property box for any missing uniform, Forest School and PE items. We will leave it outside Reception on Tuesday morning and again at 3.10pm.



FOFS CHRISTMAS ROUND UP!

The Christmas Party is tonight!! Please remember to bring your pennies for the tombola, Santa's grotto and to buy a mince pie or glass of festive plonk. There will be free squash for the children.

Christmas Puddings If you haven't already received yours, please look out for them tonight. We have a few extra, which will be selling at the Party.

Thank you for your continued support. FoFS.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

School photos: These are being delivered today and will be with you shortly.

KS2 MRC Pantomime: Please remember to be at school on time on Monday and to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Christmas Concert— If your child is taking part in Tuesday's Concert you should now have your tickets. Please return any that you don't need to the Office or let us know via email so that they can be reissued.

Chichester Children's Concert: Musicians from Key Stage 2 who have been invited to attend the concert on Tuesday 15 January can now consent and pay (£5) via Scopay. If you do not use Scopay, please consent and pay via the Office.

Illness and Absence: Can we please remind all parents that the school must be informed every morning of a child's absence from school. This can be done by calling (and leaving a message if nobody answers) or via email. Children can only be marked in the register as ill once we have had confirmation from a parent or carer. Thank you.



This year's Winter Mini Challenge is going to be **SNOW MUCH FUN!** Our local libraries have teamed up with **Nosy Crow** to create a winter reading challenge inspired by *There's a Yeti in the Playground!*, the amazing new book by [Pamela Butchart](#) and Thomas Flintham

The challenge starts on **Saturday 1 December 2018** and ends on **Friday 11 January 2019** All you have to do to complete the Winter Mini Challenge is to read **THREE** books during this period! See your local Library for details!



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