



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the days have been really busy at school and consequently the week has flown by. The children are engaged in their topic learning which is deepening their knowledge and understanding.

On a walk through the school yesterday, Squirrels were very keen to share their learning, explaining all about the ramparts of a castle and writing about castles too. It is lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning and how well they have settled into school life. Owl, Robins and Badgers class were all engaged in extended writing opportunities based around their topics. It is clear to see that they have all made great progress since the start of the year.

On Monday evening, Miss Stocker led a SATs information evening for year 6 parents, which we hope gave greater clarity to the purpose and expectations of these national tests. Thank you to Miss Stocker and the parents who attended. If you are a year 6 parent and were unable to attend the session, but would like some information on these year 6 tests, do contact Miss Stocker.

Following on from the successful trip last week to see the Children's Orchestra, a group of children took part in an orchestra day at Midhurst Rother College. The children selected to attend are all currently learning musical instruments; they were Esme, Olive, Charlotte and James. They had to sight read music and play with the MRC orchestra and other Rother Valley pupils. Mrs Gibbon arranged the event and accompanied the children, she was extremely proud of them and the effort they put into some challenging pieces. We really appreciate the extra effort put in by Mrs Gibbon to ensure our children have these lovely opportunities to extend their learning experiences, thank you very much.

Next week, we have two sporting fixtures, Key Stage 2 pupils will be taking part in a Tag Rugby festival at Petworth Primary School and a Cross County event at Midhurst Rother College. We will keep you informed as to how they get on!

As a school we are really grateful to all the parents who help out with transporting our children to these events, without your help it would be more challenging for us to take part, thank you so much to you all. As we seek to extend our extra curriculum activities we are always looking for volunteers to help out; if you are able to support by offering transport and cheer leading at these events or by offering to support/run a club, do get in touch with the school office.

Thank you to everyone who attended the very informative on-line safety session last night, we hope that you found it useful. Thank you to West Sussex and Barnados for running the event.

We hope that you have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to...

Harrison Cole, Blade Combes and Eve Ward for achieving their Foundation Stage Guitar

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

SQUIRRELS	Milo Laxman
DEER	Whole Class
OWLS	Skyler Inder
RED KITES	Ava Singleton
ROBINS	Lexi Pleace
FOXES	Esme Brimacombe
BADGERS	Elise Arnold
LUNCHTIME AWARD	Neve Marston
RED KITES FOREST SCHOOL	Erin Pegg
FOXES FOREST SCHOOL	Lewis Lovell
HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD	Orla Black

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DIARY DATES

January

30: All Sing at MRC (Foxes)

Tag Rugby Festival, Petworth

February

1: KS2 cross country tournament

6: Parent forum 7pm

7: Owls to Windsor Castle

11: Red Kites cake sale

12: All Sing at MRC (Red Kites)

Robins to Fishbourne Palace

13: Red Kites Haslemere Museum

14: End of half term

15: Inset Day

Lost Property: Help! The lost property box is overflowing like never before. It is full of forest school clothes, gloves, PE kits and jumpers and cardigans galore. Please come and claim your child's things!

On Wednesday we will put everything outside the front of the school in the afternoon and before and after school on Thursday. Anything left on Friday morning, which is unnamed, will be available to buy for a small donation. If it's raining or even snowing, we will put the table in the reception area.

...and a last plea, we would love a volunteer to help keep the lost property under control, please let the office know if you can help. Thank you.

Donation: Forest School would greatly appreciate a compact digital camera, to record the children's adventures in the woods. Ideally we are looking for a camera which has a memory card and is mains chargeable. If you have one going spare, Mrs Corps would be eternally grateful. Thank you.



Friends of Fernhurst School

FoFilm night - Saturday 9th February

We are excited to announce that, when put to the vote, the children chose **Incredibles 2** for this term's film night!

Where: Fernhurst Village Hall.

Time: Doors open at 4.20pm for a 4.50pm start.

In advance price: £11 (1x adult 2x children) or £15 (1x adult 3x children)

On the door price: £5.50 (Adult) £3.00 (Child). Under 2's free.

We will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, sweets, soft drinks and ice cream to munch on whilst watching the film! Alcoholic drinks will be available for the adults.

Tickets will be on sale at the School Office from Monday!

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

Consent and/or Payments needed, please see the information sent via email for more details, hardcopies are available from the office.

- **Yrs 5&6, Tag Rugby Tournament**, Petworth Primary School, consent and volunteer drivers needed
- **Owls Windsor Castle:** 7 February
- **Red Kites Haslemere Museum:** 13 February
- **Robins Fishbourne Palace:** 12 February
- **Foxes and Red Kites Sing Up!:** Consent can be made via Scopay or email.

Volunteer drivers are needed for Sing Up! And external sports fixtures, if your child is attending one of these event, please let the Office know if you can help transport the children.

Consent for all trips and clubs can now be given easily online via Scopay, please let us know if you need log-in details.

Squirrels Class have been learning about Dungeons and Dragons for the last few weeks and to mark the end of their topic, they have had a 'Great Ball'. They are spending the day dressed up and have been doing medieval dancing, playing party games, eating treats and have had a suitably dragon-inspired storytime. They're having a great time!

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