



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Half term is upon us already! What a busy week it has been, lots of exciting activities to engage the children in their learning and expand their knowledge and understanding.

Our future sports leaders went to Easeborne on Monday for part of their training. Next year they can take over the mantle of the current year 6, in leading lunchtime activities.

Tuesday morning saw a rather empty Key Stage 2; Red Kites were at Midhurst Rother College for "Sing Up"; they had a fabulous time singing along with lots of other year 3 pupils from all over the Rother Valley. Mrs Gibbon was very impressed and extremely proud of their enthusiasm and behaviour.

Robins (year 4) spent the day expanding their knowledge of the Romans by visiting Fisbourne Roam Villa. They had a great time, particularly in the workshops where they learnt about the differences between the life of a slave and that of their masters, wrote on wax tablets and learnt how to spin and weave. The visit to Fishbourne always makes for an interesting, worthwhile school trip and it was a fun way to end their topic on The Romans.

Meanwhile, Foxes (year 5) went to Forest school, where they had a great session, as always, improving their outdoor skills and exploring the changes in the seasons. We are indebted to our staff and volunteers who go the extra mile to support the children in their environmental learning and help develop and maintain the outdoor resources. It is the turn of Deer and Robins Classes after half term, please do let their teachers know if you would like a morning or afternoon exploring the woods with them!

Yesterday, to conclude their "Blood Heart" topic Badgers (year 6) were given the opportunity to take part in a heart dissection, they thoroughly enjoyed this rather gory experience! Please see the photos on the next page!

As you can see from the above, the teachers and teaching assistants here at Fernhurst work so hard to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to expand their horizons and develop their learning. We are really grateful to all of them for going above and beyond and enabling pupils to take part in these memorable activities. Thank you also to the parents who have supported us in these events and activities.

We would like to wish you a very peaceful and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing your children again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to...

- Lily Watson who received her 'Primary in Dance' ballet certificate.
- Elsie Lay for going up to stage 4 in swimming.

## ★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

SQUIRRELS	Farley Duncan
DEER	Alexis James
OWLS	Lily Watson
RED KITES	Emilia Krzanik
ROBINS	Isaac Cousins
FOXES	Niall Parry
BADGERS	Olive Keeley
LUNCHTIME AWARD	Sebastian Codlin
HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD	Emilia Hill

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## DIARY DATES

### February

15: Inset Day

25: Return to school

Foxes Class, Tudor day

27: Owls class assembly to parents

28: Deer class to Birdworld

### March

1: KS2 Cross country MRC

4: Foxes netball tournament

6: Pancake races

7: World Book Day and bedtime Stories

9-11: Bookfair (volunteers needed)

12: Parent's evening

18-22: Badgers, Bikeability

20: Foxes, visit from a Tudor actor

26: Red Kites and Robins Production performance

### April

5: End of term

23: Start of the summer term

**Donations: Following yesterday's email, please remember to collect plastic bottle tops over half term. They can be dropped off in the box in reception or handed over to any member of staff. Thank you!**

### Useful Websites!

Further to last week's Parent Forum, please find below some websites which you might find useful:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/> a great website for looking up different terminology (fronted adverbials!). The School Run gives you all the tools you need to understand what and how your child is learning at primary school.

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/> a helpful website for the whole family with different areas of maths with examples and short activities for you to work through.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> online games for lots of different areas of the curriculum.



### Badgers Class

**Heart Dissection:** We started off by identifying the main arteries and the journey of the oxygenated and deoxygenated blood (we placed coloured straws into the correct arteries). Then we dissected the heart to find the Atriums and Ventricles. Everyone took part and I feel we have some future scientists in the class!

Miss Stocker

### FOFS

**100 Club** - January's winner was Mrs Rimmer, Niall and Lucas Parry's Nannah!

You can join the 100 club for the rest of the year for only £8. Application forms are available from the School Office.

**Red Kites Valentine Themed Cake Sale** raised a fabulous £82. A huge thank you to all bakers, stall helpers and customers!

**Incredibles 2 Film night** Thank you to all helpers and families who attended. Sadly, turnout wasn't high, so only £43 profit was made. If anyone has any suggestions for a future film nights please contact FoFS on [fofs@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:fofs@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

### NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

**Consent and/or Payments needed**, please see the information sent via email for more details.

- **Deer Class:** Please pay and consent for your child to attend Bird World at the end of February
- **Foxes Class:** Please remember to pay £3.70 for the Tudor 'experience' on Wednesday 20 March and also to come dressed as someone from Tudor times on the first day back!
- **KS2:** Cross Country: This has been rescheduled for Friday 1 March, please let the office know if you can help transport the children to and from MRC.
- **Badgers:** Bikability, please return the consent slip on page 19 of the magazine. Spare forms are available from the new letter rack in reception.

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

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