



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already half way through this term, time certainly seems to be whizzing by. The children are continuing to work hard with lots of exiting learning opportunities to challenge their thinking.

Last Friday, Mrs Gibbon took a group of children to Chichester Cathedral to take part in the Young Voices Festival, they had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> the choir gave a performance to the “Good Companions” in Fernhurst. The concert was really appreciated by everyone there, the feedback was that the choir sang beautifully and was complimented by the lovely flute playing of Esme and Mrs Gibbon. A really big thank you to Mrs Gibbon for arranging these events and to all of the parents who supported their children. We are really proud of our musicians and the invaluable opportunities we are able to give them.

This week we had a visit from Haslemere Bookshop, whose customers have raising money to provide books for local schools. Our Head Boy and Head Girl were presented with two beautiful books, called The Lost Words, which are acrostic poems about nature accompanied by the most beautiful illustrations, they really reflect our beautiful surroundings and we are really grateful to the owners and customers for their kind donation.

We also had the Travelling Book Fair in school this week. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book, we raised £583! This means we now have a fantastic £291 to spend on new books for the Library and classrooms!

As part of our Journey to Excellence, we are looking to improve writing outcomes and a special mention must go to Deer class (year 1), who have done some amazing writing over the past few weeks, we have all been really impressed with them.

Robins and Deer class took part in forest school this week, despite the squally weather. Mrs Corps was overwhelmed with their developing skills and the way in which they persevered with their activities, despite getting soaked through! Over the past week we have seen some amazing work including exceptional weaving skills using branches and delicious pancakes made over an open fire!

FoFS do an amazing job of supporting the school and funding the purchase of sports and IT equipment, amongst many other things. At the next AGM they will be asking for volunteers to take on a couple of roles . Getting involved with a school’s PTA is really worthwhile and you can help as much or as little as you like. Dads and grandparents are as welcome as mums and, as I know from my meetings with them, they are a very friendly bunch and being part of FOFS is obviously really good fun!

A couple of quick reminders, please return your Readathon sponsorship forms and money, it is such a worthy cause and I feel proud that we can help support it. The deadline for your bottle-top picture design is this coming Wednesday, if you haven’t submitted one already, please get drawing this weekend! We have received literally hundreds of plastic tops over the last few weeks, from parents, grandparents, Fernhurst Scouts and the local community, please keep collecting and bringing them to school!

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Isaac at the end of this term. She is leaving to spend more time with her family; I know that she will be greatly missed by all of us, but she has promised to keep in touch - we wish her well. For the summer term Mrs Katherine Thorpe will be joining us to take over Mrs Isaac’s Monday and Friday teaching days and we look forward to welcoming her in the summer term.

Wishing a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★	
<b>SQUIRRELS</b>	Tia Day
<b>DEER</b>	Maisie Bayes
<b>OWLS</b>	Charlie Lambert
<b>RED KITES</b>	Elsie Lay
<b>ROBINS</b>	Scarlett Palmer
<b>FOXES</b>	Imogen Thomas
<b>BADGERS</b>	Tom Ward
<b>LUNCHTIME AWARD</b>	Eve Ward
<b>FOREST SCHOOL</b>	Sebastian Pakium and Deer Class
<b>HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD</b>	Tyler Spear

## DIARY DATES

### March

18-22: Badgers, Bikeability

20: Foxes, visit from a Tudor actor

Multi-Skills Sports Festival, Petworth

26: Red Kites and Robins Production performance

29: Badgers, Marwell Zoo

### April

5: End of term

*Learning Objective  
To be able to write a story (NOT WRITE)*

The unicorn who came to see  
one day a nice boy called Danny and his  
dad were just about to have tea. Suddenly  
there was a light at the door Danny said  
I wonder who that could be so he opened the  
door and saw. It was a big grey unicorn  
appeared he said ask him please may  
I have tea with you or some you can  
come in. Danny said Danny said the  
unicorn a somnoly but he didn't eat one  
somnoly he ate all the somnoly and  
all the bones and there was nothing  
left on the table so Danny  
gave the unicorn a drink and then  
he looked afraid to see what  
his he could find. Secret the next  
Mum came home and then they  
went to a party the next day.  
Dad went shopping and the  
unicorn came back.  
The End

A beautiful piece of writing from Maisie R in Deer Class. This is really good example of the fabulous work being produced across Key Stage 1.

Well done Maisie!

## FoFS

Please come and support Owls Class Spring themed cake sale next Monday after school!

The **FoFS AGM** will be taking place on 26th April, where we shall be talking about some exciting officer-role vacancies that are coming up. If you are interested in getting more involved with your child's school, working within a great team and raising much needed funds for the school, please see the flyer on page overleaf. If you have any questions, please talk to an existing committee member or email [fofs@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:fofs@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Many thanks  
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## NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

**Bikability is next week! Please look at the list of equipment needed in the Bikability magazine. All children will need a working, road-worthy bicycle (which can be kept at school for the week) and a helmet.**

**Consent and/or Payments needed**, please see the information sent via email for more details, hardcopies are available from the letter rack in reception.

- **Badgers, Marwell Zoo:** Please consent and pay as soon as possible for the trip at the end of March
- **Foxes:** Please pay for the Tudor Actor experience next week and see the email about the Thorpe Park trip in June.
- **Sports Fixtures:** If you receive an email inviting your child to attend an external sports fixture, please ensure that you give consent, via scopay, email or in person. Please also let us know if they are unable to attend so that way we can open up the place to another child.

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



Photos from Chichester Cathedral by Kitty Aycinena

**PRE-SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 30th March 2019**  
**7.45pm for 8pm start**

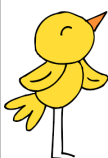
Fernhurst Village Hall  
£10 per ticket (BYOB)

A really fun night and a great way to support the pre-school

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL TEAM AND CROSSWAYS FRUITERS**

## Easter Messy Church!

Friday 5th April at St Margaret's



Straight after school to be followed by an evening meal.

Children of all ages welcome with their parents!

# Friends of Fernhurst School (PTA)

Exciting new opportunities have arisen within the  
Fernhurst School Fundraising Committee

**Remember - any of these roles can be shared!**

## Treasurer

This role entails managing and controlling the funds that the PTA raise. Maintains up to date records & prepares the financial reporting for the AGM, manages the bank account and floats for events.

## Chair

The role of the Chair is to provide leadership for the committee, set the agenda and manage the meetings. To remain impartial and make sure the meetings run smoothly and that all parties have an opportunity to participate in decision making.

## Secretary

This role works closely with the Chair to create agendas, help to arrange meetings, take the minutes, type and distribute minutes and support the Chair in with general administrative duties.



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If you don't fancy one of these roles then why not join the wider committee? We always welcome and encourage parents to come along to our informal meetings and see what's going on!

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