



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers



It's been another busy week in school, particularly for Badgers Class who have been doing their Bikeability training. This is road safety training for cyclists and is open to all Year 6 pupils across the county, free of charge, as part of a secondary readiness scheme.

Musicians from Years 5 and 6 took part in an annual concert at Midhurst Rother College on Tuesday evening; this was a wonderful experience for them and they performed brilliantly. Year 5 were visited by an actor on Wednesday who specialises in historical re-enactments. They all had a fantastic morning learning about the Tudors and the way in which they lived. On Thursday two of our Year 5 pupils, Neve and Grace, also went to MRC to take part in a creative writing session, using stop animation!

Finally, last Friday our Netball teams took part in a local Rother Valley competition, we are very proud to say that they came second in each of the pools – a fabulous result, well done to both teams!

## Online Safety

We wanted to spend some time talking about this issue, as there have been lots of stories in the media about screen time, gaming and the impact of social media on children's mental health and wellbeing. More and more often in school we are seeing the effect of online activity on the children we're teaching. Therefore, we feel it's important to regularly share advice and on line safety tips as we learn about them.

The information below comes from an online safety expert who works regularly with primary pupils, a big thank you to Anna Wright for sharing this with us.

The foremost advice to parents is about setting time limits for online use and sticking to them. Gaming addiction is a very real issue and is now a recognised health disorder by the World Health Organisation. It is not developmentally healthy for children to have unlimited time on a device and more than two hours per day is particularly unhealthy. In addition to time, it is essential that privacy settings are correctly set. Most games allow chat of some sort and this is where the potential dangers lie, so always check the privacy settings and make sure that you turn the ability to chat off completely or, for older children, ring fence chat only to their friends.

It is advised that the whole family have the same brand of smartphone / devices, so that parents can have control over their child's phone. Please see the final page of this newsletter for some useful websites, as well more information on the Apps available to parents to help monitor their child's device usage.

Over the next few weeks we will share some information on gaming and social media. However, we believe that the most important piece of advice is to discuss all issues and concerns with your child.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT



## ★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

<b>SQUIRRELS</b>	Milo Laxman
<b>DEER</b>	Yoanna Beshirova
<b>OWLS</b>	Tobiasz Dias Martins
<b>RED KITES</b>	Miles Arnold
<b>ROBINS</b>	Ethan Morrin
<b>FOXES</b>	Grace Patterson
<b>BADGERS</b>	Josephine Harrison
<b>LUNCHTIME AWARD</b>	Imogen Thomas
<b>FOREST SCHOOL</b>	Peter Wright (4) James Nayager (1)
<b>HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD</b>	Jack South

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## DIARY DATES

### March

**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:** Easter Egg Hunt  
Last day of term

**23:** Start of the summer term

**25:** Red Kites PGL meeting

**26:** FoFS AGM

### May

**13:** SATS

**27:** Half term begins

### June

**3:** Inset Day



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to...

- Emily Carr who received her 10m rainbow badge for swimming.
- Raff Porter who is now on Whale 3 for swimming and Oscar Porter who is now on Stingray 1.

**Well done all!**



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### SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SPORTS KIT SALE!!

From Monday, boxes will be placed around the school for the donation of unwanted school uniform and sports items, which will then be sorted and made ready for a sale the following week. If the sale is a success we hope to hold them regularly; it's a fantastic way for parents to pass on unwanted uniform, help the environment and to raise some money for the school too! What's not to like? Please see page 3 for more details.

**Please don't forget**, while you are sorting your clothes for the sale, that any other unwanted clean clothes, belts, bags, bedlinen or curtains can be dropped off in bags in our textile bank at the front of School. Since October we have raised £114!

Also....Thank you to all bakers, stall helpers and supporters of **Owl's spring themed cake sale** this week. We raised £54!

Thank you for your continued support FoFS

**Donations:** We have a couple of A-frame boards here at school, which are getting very old and cracked. If anyone has one that they no longer need and would like to donate it to the school, we would be very grateful! Thank you

**A huge thank you this week to Jolly Heale who has donated two clothes rails to FOFS, so that we can beautifully display second hand school clothes! Thank you so much Jolly!**

## NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

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

- **Class photos:** Orders need to be placed online with Yellow or returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 26 March.
- **Badgers, Marwell Zoo:** Please consent and pay as soon as possible for the trip next Friday.
- **Foxes:** Please see the email concerning the Thorpe Park trip in June and ways to pay.

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



### Easter Holiday club

Fernhurst Primary School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

9am - 3pm.



Holiday fun will be run by Stacey Allen, for all children in Years 2 to 5, older/younger siblings may also be able to attend, please contact Stacey for more details.

**Pick up a form from the school reception area or contact Stacey on the details below:**

**07909332295**

[activesportsparties@gmail.com](mailto:activesportsparties@gmail.com)

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## Hand Me Down!

### FOFS NEW School Uniform Recycling Program

Raising money for the school while saving the environment

 Donate old school uniform in  
uniform recycling bins by  
Thurs **28th March 19**



 School Uniform Sale  
Thurs **04th April 19** 3-5pm

All items £1 per item suggested donation

#### Recycle your:

- Polo Shirts
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- Tights
- Plimsoles
- Dresses
- Sports kits
- Book Bags
- Ballet clothes
- Football boots and



Recycle em!

Items donated not deemed suitable for resale will not be wasted and will be placed in the school textile bank

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## Online Safety

Apple Family Sharing let's parent approve all apps before they can be downloaded, as well as managing screen time from their device; Google have Family Link which offers same.

You can also download the Qustodio app (approx. £3 per month) and use it to manage phone/device usage, including setting time limits, monitoring who your children are talking to etc.

- Net aware - NSPCC - a great way for parents to stay up to date - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- Parentzone - series of useful magazines on all things digital - <https://parentzone.org.uk/home>
- Parent info - advice and support - <https://parentinfo.org/>
- Internetmatters.org - shows how to set up parental controls on all apps and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- Visit CEOP website with your child to chat about e-safety - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>