



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Whilst the weather has been somewhat mixed this week, inside the school there has been a very consistent air of hard work and commitment shown by all children. We are approaching exam season, in fact Owls started their SATS today and Badgers Class start their assessments on Monday 13th May. We know that this can be a trying time for the Year 6 children, not only do they have SATS but they also now know where they will be going in September. We do our utmost to ensure they are taken care of here at school, amongst the hard work they also have plenty of time to do more creative and sports-based activities. In just a short while they will be on their residential to Cobnor and also have a school trip coming up to the South East of England Showground, so it's not all hard work!

We hosted Peter Pan here in Fernhurst on Wednesday, he (okay she...) was visiting from 'Perform', the Drama and Dance organisation that hold workshops locally. Peter spent the morning with the Key Stage one children in a series of 30 minute sessions, which saw them flying around the hall and calling loudly for Tinkerbell to return!

Foxes Class continue with their topic for this term of 'Allotments'. Julie Jones, a great friend of the school and proprietor of Crossways Fruitiars, came in to speak to the children about the shop, the sourcing of fruit and vegetables and what we grow locally in the West Sussex and Hampshire area. In future weeks the children be hearing from Ed, of 'Ed's leaves' fame and a local wine grower! This is a lovely topic and I can't wait to see the work they produce.

Finally, I would like to say on behalf of all the staff and children here at Fernhurst, a huge thank you to Hannah Corps. After five long years, she will be stepping back from looking after our much-loved chickens. Hannah has been amazing in her dedication to not only looking after them (which has included building the run, chasing escapees around the school field and dealing with a fox attack!), but also in nurturing a love of our feathered friends amongst the children and giving so many of them a chance to handle the chickens and learn more about them. We are now looking for someone to take her place, do let us know if you would be interested! Mrs Corps will of course continue to run Forest School and will be on site to support the chicken handover!

We hope that you have a lovely, sunny, bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Richardson on behalf of the SLT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to...

- Maisie Ravaux who has received her stage 2 certificate in the water
- To all out pupils who ran in the Blackdown Run, a huge achievement!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SQUIRRELS	Malika Braithwaite
DEER	Eden Wright
OWLS	Neive Denny
RED KITES	Harrison Cole
ROBINS	James Tempest
FOXES	Dylan Vass
BADGERS	Melisa Kovacheva
LUNCHTIME AWARD	Kailen Braithwaite (Sq)
FOREST SCHOOL	Leah Tyrell (5) Nyla Bentley (2)
HEAD BOY AND GIRL AWARD	Cherrie-Rose Thomas (Sq)

Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST

DIARY DATES

May

- 10:** Foxes, Fun Maths at MRC
13: Badgers SATS
20: Owls, Brilliant Bricks
22: Robins, Southsea Aquarium
23: Bohunt transition evening
27: Half term begins

June

- 3:** Inset Day
5: Foxes, Thorpe Park
10: Squirrels, Easthead
10-14: Badgers, residential
14: Foxes, Cricket fixture

July

- 3:** Badgers, MRC transition day
Badgers, Woolmer Hill transition day
5: Badgers Bohunt transition day

Donations:

Mrs Gibbon would like to make rain makers with the children, for this she needs lots of **Pringle / Stax** tubes with lids! If you pop (and can't stop!) this bank holiday weekend, please bring your empty tubes to school.

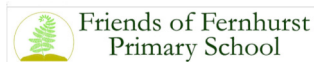
Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in **bottle tops**—we have thousands and have reached our target! If you still have some at home, please consider dropping them off at a charity collection point. More information can be found here:

<https://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/fundraising/our-current-campaigns-and-activities/milk-bottle-tops-for-charity/>

Chickens: We are in need of someone to take over from Hannah Corps, looking after our school chickens and all the lovely volunteers who help take care of them! Hannah is stepping down, after five years of doing the most amazing job! We need someone who is happy to not only look after the chicken rota, but who is also confident in the husbandry of chickens, including their welfare, maintenance of the run and regular car runs to buy food. If you would be interested, please speak to Hannah in the playground or let the Office know and we will put you in touch with her.

We also always need volunteers to help feed and water the chickens, please let us know if you can help.

Thank you! Cluck Cluck!



After the success of last year, **Freeze Pop Friday** is back from this week and every Friday until the end of term (weather permitting).

They will be 50p for long ones and 30p for short ones.

Congratulations to this month's 100 Club winner, Laura Bates.

The Deer Class cake sale this week raised £68.60!! Thank you to all who baked, bought and ate the delicious treats.

Revels is rapidly approaching and we need some more volunteers on the day for the school stand. Please add your name on the link below if you can spare some time to help out or return the slip coming home in bags tonight.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AuO9v-9ytAaHdbZtOqERyVDI4_yF-GA7j6V4ldVC7C0/edit#gid=0

Thank you for your continued support FoFS

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.

- **Foxes, Fun Maths:** We still need one driver to help take the children to MRC at 12.40 on Friday 10th May, please let the Office know if you can help.
- **Owls, Brilliant Bricks!**
- **Foxes, Thorpe Park.**
- **Squirrels, Easthead.**

Consent can be given for all school activities via the online system Scopay, even if there is no cost involved. Whilst you can still pay for trips via the Office, we would like to encourage everyone to give Scopay a go. If you have any questions at all or problems using the system, do speak to Mrs Ward who will be very happy to help!