

Friday Flyer

24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are flying by -I can hardly believe it is only three weeks until the end of term! This is always such an exciting and busy time of year. The children are enjoying learning the songs for the upcoming Nativity, and Key Stage 1 had their first practice in the church this week.

Despite the build up to all the festive excitement, learning is continuing as normal in school. Children in Year 2 have enjoyed their Design and Technology learning this week, designing, making and evaluating a vehicle for the Three Little Pigs and children in Class 1 have enjoyed their art days, producing some wonderful self-portraits. Today, Class 4 are visiting The British Museum in London as part of their history unit on Ancient Egypt. This is such a valuable learning opportunity for the children and I am confident that they will come home full of enthusiasm tonight.

Over the last two weeks I have been particularly impressed with the children's attitude to learning and the quality of work they are producing. I have given an enormous number of Headteacher's Awards to children across the school and it has been fantastic to see the effort and care they are putting in. I have been particularly impressed with some of the writing in Class 1 and the maths learning in Class 3 as well as the quality of the homework children are producing. Many of our children consistently go above and beyond to enrich and extend their learning at home – this commitment will really support them as they move through their learning journey to Key Stage 3 and beyond.

Recently, children in Year 5 undertook training to become Play Leaders. Mrs Galliers, who is a PE teacher at Perins and manages the Sports Partnership for East Hampshire, led an afternoon session for the children, focusing on developing a bank of game ideas as well as teaching them how to effectively work with a group of younger children. Following on from this, during lunchtimes on Friday, a group of Play Leaders will now be leading playground games for children in KS1. This will be fun for the younger children and a great learning opportunity for our Year 5 leaders.

As a school, we are fortunate to have very close links with not only the Petersfield Schools Cluster, which includes all feeder schools to TPS, but also the small schools within the local area. One possible drawback of a small school for teachers, is the lack of colleagues teaching the same year group to allow for collaboration. Therefore, within the small schools' cluster we timetable regular meetings between teachers across the schools, enabling good practice and expertise to be shared and opportunities for joint working to be identified. Last night, teachers from all the schools met to plan joint working opportunities for the coming year. These strong partnerships also enable us to plan and access joint training, making it more cost effective – we are looking forward to a cluster dance training session early in the new year.

Finally, it is a very busy time of year, so please do keep an eye on the dates at the end of the newsletter for upcoming dates and events.

Have an enjoyable weekend and thank you, as always, for your support for the children and our school.



Mrs V. Farrow Headteacher

SCHOOL ARRIVALS

There has been an influx of children arriving at the school office over the past few weeks. Please ensure that the children use the main gate to come into school and ONLY the school office entrance if you have missed the gate (which closes at 8.45am), otherwise it is very disruptive for the school office staff.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES w/c 11th DECEMBER

In the coming weeks, the whole school are going on a very exciting trip to Wintershall Nativity (more information to follow) as well as having Christmas lunch here at school. Please take a note of the below so that you can make your children aware of the choices available.

Monday 11th Dec -

The children will need to give their teachers two choices:

1. Lunch choice for today

2. School packed lunch choice for Wednesday's Wintershall Trip (if not bringing in a home packed lunch). PRE-SCHOOL PLEASE NOTE: As the kitchen will be operating on minimal hours that day, the pre-school also needs to make this choice too.

The school packed lunch will include: choice of sandwich below, apple juice, piece of fruit etc

- Cheese sandwich
- Tuna mayo sandwich
- Plain ham sandwich

Tuesday 12th Dec - Christmas lunch

Today children will have the option to choose either a meat or vegetarian lunch.

Meat Option: Roast Turkey, cocktail pork sausage, roast potato, stuffing ball, garden peas, carrot batons, Brussel sprouts and gravy with a Christmas biscuit for pudding.

Veg Option: Vegetable Wellington (veg in pastry) with all the above veg and Christmas biscuit for pudding

Special Diet: Roast potato, garden peas, carrot batons, Brussel sprouts and gravy and a piece of fruit / smoothie or ice cream for pudding.

Wednesday 13th Dec -

Children are to bring in their own home packed lunch or be given a school packed lunch from the choice they made on Monday.

PRE-SCHOOL:

No hot lunches today at school as there is the whole school trip to Wintershall and the kitchen is working on reduced hours. A sandwich lunch to be given to nursery (from choices made on Monday) unless they bring in their own home packed lunch.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS

As you are aware, the school immunisation team came to give the children their nasal flu spray yesterday.

The Immunisation team commented saying 'they were all so delightful, a complete credit to their parents and the school'.

For those children that had their flu spray, they will have come home with one of the flu fighter certificates. Please see attached information for parents who missed the opportunity to complete a consent form for their child and would like to book in at one of the community clinic venues.

We have also attached a copy of the school age immunisation service poster which has information in regards to the other immunisations that are offered and available to the children within senior school.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



We have sent your child/children home with an A5 list of the products that the school council and the Food Bank have collectively decided would be most helpful for families for Christmas.

There will be paper bags for each day of Advent located in the back of the church ready for your contributions.

Please feel free to give as little or as many items on the list as you wish. All the products are going to a fantastic cause for families who otherwise wouldn't have the funds to buy them.

Please also see the attached list of items to refer to.



Pre-School

This term is flying by and I can hardly believe that we have begun the run up to Christmas already. After sharing the Nativity story with the children, we have started to learn linked songs. The sound of the children singing echoes around the hall and garden, a real sign that the festive period is on its way. We are so looking forward to being a part of Class One's Nativity; it is such a special event and one that is cherished in those early years.

Last Friday, pre-school was filled with excitement, as it was of course Children in Need. We celebrated, by bringing a teddy or soft toy in to play. The children baked teddy shaped biscuits and went on a bear hunt around the setting. We had the most wonderful array of different soft toy animals in attendance; Corrine even bought her very special Fred Bear, who is very well travelled and shared lots of tales with the children, even reading them a story at the end of the day.

In our outdoor learning, we spent a rather damp morning in the woods, building a shelter. The children worked collaboratively, in order to construct a den like structure with a large sheet of tarpaulin. It was hard work which was most definitely worthy of the hot chocolate and biscuits which were shared underneath it - upon its completion. Following on from this, the children used sticks and leaves to build a smaller version for our pre-school teddy bear. The children insisted on testing pre-school bear's new home, to see if it was waterproof and so, after tipping a container of rainwater over the structure, we were pleased and relieved, to discover that pre-school bear was still dry...perhaps we have some future engineers in the making!

Warmest wishes,

Gillian Jones





FoFS have arranged a festive wreath making course at Froxfield Village Hall on Wednesday 29th November from 7-9pm.

FoFS

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

It is sure to be a fantastic evening which will commence the festivities, while also fundraising for FoFS. Please see the booking link below to secure your place as the date is fast approaching.



Christmas Wreath Making Evening Booking Form

Seeking a New FoFS Chair

We are looking for a new volunteer to be the Chair of FoFS. Should anyone wish to put themselves forward please contact the school office. As it stands, individual people will be heading up various activities with the support of other parents. Please show willing should you be asked to help with any of the upcoming events as it is a very important fundraising arm of the school.

School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in Red

Friday 24 th November	Class 4: British Museum Trip, London collection at		
Friday 1 st December	4.15pm Mufti Day – in exchange for donation to Christmas Hamper (non-perishable Christmas food Items)		
Wednesday 6 th December	School Nativity, Church 11am performance - anyone to attend and children of any age may come. The 2pm performance - anyone to attend except not for children of pre-school age.		
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (or hat or tinsel) - £1 for Save the Children		
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch		
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School Trip to Wintershall Nativity		
Thursday 14 th December	Crazy Christmas Hair Day - £1 donation to FoFS		
Friday 15 th December	SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30pm		
Friday 15 th December	FoFS Christmas Craft Afternoon 1.45pm, Village Hall – Details to follow		
Sunday 17 th December	Joint School & Parish Carol Service, High Cross Church, 4pm		
Monday 18 th – Monday 1st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY		
Monday 29 th January	Year 6 Height & Weight Check with school nurse team		

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Monday 22nd July 2024 Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Other Information

FoFs and Class Reps 2023/2024

Pre-School	Katherine Harper		
YR	Katherine Harper & Sophie Doe		
Y1	Rowena Rayner & Sophie Blythe		
Y2	Clare Souter & Kate Masters		
Y3	Jessie Barton & Rowena Rayner		
Y4	Katie Innes & TBC		
Y5	Shannon Askew & TBC		
Y6	Tasha Cunningham & Sarah Grant		
Chair	ТВС		
Secretary	ТВС		
Treasurer	Sarah Dunford		

Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Years	Dates
Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Aspire Sports	1-6	11 th September – 27 th November
				Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	12 th September – 28 th November
				Limited Spaces
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Kids with Bricks	1-3	5 th September – 17 th October &
				31st October - 12th December
				8 spaces available
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Pathways to	5&6	3 rd October – 12 th December
-		Resilience &		Spaces available
		Emotional Wellbeing		
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	12 th September – 17 th October &
				31st Oct - 5th Dec
				FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	13 th September – 29 th November
				4 spaces left
Wednesday 3.1	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	13 th September – 11 th October 7
				8th November - 13th December
				FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Speaking with	5-6	1 st November – 6 th December
		Confidence		Spaces available
Thursday	Lunchtime	Recorder	2	14 th September – 7 th December
				FULL
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	7 th September – 19 th October & 2 nd
				November – 7 th December
				Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	14 th September – 30 th November
-				5 Spaces left
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	8 th September – 8 th December
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