



Friday Flyer

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the Spring Term. Class 3 enjoyed a visit to the Children's Concert in Guildford this week and Class 1 had a valuable trip to the Scotts' farm linked to their current learning cluster.

As a school, we value the close links we have with the local cluster of small schools, The Petersfield School and Bedales, all of which enable the curriculum to be enriched for our children in different ways. This week, a small group of Class 4 children enjoyed an art morning at Dunhurst, benefitting from their excellent facilities and specialist teaching. Bedales will also be hosting two music events over the coming weeks.

It is very much the ethos at Froxfield to provide the children with a broad and balanced learning experience. High priority is placed on the key skills of reading, writing and maths but we place equal emphasis on other areas of the curriculum including the arts, sport and humanity subjects. We are always looking for opportunities for children to be involved in inter-school or community events to support their development in these areas.

I know that the extensive trip/visit programme offered at Froxfield is something that our children and families value. We are very aware of the financial burden these can place on families and do all we can to keep the costs of these visits to a minimum. Unfortunately, the school is not in the financial position to subsidise our extra-curricular offer. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring financial contributions for visits are made promptly in order to avoid additional work for our admin team, chasing payments.

In an exciting development, Mrs Hollis's dog Conker has successfully undertaken training to become a Therapy Dog. There is a plethora of research around the positive impact of pets on emotional well-being and anxiety. As their heartbeat is much slower than ours, stroking a dog has been shown to calm the human heart rate. We are currently putting the necessary protocol and guidance in place and hope to see Conker in school soon. Initially, he will come into class to meet and be introduced to the children. Following this, we will identify a small number of children who may benefit from more focused time with Conker either to support reading or emotional confidence and well-being. For these children, a permission letter will be sent to parents before the sessions start.

We would like to pass on our congratulations and good wishes to Miss Hickey who is expecting a baby in March. She will begin her Maternity Leave after half-term and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well with her new arrival. We will look forward to welcoming her back in due course but, in the interim, her role in the office will be covered by Mrs Fry and Mrs Masters. Enjoy the time with your little one Miss Hickey and we look forward to meeting her soon.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you, as always, for all your support.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs V Farrow
Headteacher

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VALUE:

Our Value for this Half Term is

Truthfulness

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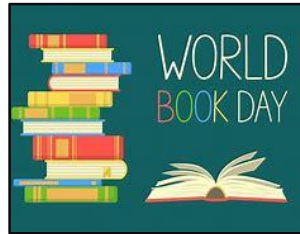
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CINDY'S CLUB BOOKINGS

Could we please encourage you all to book Cindy's Club online and pay for this in advance. For any last minute bookings, please continue to email or call the office but we would encourage you to try and book in advance where at all possible.

WORLD BOOK DAY

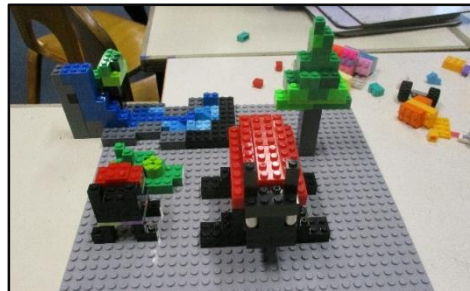
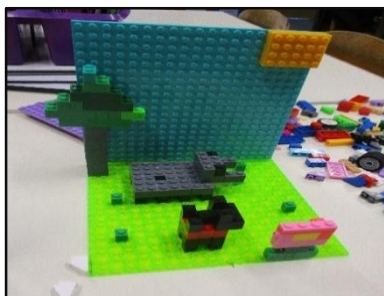


World Book Day will be on 7th March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. Whether it's a nod to a character or a full costume is up to your child but there is no need to buy anything.

There will also be a **poetry recital in the Village Hall at 2:30pm to which all parents/carers are welcome.**

LEGO CLUB

Here are a few photos of some fantastic creatures created at Lego Club last week. Please note that there are still spaces available.



G-LIVE CONCERT

Class 3 spent an enjoyable morning listening to an orchestral performance at the G-Live concert in Guildford on Wednesday 17th January. A number of schools attended the interactive event.

The children were able to join in with the singing and heard a wide range of musical instruments at the performance.



CLASS 1 TRIP TO SCOTTS' FARM, FROXFIELD

Class 1 enjoyed a chilly walk through Froxfield to the Scotts' farm on Thursday this week, where the children enjoyed learning about their animals (including pigs, sheep, cows and chickens) and how to look after them. The children used their geography skills and followed the route there and back using a map and ticking off features as they went.



SPARE CLOTHES FOR SCHOOL

We would really appreciate if anyone had any of the following items for our spares collection at school.

Socks: for Years 3-6

Tights: for children of all ages

Pants: for Years 3-6

For anyone whose children have borrowed spare clothes from school, could we kindly ask that you wash and return them to us at the office when next convenient. Thank you.



Pre-loved uniform - is now being stored at the back of church. Please feel free to help yourself at any time. Please keep it tidy and in the correct age boxes. If you'd like to make a donation you can do so directly into the FoFS bank account Sort Code: 08-92-99 Acc No: 67282421.

Pre-School

What an exciting couple of weeks it has been in pre-school. The arrival of workmen, who had come to repair the village hall roof, sparked an interest in 'construction'. The scaffolding tower was a particular fascination and was reflected in play throughout the setting. The kind and incredibly patient workmen provided a jolly smile and waved to the numerous little faces that watched eagerly as they went up and down their ladders.

In our block area, we observed children building vertical towers that replicated that of the scaffolding and this was then used to move wooden characters up and down the differing levels of the block trolley. In the craft area, junk boxes were cut up and a host of 'joining' resources e.g. string, tape, straws and foil were used to fix the boxes together. The children learnt that the men were fixing a leak and this led to a deepened curiosity when some of the children attempted to test their models to see if they were waterproof!

The weather has also played a big part in our learning this week. The children noticed the difference in temperature and observed the changes that accompanied such a cold snap. Felix was amazed at how the water from a sponge was freezing, as he squeezed it, making icicles almost instantaneously! He and Archie were also amazed the following day, when the sponge had stuck to the wooden cable reel. There was lots of critical thinking as the two children considered how to remove it. Eventually, some warm water and the use of differing tools provided a solution...great problem solving!

We have also enjoyed a frosty walk. During which, we listened carefully to the crunch made by our wellies, as we moved across the crisp frost. The children discussed how to keep warm and compared their gloves to mittens, thick woolly socks to long fluffy tights and differences in hats, some of which had bobbles and some that had ear flaps...some wonderful interactions and conversations ensued as a result of our chilly adventure.

We hope you enjoy a warmer weekend.

Gillian Jones



School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in **Red**

Wednesday 24th January	FoFS Meeting 7pm at The Trooper, Froxfield
Friday 26 th January	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Monday 29 th January	Year 6 Height & Weight Check with school nurse team
Wednesday 31st January	Year R Maths Workshop, 9am in the School Library
Friday 2 nd February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Friday 2 nd February	Class 3 Trip – Weald & Downland Museum (details to follow)
Wednesday 7 th February	Class 1 & 2 Trip - Reading Hindu Temple (details to follow)
Friday 9 th February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Friday 23 rd February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Friday 1 st March	Cross Country Championship , Crookhorn College of Technology, 4.15pm (Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville PO7 5UD)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – Children to dress up Poetry Recital at 2.30pm in village hall. All parents welcome
Friday 8 th March	WET WEATHER RESERVE DATE – Cross Country Championship, Crookhorn College of Technology, 4.15pm (Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville PO7 5UD)
Thursday 18 th April	Class 1 Trip - Titanic - Seacity Southampton (details to follow)

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

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	TBC
Secretary	TBC
Treasurer	Sarah Dunford

CLUBS

Day	Time	Club	Years	Dates
Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Aspire Sports	1-6	8 th January – 5 th February & 19 th February – 18 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Lego Club	1-3	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February – 26 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	NOT RUNNING FOR FIRST HALF OF TERM 21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	10 th January – 7 th February & 28 th February – 27 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Speaking with Confidence	5-6	10 th January 7 th February & 21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Thursday	Lunchtime	Recorder	2	11 th January – 8 th February & 22 nd February – 28 th March FULL
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	4 th January – 8 th February & 22 nd February – 21 st March FULL
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	NOT RUNNING FOR FIRST HALF OF TERM & 22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	4 th January - 8 th February & 22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available