



Friday Flyer

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally had some drier weather this week and the children are really able to enjoy our beautiful grounds. Yesterday, when I was showing prospective parents around, I was really able to appreciate how beautiful our outside area is at this time of year.

Just before Easter, our school received a very thoughtful gift from Ben, in Class 2, and his mum. On behalf of the school, Ms Oxenham has adopted Piper, the donkey, at Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary. When I shared this with the children in Collective Worship, they were all very excited and keen to go and visit Piper. If you have the opportunity to go, information on how to book a visit can be found at this link: [Visiting us - Hayling Island Donkeys \(haylingdonkeys.co.uk\)](https://www.haylingdonkeys.co.uk)

This week, Class 3 visited the Education Centre at Gilbert White's House as part of their current learning cluster 'Raging Rivers.' Class 1 went on a local visit to some woods to see the beautiful carpet of bluebells. The children took their art books and produced some amazing still life drawings. When we do still life drawing with the children, we always follow our Art Co-ordinator Mrs Burchett's advice of 'a lot of looking and a little bit of drawing.' This makes sure we achieve our best results.

This is an exciting time in school as we move into what is the busiest time in the school year. There is so much to fit into the school day, covering the curriculum whilst allowing time for those important enrichment opportunities. Classes One and Two have begun practising their Maypole Dances, which they love, and the whole school has just started to learn the songs for the Summer Production.

Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests for Year 6 start on 13th May and the children are working so hard, making the most of the last few weeks of revision. I am sure you will join me in wishing them Good Luck! From this year, children in Year 2 are no longer required to undertake National Tests.

In February this year, the Government issued new Mobile Phones in Schools guidance encouraging schools to implement a policy prohibiting mobile phone use in the school day, including break and lunch times: [Mobile phones in schools - February 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk). At Froxfield, our policy is that children do not bring phones into school, but we are very aware that, once children reach secondary age, they generally have a phone. Headteachers from all the feeder primary schools meet regularly with Senior Leaders from The Petersfield School, who are currently reviewing their policies in light of this guidance. It was alarming to read recently in the news that a quarter of children aged 5-7 years have a mobile phone. As part of their transition arrangements, TPS share information with parents around parental controls, use of social media and current issues and risks around E-safety. I have asked that this presentation be shared with the feeder primaries as I believe that, for parents, being informed and educated in this rapidly changing area, is essential in being able to keep our children safe.

Thank you to all the families who took part in the Sponsored Walk last Sunday and particular thanks to Ms Jenkins, Mum to Luca and Maya, for organising the event. It included a scavenger hunt for the children and I know those who made it had a very enjoyable morning.

Have a wonderful, long weekend.

With Warmest Wishes
Mrs V Farrow

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VALUE:

Our Value for this Half Term is

Peace

NOTE:

Please connect with us



CLASS 1 TRIP: A WALK TO THE BLUEBELL WOODS, FROXFIELD

Class visited the bluebell woods as part of their science and art learning. They talked about the bluebells being a plant and what a plant is – living, stem or trunk, leaves and roots. They also tried to do more looking and less drawing when making sketches of the bluebells, noticing where the leaves are and the shape of the flowers.



CLASS 1: CAKE SALE



Class 1 will be selling cakes on the playground at 3.15pm on **Thursday 9th May** to raise money for the Petersfield Food Bank. Please can we ask you to bring any dry or packet food contributions for Mrs Ingham Thomas to take to the food bank with the money donation. Please find attached a poster showing the current shortages at the food bank that people may like to contribute. Remember your £'s!

USEFUL RESOURCE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH TOPICS

Please find below a link to a fantastic resource from the NHS CAMHS (Child & Mental Health Services) of useful videos and podcasts. They cover a whole range of topics including how best to manage anxiety, learn about ADHD, bullying, bereavement, anxiety, video game addiction, learning difficulties, bereavement and loss, eating and many other topics.

[Videos & Podcasts – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)

Pre-School

These last two weeks have been lovely with a lot of outdoor play in the sunshine, water play and problem solving. The children were working out how to stop the water flowing and trying to block it like a beaver.

We have also started planting seeds in our growing box and the children are taking great care in ensuring they are watered and are very excited to see them start to grow! While in the garden, we have made a little bird friend which the children have named Freddie. He comes down from his nest and is very curious about the mirror and will happily sit chirping away while the children are playing! The children enjoyed a trip to the woods and decided to make a den, working as a team to find sticks and build. Others enjoyed doing some wood whittling and we all enjoyed looking at the bluebells.

The children have been really interested in animals, so we have created a vet's surgery alongside the home corner and are excited to be having Ted and Chloe's mummy in over the next few weeks to talk to the children about being a vet and taking care of animals.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended parents' meetings this week. It was a lovely opportunity to discuss your child's development, next steps and, for some, to start discussions around the transitions to school. If anyone would still like to chat to us, please speak to us and we will get an appointment booked in for you.

We also were very lucky to have Mrs Ingham Thomas come and read us a story which the children loved and were all sat engrossed, listening to her.

It's been a very busy two weeks!

As always, thanks for your support.

With warmest wishes,
Charlotte and the Pre-School team



FoFs

Thank FoFS it's Friday!

To start off this week, thanks so much to Deborah, Mum of Maya and Luca, for organising a lovely Spring Walk around Selborne last weekend. Sadly, the weather wasn't really on our side but the few families that made it had a lovely morning and raised an amazing **£150!** Big thank you to you all.

Our next events are on Friday 24th May, Class 3 will be holding a bake sale at the end of the day.

Finally, the big event of the term is the Fawley Horse & Dog Show on Sunday 7th July.

Huge thanks to the army of volunteers who have collected some amazing prizes for the raffle this week.

So far, we have donations from Waterstones, Josie's, Time to be Me, Everyman Cinema, The Great British Cake Shop, Anytime Fitness Winchester, Bombay Sapphire, District Hobbs, Barkin' Fresh Dog Groomers, Xcel Gym, Hambledon Vineyard, Bockett's Farm, Little Leaf Café, Margo's, Molton Brown, Lorima, Stansted Park, Arlebury Café & Soft play, Bricks & Stitches, ElevenLoves, Gorilla Spirits, The Cheese Stall Winchester, Damson Hill, Tails.com, The Pub with No Name, Juniper, PITC, Tabs & Nut.

This is an incredible start and, as soon as the raffle tickets arrive, we hope that you will help us in selling them so that we can make as much as possible for our lovely school.

Fawley Requests:

- Old Crockery for the Crockery Smash – please contact Rowena if you have some!
- More raffle prizes please!
- Help with Communication/Marketing – if you can spare some time, please let Katherine or Sophie know.

Thanks again for all the help!

Have a great weekend,

FOFS x

School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in Red

Thursday 9 th May	Class 1: Bake sale after school, 3.15pm in school playground (all proceeds to Petersfield Food Bank)
Friday 24 th May	Class 3: Bake Sale, on the school field, 3.15pm
Friday 24 th May	Mufti day - Wear home clothes in exchange for a packet of individually wrapped snacks to be sold on the Fawley Snack Stall
Monday 3 rd June	Class 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2024 Leavers and pre-school Photos
Wednesday 5 th June	Class 1 & 2: Maypole dancing, 2.30pm on the field (all parents welcome)
Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day – Timings to follow
Thursday 20 th June	Class 4 Event at Sports Day (more details to follow)
Sunday 23 rd June	Summer Concert 3.00pm (more details to follow)
Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June	Class 4 Residential, Minstead Study Centre
Friday 28 th June	Mufti day - Wear home clothes in exchange for a bottle (drink, bubble bath - anything) for the Fawley Bottle Tombola
Sunday 7 th July	Fawley Horse & Dog Show 10.00am (more details to follow)
Tuesday 9 th July	Y6 Transition Evening (Y6 pupils and families meet their tutors and find out more about going to TPS)
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6: Leavers service, Portsmouth Cathedral (In-school event) CHILDREN ONLY
Thursday 11th July	Summer Production (Class 4 leading), 2pm – All parents invited
Friday 12 th July	Transition Day (Y6 attend TPS all day)
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – School breaks up at 1.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd September	New Academic Year – School returns

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

Monday 22nd July 2024
 Tuesday 23rd July 2024
 Monday 2nd September 2024
 Friday 20th December 2024
 Monday 24th February 2025
 Monday 21st July 2025
 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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	Katherine Harper and Sophie Doe
Secretary	Rachel Nicholson
Treasurer	Sarah Dunford

CLUBS

Day	Time	Club	Years	Dates
Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Aspire Sports	1-6	15 th April - 1st July Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	16 th April - 2 nd July Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Lego Club	1-3	16 th April - 16 th July Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	16 th April - 9 th July Full
Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	17 th April - 10 th July Spaces available
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	24 th April - 10 th July (excluding 5 th June) Spaces available
Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Speaking with Confidence	5-6	17 th April - 12 th June Full
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	25 th April - 4 th July (excluding 20 th & 27 th June) Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	6 th June - 11 th July (after May Half Term) Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	18 th April - 4 th July Spaces available