



Foxhills Infant School

Newsletter - Summer Term 2



Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing this half term as well as important notices and dates for your diary ready for your child's return on Tuesday 3rd September.

Year R - Once upon a Time



Year R have been working really hard on their work for their 'once upon a time' topic this half term. We kicked off our learning with a fairytale dress up day and a trip to Furzey Gardens. We were inspired to write about some of our favourite fairy tales in writing and have created wanted posters for the big bad wolf, re-told stories and even a character description.

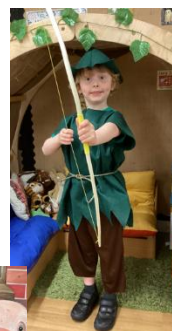
In maths we have learnt about sharing into equal groups, money and time. The children have loved getting hands on with money and even got to use it to buy themselves a small treat! We have continued to work on our PSED skills in preparation for our transition to year 1 and had some extremely successful transition days getting to know our new classmates and new teachers.

We took part in our very first sports day and worked really well in teams to collect points for our houses across the federation. We have continued to practise these activities in our PE sessions which we have all loved!

We have recently visited the care home and enjoyed a picnic outside with residence and joined in with some garden games.

We have enjoyed more time outside with the better weather and finished off our learning with our final welly walk to find the fairy doors created by the children.

As always, we are really proud of our year R children and have loved seeing their progress this half term, well done Ladybirds and Butterflies!



Year 1 - Ahoy Pirates!

WOW year 1, what an amazing last half term!

This half term the children have really enjoyed their topic all about pirates. In history, the children have learnt all there is to know about pirates. They all wrote fantastic diary entries pretending to be aboard a pirate ship and talking about what they would do in a day if they were a pirate.

In geography the children have learned how to read maps using coordinates and North, East South and West. The children used this knowledge to follow a map and instructions to find a pirate treasure chest! In Art we have been learning how to weave and using our new weaving skills to create a sail for a pirate ship. In science we completed different science experiments to test out different materials to see which ones were rigid and which ones could float.

In maths this half term we have learnt all about money. We worked hard to learn the different types of coins and notes. Then we practised adding and subtracting to work out how much change we would get when spending.





We have had lots of fun in PE this half term. In the build up to sports day the children practiced all different events. Everyone was amazing during sports day and we were very proud of how everyone joined in and cheered on their friends.

The last week of half term has been a super exciting one with two DT days! On the first day children practiced their food techniques by making pizzas, they absolutely loved doing this! The second day we all made our own pirate flags out of different materials, thinking about which materials would work best. We also had a pirate themed day where we all dressed up as pirates and did lots of different pirate activities, this was so exciting! We had a treasure hunt and found some exciting treasure in the chest!

We have really enjoyed this last half term with you all and wish you the best of luck in year 2!

Year 2 - Down the rabbit hole!

This half term the children in Year Two have enjoyed celebrating their achievements and have relished the opportunity to reflect on their Year Two experiences and life at the Infant School.

In Design Technology this half term, the children learnt within the concept 'Creativity and Imagination'. They learnt to make and evaluate textiles, through the context of making their own bunting. In art, the children learnt about sculpture, by studying the sculptor, Clarice Cliff, discussing what they like and dislike about her work. They learnt some different sculpting and joining techniques, before creating their own piece of crockery.

As the children revisited materials in science, their final experiment of the year, was chosen by them. Through the concepts: comparing, contrasting, investigating and exploring, they revisited their knowledge and understanding of the properties of materials and their suitability for different purposes. The children were given opportunities to develop their independence in using their observations. The children investigated which material would be suitable for an umbrella. The children recorded their findings using a bar chart to show the most suitable fabric. We have been so impressed with the way in which the Year Two children have applied their knowledge, skills and creativity independently across the curriculum, showing their deep

understanding of concepts studied this year. The children worked hard to prepare for their leavers' performance. Each child contributed to the show, showcasing their own unique talent as well as working as a team.

Finally, the children have also impressed us with how confidently they have approached transition activities. We know they are year three ready, and we wish them every success in the next chapter.



Foxhills Federation's Little Lighthouse - Light the South Art Trail 2024



We have received the very exciting news that Foxhills Federation's Little Lighthouse has been included on the Light the South Art Trail, which is now open to the public! Earlier this year, our Junior School children designed and decorated one of the 40 mini lighthouses that form part of the Art Trail which will run throughout the summer, in order to raise money for Southampton Hospitals Charity.



Our lighthouse is located at the **John Hansard Gallery**, near the Guildhall Square in Southampton, so please go and visit! If you would like to get involved with exploring the trail this summer, there is more information on the [Light the South website](#), and there is an [app to download](#) and use, too. We would love for you to send in to us children's photos and selfies with our lighthouse!

If you would still like to donate to this important cause, there is still time to do so - please use Foxhills's Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/foxhillslittlelights>

Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice have had another busy and successful year. Joining forces for the first time, both the Junior and Infants have worked together across the Federation on projects and initiatives to improve our school.

Meeting at 8:30 every Friday morning, the children have bonded and collaborated as a group. The younger children have grown in confidence and the older children have been there to nurture and encourage them. All children have found their voice to express an opinion and learn how to work together and to take action concerning issues that are important to them. Projects we have worked on this year include:

Environment

· Saving energy – made and displayed 'Turn off lights' posters around the school

Community

· Visit from the Parish Council to gather our views on plans for the new playground in Ashurst
· Supported the Basics Bank food collection and helped make emergency food parcels

School

· Road Safety – made posters to encourage safe parking outside school
· Visit from School Association – helped with fund raising at Winter fayre.
· Bought litter pickers and set up a litter picking rota to keep school grounds clean
· School to participate in 'No Pens day Wednesday'.
A big 'Thank you' to children for their commitment and to parents for their support arriving at school promptly at 8:30 to start our meetings.
Applications for next year's Pupil Voice will be issued in September.

Foxhills Federation – No Pen Day! (17/7/24)

Following the suggestion from our Pupil Voice, the Foxhills Federation participated in a 'No pen day' on Wednesday 17th July.

The children took part in activities such as sewing, clay making, biscuit decorating, poetry performances, yoga, circle time PSHE, singalong and fancy dress up in Year R, creative activities.

Foxy Baby News!



We are delighted to share that on the 25th June 2024, Miss Atkins had her beautiful baby boy. Mum and baby are doing really well and we cannot wait to

meet the newest addition to the Foxy family!

Important Notices

Inset Days for 2024/2025



- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 11th October 2024
- Monday 14th October 2024
- Friday 14th March 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

No Drive Zone

08:20-08:45



15:00-15:25

Please could we remind families that the drive way is a 'No turning around' zone. We must insist on this for the safety of our visitors on site.



Parking Reminder

Please ensure you are parking with caution around the school area. We recently took a call from a local resident who raised concerns about parents parking opposite the road entrance.

School Uniform Reminder



GIRLS:

- Foxhills sweatshirt or cardigan*
- White or navy polo shirt
- Grey or navy skirt (with or without pleats)
- Grey or navy pinafore (with or without pleats)
- Grey or navy trousers
- Grey, navy or white socks/ tights



- In summer, girls can wear a navy patterned dress.



BOYS:

- Foxhills sweatshirt*
- White or navy polo shirt
- Grey or navy trousers or shorts
- Grey, navy or black socks
- Black school shoes.



PE KIT:

- House coloured polo T-shirt*
- Black or navy shorts / trousers
- Plain trainers
- School logo hoodie or plain zip jacket/hoodie*

We would like to remind you that children must not wear nail polish and jewellery for school, and sports shorts, on non-PE days, are not permitted. Footwear must be school shoes on normal days and on PE days, plain dark trainers are only acceptable.

It is really important that all children adhere to our uniform policy and we thank you for your support.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.



Community Policing

Please follow the link below for the next beat report.

<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+Policing&pid=109>

Well-Being

Please visit our page for more Summer knowledge on FACE training courses, activities and services for families.

<https://foxhillsfederation.ovw2.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+and+Well-being>



Summer Reading Challenge 2024 Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge is underway! The Challenge will run until September and the lovely staff at Totton library are ready to welcome you and your family. Did you know that there is also a digital online Challenge for pre-school children? Totton library staff can advise on how to encourage little ones to read with an exciting range of wonderful books for early years provision. Don't forget, we will be celebrating completion of the Summer Reading Challenge in September, so please remember to send your child in with their certificate!

For more information, please visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

PE Days for Autumn Term 1 (September 2024)

Monday - Year 2

Tuesday - Year 1

Wednesday - Year R

Thursday - Year 2

Friday - Year 1



Children can come to school dressed in their school PE kit on their allocated PE day.

School Medication – September 2024



When your child returns in September we will be emailing out a digital medical history form for you to complete and return as soon as possible. This is to ensure our medical records are kept up to date.

Please notify the school office of any changes to your child's medical conditions or prescribed medication. If your child requires medication during the school day, including emergency medication, we must have the correct consent paperwork completed, without this we are not liable to administer any medication.

Finally, Medications must be in their original packaging and clearly labelled. All medication or topical creams must be handed in to the school office and not in your child's bag.

Any queries please contact the school office.

Holiday Activities / Events

We have been informed of fun activities that will take place during the Summer Holidays, please follow this link for more information

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Activities%2C+Clubs+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=107>



**Connect with Nature
this summer to
boost your mood!**



Did you know that spending time outdoors and connecting with nature is proven to be good for our mental, physical and social wellbeing? This summer why not take advantage of the beautiful outdoor spaces we have in Hampshire and discover the joy of connecting with nature?

Hampshire's new Nature and Mental Wellbeing webpages are packed with free inspiration to help you to reap the feel-good benefits of being outside.

Sensory walking trails: Keep everyone engaged with a range of accessible sensory walking trails. Experience the magic of nature in different seasons and observe how the landscape transforms throughout the year.

Nature Bingo: add a fun twist to a family walk with nature bingo to keep the little ones entertained!

Unleash your creativity: check out the Trees for Wellbeing activities by Forestry England to find lots of family-friendly creative ideas. From poems or pictures, to yoga poses and more there are plenty of ideas to engage your inner creative.

**Ashurst & Colbury Parish Council
Fete 7th September 2024**

A date for your diary! For many years our school has had a stand at this wonderful community event and this year is no different.

The fete will take place on **Saturday 7th September 2024, 12 - 4pm at the Whartons Lane**

Park, Ashurst. Offering a host of attractions, stalls and activities, this family event is a popular and fun day for all. So, please come and say hello to governors and staff at our stand!

**Forest School Schedule for
September 2024**

**Wednesday – Hedgehogs
Thursday – Squirrels**

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing old clothes, with long trousers, long sleeve top, wellies and a raincoat.

For example: long sleeve tshirt, tracksuit bottoms and wellie boots.



Teacher led clubs

School led clubs will not start straight away. We will inform families of all the information during the first term once the teaching staff have confirmed the details.



Diary Dates:

02.09.24 – 25.10.24 – Term 1

Monday 2nd September – Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Term starts

Monday 9th September – Year R pupils start school

Monday 9th September – ACE Football club starts 3:05pm – 4:10pm

Monday 9th September – Karate club starts (held at Junior school)

Tuesday 10th September – Rocksteady starts

Thursday 12th September – R&R Multi Sport club starts 3:05pm – 4:05pm

Friday 13th September – Gymnastics club start 3:05pm – 4:10pm

Wednesday 18th September – Big Mouth Theatre starts (held at the Junior school)

Monday 23rd September – Pets as Therapy restarts

Monday 23rd September – French club starts (lunchtime)

Thursday 3rd October – Hallett Photos – Individual & Siblings (more information to follow)

Tuesday 22nd October - Flu Vaccinations

28.10.24 – 01.11.24 – Half Term

04.11.24 – 20.12.24 – Term 2

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7&pid=8&viewid=1>

