



Foxhills Infant School



Newsletter - Autumn Term 2



Friday 15th December 2023

Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School newsletter.

It has been a wonderfully busy term filled with lots of exciting things. Here is a roundup of the things your children have been doing throughout this half term as well as some important notices and dates for your diary.

We hope you have a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your support this term. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



Year R – Autumn Animal Adventures

This half term, our Year R pupils have got hands on during our welly walks and have been learning all about the world around us, including our local wildlife, seasonal changes and aspects of our school environment.

We met Percy the Park Keeper on our first welly walk of the half term and explored the text 'After the storm' thinking about the habitats and lives of animals. We have since been further exploring colour mixing, relating to the colours we have seen around us, using paints and natural resources to mark make. We have further developed our emotional literacy skills, thinking

about independence and how we are feeling throughout our school day, introducing our mood monsters to our classrooms.

We have continued to refine our gross motor development in both PE and during our continuous provision, accessing bikes and assault courses on a regular basis. In expressive arts and design we have enjoyed junk modelling and using a range of tools including scissors, tape and hole punches.

We have really enjoyed our Christmas performance this year and are proud of how much we have achieved! Well done



Ladybirds and Butterflies!

Year 1 – Whatever the Weather!

This half term started with a video call from Jim, a weatherman who had never lived in the UK before. He asked the children to find out everything about the weather and write him a weather report.



In geography and science, the children have learnt all about the different seasons of the year, what happens in each season and what the weather is like in each one.

In writing we have been thinking about using adjectives in our writing to make it more exciting. We listened to the story 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' using it for different pieces of writing such as diary entries. To end this half term the children wrote their own stories similar to 'The Snowman' using all their lovely adjectives and sentence boundaries to make their stories interesting.

In maths, the children have done some amazing addition and subtraction work. The children have been using part whole models and fact families to find the two subtraction and two addition number sentences to practise the concept of inverse.

The children have had a lot of fun this half term using paint in art to create a winter scene inspired by the artist Alma Thomas. The children loved mixing paint colours and using different sized brushes to create different effects.

The children loved our Big Mouth theatre workshop and all had lots of fun joining in making freeze frames. Then to finish the term



the children performed their wonderful Christmas play and were all amazing in their roles. We are really proud of them. Well done year 1!



Year 2 - To the Rescue!



To launch our learning for this half term, the Year Two children thoroughly enjoyed superhero day, during which they learned about real life superheroes. This inspired them to begin their exciting topic, 'To the Rescue!'

In history lessons, the children learned about the lives of two significant individuals (Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole) and they used their new knowledge to make comparisons between healthcare and society in the 1800s and today.

In geography, the children revisited their fieldwork skills from Year One and developed further their knowledge of the local area by deciding where the best place would be to build a new hospital in Ashurst.

In science, the children started their materials learning journey. After revisiting the properties of materials that they learned about in Year One, they conducted an experiment to test how solid

objects made from certain materials can be changed by; squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. They thoroughly enjoyed this experiment!

In reading this half term the children explored the concept of reading for pleasure. They practised sequencing and retelling narratives and practised using non-fiction books that were structured in different ways. They particularly enjoyed our lead text Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure and after learning about coordination and subordination throughout their writing learning journey, they were able to apply their new knowledge and skills to write their own story, Vlad and the Mary Seacole Adventure.

In maths this half term, Year Two have used their developing number knowledge to learn more efficient strategies for addition and subtraction. They have enjoyed solving numberless problems in different ways!

In art this half term the concept was printing and the children printed their own wrapping paper to sell at the Winter Fayre. In DT they built upon their knowledge of mechanisms (levers and sliders) and used this to create their own card with a mechanism.

In computing, the children learned about how computers can be used to create posters and learned how to add pictures, change the colour, size and font. In RE this half term, the children learned about how a candle can be used as a symbol.

In PE Year Two developed their understanding of the social cog as they practised praising, encouraging and showing support for others, through the context of dynamic balance.



Diary Dates:



Friday 15th December – Last day of term

Friday 15th December – Parents Evening booking opens at 8pm.

Tuesday 2nd January – INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January – Children return to school.

Friday 5th January – Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum

Friday 5th January – Parents Evening booking closes at 12pm

Wednesday 10th January – Parents Evening 1pm to 7pm (school hall)

Monday 15th January – Year R and Year 3 Admissions close

Tuesday 16th January – Bags to School (drop bags to the Junior shelter)

Thursday 18th January – Spring Census

Monday 5th – Friday 9th February – Arts Week

Friday 9th February – Federation Celebration of Work at 2.30pm

Friday 9th February – Last day of term

12th – 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – INSET day

Tuesday 21st February – Term starts

Friday 21st June – Sports Day

Friday 28th June – Back up Sports Day

Important Notices

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

Inset Days for 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

No Drive Zone



08:20-08:45

15:00-15:25

Appointments

If your child has a morning appointment please either email or call the school office to notify us. **If your child requires a hot lunch that day please ensure you order this before 9am.**

PE Timetable

Monday – Year 1

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year R

Thursday – Year 1

Friday – Year 2



New Website

We have now launched our new Federation website! All important information and notices from both schools will be updated regularly on our website.

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/>

Holiday clubs / activities

Don't forget you can find out information about local events and holiday activities on our school website by clicking on **Information > Parent Resources > Local Activities, Clubs & Events.**

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

New Staffing Update



After the Christmas holidays we welcome Miss Jade Le Cointe to our Foxhills team. She will be joining us as a teaching assistant supporting in Year R.

Miss Le Cointe has recently been working in a local primary school and has a lot of experience working with young children. We are looking forward to her joining our Foxy team in the new year!

Parents Evening

Our parents evening will be taking place on Wednesday 10th January from 1pm to 7pm in the school hall. Booking must be made via your child's **Arbor** account. The booking system will go live on Friday 15th December at 8pm and close on Friday 5th January at 12pm.

If you have problems booking via Arbor please email the school office.

Arts Week



During Arts week the children will be taking part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture programme, where each class or



year group across the federation will create a project inspired by a focus painting that the gallery has selected.

We will create our projects throughout the week of 5th February 2024, with an exhibition on Friday 9th February during our celebration of work.

Friends of Foxhills



A BIG thank you for supporting our Winter Fayre - We managed to raise **£3,105.28** for the Federation. Another thank you for supporting all of our Winter events - Gift shop and Disco of which we are busy counting up how much was raised. All money raised will be going towards our 3 main fundraising aims for 23/24 which are the Year R play area, PTA Shed replacement and Junior school Playground improvements.

So far this year money raised has supported the Scarf Life education bus for both schools, Library renovations, Gardening club improvements and the M&M Production.

Thank you to our current PTA members, event helpers, and school admin teams. Without you we wouldn't be able to put on such lovely events for the children. If you can spare any time to help with any events or to join the PTA please let us

know

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Hampshire County Council Family Information & Services Hub (FISH)

Hampshire County Council have launched a new website which has really useful resources for parents.

The website helps you find out information on what is going on in your area, details on how to access services, organisation and activities in Hampshire and advice and support that is available.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>



School Clubs Promotion

The poster is for 'AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Football Fun!' at Foxhills Infants. It features a photo of children playing football on a green field. Text on the poster includes: 'JC Sports Development' logo, 'Foxhills Infants', 'Every Wednesday during School Term Time starting Wednesday 13th September 2023', 'Ages: Years R, 1 & 2', 'Times: 3.15pm - 4.20pm', 'All Abilities welcome', 'A range of Childcare Vouchers now accepted', 'BOOK NOW' button, 'ClassForKids' logo, a QR code, and logos for Ofsted Registered, eamnet communities, Hampshire County Council, and Department for Education. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are also present.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

FOXHILLS INFANT SCHOOL

SPRING TERM 2024

BOOK ONLINE...

GYMNASTICS CLUB

Friday's
3.05 to 4.30pm

Open to all Pupils in Year 1 & 2

5th January to 22nd March 2024

Taking place every Friday throughout the Spring Term, the Gymnastics Club gives Children a great chance to learn and improve core gymnastics skills such as shapes, jumps, rolls, inverted standing and sequencing through fun individual & team challenges!

Limited Spaces Available

Online Bookings only on a first come first served basis

£5.00 per session

Check out our local School Holiday Clubs at Barley Junior School online booking, for upcoming Xmas Holidays!!