



# Junior School Newsletter

## Summer Term 1



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Welcome to Foxhills Junior School's end of Summer Term 1 Newsletter.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been up to this half term, as well as some important notices and dates for your diary.

**Year 3** This half term in Writing, the children have been revisiting how to write recounts. They have been practicing writing in first person and past tense and consolidating learning about prepositions and expanded noun phrases. They have then used all of this knowledge to write fascinating diary entries from the point of view of Tranio, a character from our class story, Escape from Pompeii. The children have then had a chance to public a section of their diary entry on to display paper of their choice.

In Reading, they have been learning about word choice and meaning and they have been considering why the author has chosen to use certain words to convey meaning or portray emotions. Then have then been able to use this knowledge to discuss the text from the authors

view point as well as apply their understanding when writing their diaries.

In maths the children began the summer term continuing our fractions learning. The children used their knowledge acquired from before the Easter break to move on to adding and subtracting fractions before comparing and ordering them, using reasoning to check their answers. After that the children started a new learning journey on multiplication. The children used their knowledge of multiples and related facts to solve multiplication questions using a formal written method, on this case expanded column multiplication method. Finally the children have been consolidating their mental calculations with addition and subtraction through the context of money. They began by revisiting their KS1 knowledge and have been able to apply this to converting between pounds and pence, calculating amounts and giving change.

In History, children have been continuing their learning about the Roman Empire, specifically about the Roman Empire's effect on Britain. The children looked at the reasons for the Roman Empire' justification for invading

Britain and decided whether they were for or against the invasion. The children then looked at Boadicea and her impact on Roman Britain. The children then learned about all of the things that we got from the Romans, that we still use in modern Britain.

This terms Geography unit was about human and physical features of the UK. The children focused their learning on the capital city of London. The children conducted research in to what human and what physical features there were - They were surprised to learn just how many green areas there are in London! They then used this knowledge to answer the questions "Why are the royal parks so important to London?" and "Does London need more buildings or boats?".

In Spanish, our children have been revisiting their learning of animal names and parts of the face and then learning about colours. The children have now begun to learn how to form Spanish sentences and write these down.

In Music, the children have been learning to use the voice as an instrument and chant and sing with a developing awareness of phrasing and expression. They have been practising using their

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knowledge of metre and how this applies to rap and samba rhythms. By the end of the unit the children will learn and perform a rap called 'Our School'.

In Computing, the children have been revisiting their typing skills and using the Chromebooks to type up some of their instruction and diary writing. They have then been learning how to format in a variety of styles including changing the font style, size and colour, adding bullet point and numbers as well as how to change the format of the page including backgrounds and borders.

In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about the function of fabrics. They have researched about different fabrics and their uses. The children then looked specifically at carrier bags, what they are made of and how they are made. The children examined and tested a range of carrier bags and rated them out of ten for design, sturdiness and sustainability in order to answer the question of which fabric makes the 'best' carrier bag. The children have then studied famous fashion designer Dame Vivian Westwood and learned about how period of history have influenced her designs. The children then had an opportunity

to design a good sturdy bag, using their knowledge of fabrics and in the style of Dame Vivian Westwood.

In PE, the children have been practicing for the upcoming sports day events. In Real PE, they have been focusing on the physical cog. The children have been learning all about reactions and how they can move their bodies to increasing their reaction speed. They have also been practicing how to improve their reactivity and learning about how this is an important skill needed when playing sports.

**Year 4** This half term, Year 4 concluded their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We looked at the arrival of the Vikings to Britain and how this shaped our culture and society today. We also discussed the idea of them being 'raiders' or 'traders'.

The children (and adults) have enjoyed reading Charlotte's Web this half term. We explored the different themes within the story and discussed if they are still relevant today, as the story recently celebrated 70 years since its first publication. We learnt how the author's use of emotive language affects the reader and

practised this ourselves within our writing and speeches. We also looked at how the writer created character descriptions and wrote our own for Wilbur, the loveable pig in the story. Finally, we applied our knowledge of emotive language to write a letter to the farmer in the story to persuade him not to sell Wilbur.

Linking with the story of Charlotte's Web, in Art, our Yr4 pupils learnt how to design and create a stamp block based on a character from the book. Using inspiration from William Morris prints and Cath Kidston designs, the children practised how to trace and transfer a design onto a card mount which they then built up using string to define the shapes and features of their animal or pattern. They spent time colour mixing paint to apply to their stamp block before joining together with their partners and classmates to create repeated patterns and motifs onto create a huge class wall-hanging.

In maths this half term, we have focussed on fractions, decimals and money, applying our knowledge of each to solve real-life problems. We have also continued to learn our times

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tables in preparation for our Multiplication Times Tables Check in June.

Children have been exploring sound in science, finding out how it is made and how it travels. We learnt about sound waves, used a decibel meter to measure the volume of sound and learnt how different size objects create a different pitch. We also carried out an investigation to see how distance affects the sound we hear. Children created an amazing array of musical instruments for Home Learning using recycled materials and were able to describe how sound is made.

In geography, we have been looking at where our food has come from and how far it has travelled. We explored the idea of food miles and the impact this has on our planet, in terms of food production and climate change.

'Neighbour' has been our theme in RE. We have learnt who our 'neighbours' are and what it means to be a good neighbour. After reading the story of the Good Samaritan, we considered how we have been a good neighbour to others.

In PE, we had a cricket coach visit for a session, learning skills required to play cricket and we have been practising skills for Sports Day next half term.



**Year 5** Year 5 began this half term by exploring the poetry of Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. We revisited our knowledge of different types of poems and discussed language choices made by the poet. We watched poets performing poetry

and used this as inspiration to perform to year 3 using appropriate intonation, tone and volume. We have also been reading Michael Morpurgo's wartime story 'Friend or Foe'. The children have learned to use relative clauses and revisited their knowledge of dialogue, character and setting description. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions. The children have learned how to find equivalent fractions, how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to solve fraction problems using addition, subtraction and multiplication. In science, we have been learning about the circulatory system, specifically the heart and the composition of blood. In art, the children have been creating pieces of abstract art in the style of Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky. In computing, we have used the program Google Drawings to create and edit images inspired by nature.

## Year 6

Well done to our year 6 children who have, this half term, completed their SATs testing. The commitment and diligence they showed in the run-up to the tests, and the maturity they

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demonstrated during the week of testing, was highly commendable. They are a super group of children who should be as proud of themselves as we are of them.

We have cast roles and begun to learn the songs for our upcoming production, *Porridge*. Rehearsals will be in full swing after half term, with performance dates on 16th July (Matinee & Evening) and 17th July (Evening).

### Light up the South!

Foxhills Federation is taking part in Light the South's Little Lights Project. We have designed and painted a mini-lighthouse that will feature on the Light the South Art Trail throughout Southampton and the Isle of Wight this summer. <https://lightthesouth.co.uk/>

When we know the location of where Foxhills's lighthouse will be, we will let parents know so you can visit it on the trail!

The trail is to raise funds for Southampton's Children's Hospital Charity. If you would like to donate to support the project, please visit our JustGiving page here:

[www.justgiving.com/page/foxhill-slitttlelights](http://www.justgiving.com/page/foxhill-slitttlelights)

### Spotlight on Foxhills

Here is the new episode of *Spotlight on Foxhills*:

<https://vimeo.com/949485223>

This one includes Lucy answering Year 5's burning questions and a fun Shakespeare word quiz if you want to play along!

## Important Notices

### 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 outside the school

Parking outside school continues to be problematic. Please could we ask that you are considerate towards our neighbours and other road users when parking.

### Voluntary one way system

To help with congestion at school pick up and drop off we have

adopted a voluntary one way system during these times. Please could we ask you to help by following the one way system (flowing from the A326 towards Whartons Lane), this will ensure traffic travels in one direction and hopefully eases congestion.



### School Uniform

After half term, please ensure your child returns to school wearing the correct uniform:

#### **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

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- 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.**



### PCSO Richard Williams Visits Foxhills Federation

We are very fortunate to have PCSO Richard Williams as our link police officer and we have engaged with Richard to provide monthly visits to our school. We offer group sessions

with Richard to all pupils throughout the year. Additionally, Richard has been invited into classes. As part of his recent visit to Foxhills Junior School, Richard took part in a Q&A session during which the children asked exceptionally astute questions - they would make excellent members of any police investigation team! We look forward to Richard joining us again soon (he often brings the police vehicle onsite) and allowing our children to find out more about the life of a very busy, and very much respected, PCSO.



### Summer Reading Challenge 2024 Marvellous Makers

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is almost upon us! Starting online on the 22nd June and on the 6th July in England, this year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers'. Totton Library staff will be visiting our schools to launch the Challenge and so please look out for more information nearer the time. In the meantime, you can sign your child up using the link below:

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



### Read-A-Round Club

Did you know that at the Junior school, we offer places at our free, friendly and fun reading club? From Potter to poetry and Dork Diaries to dinosaurs, we have a reading opportunity for all! Meeting on a Tuesday at 3.15pm – 4.15pm, we get together to enjoy reading for pleasure – whether your child is a confident reader or just wants to enjoy book-related activities, all are welcome.

Organised by Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Datlen, we meet in the school library to enjoy a wide range of reading related themes. If you would like more information about Read-A-Round and would like your child to join after the half term, please get in touch via the School Office.

### Bikeability 2024/2025

Bikeability will take place on 6,9,10,11,12 December 2024. This will be for the Year 6 children in the next academic year.

Bikeability training starts on the school playground and is designed to ensure that each young person is competent, safe and can control their bike, before entering the road environment.

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### Term Time Activities

We have been informed of fun activities for your children during term time. Please follow this link for more information;  
<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Activities%2C+Clubs+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=107>

### Holiday Activities

We have been informed of fun activities that will take place during the Easter Holidays, please follow this link for more information;  
<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Half+Term+Clubs+and+Activities&pid=108>



### Free Swim Lesson Taster

'FREE Swimming Lesson Tasters' at the New Forest venues? The venues include Applemore H&L, Lymington H&L, New Milton H&L, Ringwood H&L and Totton H&L. Requests for a 'Free Taster' is quick and easy by clicking on the following link; <https://bit.ly/3JeJiJi>

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – NSPCC Workshop Yr 5&6

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Yr 6 Sex Education Parents Meeting

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photo – Junior School

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Last Swim Session

**10-14<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Father's Day Gift Shop TBC

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – French Club – last session for summer term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Federation Sports Morning

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Last week of School Led Clubs

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Yr 4 Trip to Beaulieu

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Federation Sports Morning - Back up date

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Days - Federation

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Saints Football – last session for the summer term

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Rocksteady Concert

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Bags to School

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Performance, 1.30 & 5.30

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Big Mouth Theatre – Last session for summer term.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Performance to parents, 5.30

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Southern Karate – Last session for the summer term

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Paulton's Park

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Rocksteady - Last session for the summer term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Party Celebrations – letter to be sent

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Foxy Family Picnic 12pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Last day of term – 1.10pm Finish

<https://www.foxhills-jun.hants.sch.uk/diary/grid/2023/01/>

### Inset Days for the Academic Year 2024-2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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