



Friday 22nd September 2023

School Lunches

Good news! Hot meals are now available to order, along with packed lunches. These will be served from next Monday for all children. Please place your order through ParentMail.

Cross Country

The season is upon us once more! Please see the attached flier for the Saturday races. Any child can enter. Just show up at the event wearing your Woodcote sports kit and run! The next race is Saturday 7th October at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge with a 10:00am start. Congratulations to those who ran last Saturday at Grey's Court. Particular congratulations to Albie Henderson who came 3rd in the year 3 boys' race and to Martha who came 2nd in the year 4 girls' race.

Permission to use photographs

The annual form for permissions will be with you today. Please fill this in so we know your preferences for the use of your child's photograph. Please note, if a special use is required for a photograph i.e. it differs in use from those listed on the form, we will seek permission for this at the time.

Nut Free

Please can we remind you that we are a **NUT FREE** school and no food should be brought onto the school grounds that includes nuts. We do have children in the school with nut allergies. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Parent Governor Nomination

Please see the attached Parent Governor Vacancy information.

Thank you to Pat Booker who kindly donated yoga mats to the school, these are gratefully received and have already been used for our yoga club.

From Last weeks newsletter

Cauliflower Cards Christmas Art Project

The children are having lots of fun creating their Christmas art work which will be sent home over the next couple of weeks. Please see the communication sent today in Parentmail for details of how to order and for further information. Thank you for your support.

Storytime

We would like to invite all parents to join us at the end of the school day on Wednesday 11th of October for Storytime at 2.45. School will finish at the usual time of 3.15.

Class Updates

Oak	It has been another fun-filled week in Oak class with the children enjoying the new text of the term, the traditional tale of Goldilocks. We have been re-telling the story and singing about it too! If your child can tell you about Goldilocks at home that would be great. The children are beginning to notice the change of seasons and the effect it is having on tree leaves. We have decided to continue their interest in nature by starting a nature table in the outside area from next week; if you have any
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	<p>seasonal fruit and vegetables that the children can explore then please do bring them in or any interesting nature you find on a walk! This will all help the children learn about harvest time. The children have enjoyed being outside on the bikes and tricycles with younger Cabin children this week and have had a story time with their year 6 buddies as a special treat. As the weather is becoming cooler and sometimes unpredictable please do ensure that your child has wellies in class and a named coat each day. As we are outside in all weathers if you would also like your child to have a puddle suit so that their uniform stays clean and dry then please do drop one off. Thank you!</p>
Hornbeam	<p>This week the children in Hornbeam have been starting to use the story of Little Red Riding Hood in English. They have used amazing adjectives to describe what she had in her basket and wrote brilliant descriptions of the wolf creeping, scuttling and tiptoeing after Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths they have been working on 1 more and 1 less and in science we have learnt about the 5 senses. Thank you to everyone who is reading with their child at home, this has a big impact on their progress and it is much appreciated. Please can all Hornbeams have a waterproof coat in school every day as we are hardy and will be outside even if it is wet!</p>
Beech	<p>Caterpillars have arrived in year 2. The children decided to name them Jeff, Catty, Squirtle, Stitch and Steve. They are very hungry and getting bigger each day. We can't wait to learn about their life cycle in Science. Year 2 watched a short film and then used drama to help them write a character description. We finished the week by exploring how to improve these descriptions by correcting our spellings, using 'and' and starting our sentences in different ways. In Maths this week we have been using our knowledge of 2D shapes and their properties to help us draw them. This has allowed us to practise using rulers carefully! As part of our topic work we have been comparing planes 'Then' and 'Now' and looking at how their invention has changed the way we live. The children have done a great job creating designs for their Christmas cards. These will be coming home soon for you to order.</p>
Ash	<p>After working hard on learning to perform 'The Magic Box', we have started to create our own poetry inspired by the original poem. After using our imaginations to create our very own magic box, we were excited to use our senses to describe the different types of creations we would put in our boxes. In Maths, we have been working hard on drawing and using number lines to count to 1,000 and representing three-digit numbers. We really enjoyed investigating different animal diets in Science and developing our tag rugby skills in PE.</p>
Rowan	<p>This week, we have continued our learning around 'Fox'. The children have enjoyed predicting what they think will happen next in the story, going on to write their own story endings. In maths, we have continued learning about place value to 10,000. We have been impressed with the clear reasoning from some of the children when explaining to the class how they solved problems. They have been ordering and comparing numbers, demonstrating their understanding of place value in 4 digit numbers and the importance of zero as a place holder. Please make time for children to practise on Times Tables Rock Stars (include divisions too if you would like to). At the beginning of year 4, children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children should choose from these initially, unless they are confident and would like to also challenge themselves with the 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Times tables can of course be practised in other ways too (e.g. conversation, games and real life problem solving). Please do let us know if you have any issues logging on to TTRS.</p>
Maple	<p>Our week in Maple Class has been dominated by the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. In English we've begun to plan our own Norse myths, tweaking the design of a myth we looked at together called Odin's Eye. Your children have come up with myths that involve Odin losing his spear Gungnir, having to give up an arm, and, in one plan, his leg. But only below the knee! In Topic we had a look at the archaeological dig at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk. There they discovered remains and relics that had been buried in a sunken Viking longship. We became archaeologists ourselves and tried to work out who was buried there. Turns out it was an ancient king called Raedwald! Maths has seen us locking in our place value knowledge while in computing we've begun to code our mazes. Please feel free to login to Scratch at home and take a look! Finally, we</p>

	have started to learn our first song that uses two different chords on the ukuleles. You can find it on the Ukulele page of the Maple website if you'd like to try at home!
Willow	This week we introduced the children to the nation's favourite poem - 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. We will be learning this off-by-heart and performing it in sharing assembly next week so check Teams or your child's bag for the copy we're sending home. We then looked at the range of different poems we have learnt throughout our time at primary school - ranging from Haiku, Acrostic, Limericks and Free Verse - and used this knowledge to help us create Harvest poems. These poems will then be sent, along with the full shoe boxes, to the local community after our Harvest celebration. In Maths, we continued to look at Place Value and ordering numbers up to ten million - writing them out as words was trickier than saying them as we had to remember the punctuation too! In grammar, we revised clauses and how these make sentences but also how subordinate clauses can be placed in different places in a sentence for effect. PE - as the weather turns a little cooler (and wetter) we will still aim to take the children outside for PE but would ask that they have leggings/joggers, spare socks and, if you have one, a light coat that you don't mind getting a little muddy.

Important dates

Saturday 30 th September	FOWPS Community Coffee Shop and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 4 th October	Return Christmas artwork to classes by 3:15
Monday 9 th October	FOWPS AGM @ 3:30pm – all welcome including children
Tuesday 10 th October	Individual School photographs
Wednesday 11 th October	Storytime @ 2:45pm – more details to follow
Wednesday 11 th October	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30
Monday 16 th October	Parents Evening – more info to follow
Thursday 19 th October	Parents Evening – more info to follow
Thursday 19 th October	Y1 & Y4 After School Cake sale
Friday 20 th October	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary school applications.
Wednesday 1 st November	Woodcote Primary Open morning for reception children 2024 9:30 – 11:30am
Friday 10 th November	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance - tbc
Friday 15 th December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale

FOWPS NEWS

Thank you very much to The Red Lion for hosting our quiz night and to everyone who attended on Wednesday, we raised £242.

Our bakers and helpers are ready and we are looking forward to our first Community Coffee Shop of the year, which will be taking place next Saturday 30 September.



Other News

St Joseph's College Senior Open Evening = Thursday 5th October – flyer attached

Cranford School – Open Morning – Saturday 7th October – flyer attached