



Friday 15th September 2023

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. For those who could not attend, a class letter should have come home with your child today. You can, of course, pop in to see the teachers before or after school on any day of the week. It is always good to see you and share the children's successes and news.

Lunches next week

The system for ordering school lunches still has one or two glitches! We are extremely sorry for this continued delay. However, we are confident that the system should be ready in the next few days. We are so grateful to you all for your continued support with this. We will continue lunches in the same way as this week but will let you know as soon as the system is ready for payments and hot meals.

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.

Oxford Schools' Challenge

Entry for this event has now closed. We are delighted to be taking 46 children to run the mile in October. More news to follow nearer the event.

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. More information to follow. School will finish at the usual time of 3.15.

Before & After School Clubs

There are still spaces on some of the clubs, please sign your child up via ParentMail.

Class Updates

Oak	Oak children have been doing some brilliant listening in school this week! They are having another end of week class treat as a reward for this great behaviour. The children have been painting, cutting out and creating autumn leaves, snowflakes, pink blossom balls and green leaves for a seasonal display on our birthday wall. If you are able to talk to your child about the seasons that would be great and also to help them learn their birthday. Please can we also request a family photo, from a holiday if possible, so that we can use this for our 'Where in the World' display board. Finally, a request for any hats and fabric that you may have lying around for the children to use in dressing up and role play. Many thanks!
Hornbeam	This week Hornbeam Class have been learning some impressive words. When learning about body parts someone asked what their neck was for so they learnt the words oesophagus and trachea. Then in English they were looking for interesting words for tore when the child in the book 'On Sudden Hill' tore a box up so they had a go using the word obliterated. In Geography they learnt what an aerial view is by looking at some pictures of different locations. In Maths they have been learning that the word represent means show and have been representing quantities in different

	ways. AND on top of all that lovely learning they have been showing our value of positivity when tackling new challenges in their work. Well Done Hornbeam Class!
Beech	Year 2 have been reflecting on the act of kindness and friendship this week. Teachers have been spotting lots of kind and friendly children in the classroom and during break times and giving out lots of pompoms. When we fill our class bucket full of pompoms, we can celebrate with a class treat! In Maths this week, we have been using real objects to make two-digit numbers as well as solving some problems involving number. We have continued to explore shapes, both 2D and 3D. We have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk this week. The children then acted out the story beautifully in groups. This really helped us to remember the story and the children produced some excellent writing afterwards. In art, year 2 have been sketching fruit and using careful observations skills to make accurate drawings. In history we have been researching the Wright Brothers and finding out about their contributions to the development of flight
Ash	This week, we have been learning to read aloud a poem called 'The Magic Box'. We have worked hard on making sure we use expression and identifying nouns and adjectives in the poem. In Science, we have continued our healthy eating learning and we have explored the types of nutrients different foods have in them. We really enjoyed using our atlas' to locate Egypt on a map and exploring how long the River Nile is and discussing what countries are next to Egypt.
Rowan	We have been working hard on numbers to 10000, recognising the place value of each digit, placing them on number lines and partitioning them into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. Linking this with weights and liquid measures is an activity that could be done at home while weighing and measuring ingredients for cooking activities. We have begun our science topic of sound by listening to what is in and around school. It's surprising what you can pick out if you are quiet! In RE, we have started our learning with a big question: are places of worship really needed? On Thursday, we discussed what 'church' means to Christians and we were surprised to learn that as well as a building, many Christians describe the church as a community. Homework has gone out today; one piece of homework is due next Friday and the other is due the Friday after. Have a lovely weekend.
Maple	It's been another busy week in Maple Class. Though we kicked off the week with some assessments, we quickly spun off into other learning. In Maths we've been digging into number, ensuring our knowledge of place value up to 100,000 is rock solid. English has seen us continue to explore Norse mythology and we've been enjoying digging into how myths are constructed. We're hoping to put all of that work into practice soon with our own myths so keep an eye on the website for some fantastic writing coming soon! Topic saw us looking at Danegeld, an old form of bribery from Anglo-Saxon and Viking times that saw us paying the Vikings to leave us alone. As you can imagine, it didn't end well. In Science we've started exploring forces, developing our understanding of key concepts like gravity and friction, while Computing has seen us continuing our work on our Scratch projects. We'll have fully functioning maze games done before you know it! Finally, if you didn't manage to make it to 'Meet the Teacher' during the week, please take a look on the Maple page of the school website where you will find all the information we gave out on the day. Please do get in touch if you'd like to talk further.
Willow	It was fabulous to have a talk with so many of you on Wednesday night. If you were unable to attend, the pack that we handed out was given to your child yesterday so please check bags. The pack contains recommended reads, the objectives for English and Maths for the year and a couple of examples of writing so that you can see where we are aiming. This week we have been learning all about friendships and supporting each other, what your children know and also looking at nets to create the boxes that go to the community for Harvest. We talked about Growth Mindset and making improvements to our work rather than just accepting our first effort as our best effort. We have also lead our first Play Leader groups and will talk through how this went so we can make improvements. Our first set of spellings has been set - remember a copy is available on Teams as well.

Important dates

Wednesday 20 th September	FOWPS Red Lion Charity Quiz Night @ 8:00pm
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
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

FOWPS NEWS

Natalie (Bryher and Ada's Mum) organises two coffee shops in the Old School House each term to help raise money for our school. Our first coffee shop is on Saturday 30 September. To run coffee shops, we need donations of cakes (homemade or bought). We would be very grateful if anyone would be able to contribute, please message Natalie on 07733356314, as we need three more cakes!

We would like a **parent representative from each class**. The role will include liaising between the FOWPS committee and your class about school fundraising events and volunteering opportunities. We hope to encourage a two-way dialogue to enable parents to feedback ideas and comments. We need your help to support our children's education and the school community. Please email fowps-pt@googlegroups.com, or make yourself known to staff or a committee member (photos on the notice board). Thank you.

We met as a committee this week and we will be reaching out to all parents through ParentMail shortly to gauge support and interest for a Christmas Fair.