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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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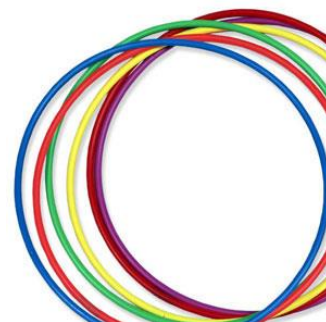
Headteacher's Update

Can you hula-hoop? I'm useless at it!

This term our house competition is to hula-hoop. The children are practicing at school and the competition will be held week beginning Feb 14th.

Can you practice at home? Do you have a hoop? There is a hula-hoop game on wii fit. Join in with your children and have two weeks of a fitness regime.

Mrs Fakes



Collective worship

Life!

As a teenager in the 80s, the phrase 'Life! Don't talk to me about life!' (from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) was oh so popular amongst the bored or fed up. Life is a huge topic; where to begin? This week in collective worship, we explored how we should live to be good citizens and stewards. We focussed on Micah 6:8, and considered what it might mean for each of us, in our daily lives. Jesus is the perfect example of how we can live fairly, kindly, putting others first, giving God all the honour due. Maybe that would be the best place to begin.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

Parents Evening

Please note that bookings are live on Parentmail and appointments are still available for anyone who hasn't booked for Parents Evening on 16th and 17th February.

Hedgehog class

This week we have been finding out about the customs and celebrations around the Chinese New Year. As it is the year of the tiger, we studied images of tigers and painted them carefully using the correct colours. We sampled some traditional Chinese food, and even challenged ourselves to write Chinese numbers 1-10. We found that zero was the trickiest number to copy! We also carried out an experiment in a glass using oil, water and food colouring - we noticed some amazing patterns forming that looked a little like fireworks. In Maths we have been exploring and comparing the numbers 6, 7 and 8 - perhaps we could look for these numbers on our walk home?



Next week our focus children will be Flinn and Darcie-Clare

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been using dictionaries this week. We explored how they are written in alphabetical order and experienced how useful this is when using a dictionary to find words. We had a go at putting words into alphabetical order and looking for

definitions of words. As part of our computing learning we have been looking at what is meant by a Binary Tree and how they can be useful for sorting data. We thought of questions to ask when constructing our own Binary Trees to sort Avatar pictures. In Science we learnt about the sun and explored different light sources. We designed sun catchers for the classroom with coloured, dark and reflective materials. Our Badgers have been thinking carefully about the different skills that they all have and how this makes them feel successful. Working with a partner they taught each other a new task and this helped them to realise how we learn best by listening to each other, asking questions, copying the learning and supporting each other. What super learners and teachers they all were!

This week the children have had a **library session** where they chose a non-fiction or a story book to enjoy at home. These books can be kept for the week and brought back into school next **Tuesday**, when they can choose another one for the week.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Our Journalists have reached graduation and all have passed with flying colours! We have some amazing reports about the Great Ruby Robbery. All journalists captured the suspects' responses well and have used inverted commas to show direct speech. Next week we will be looking at the legend of Romulus and Remus. Multiplication and division is still going well in both maths groups and their times tables are coming along in leaps and bounds. In History the children have been comparing the Celts and the Romans in appearance, dress, weapons and battle approaches. They had to think carefully about why they were so different. Mrs Carr came in on Wednesday to share her wealth of knowledge on rocks and minerals with us. She was very impressed with what the children could already tell her about the three main rock types; igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary as well as what makes up the different layers of our world.



Just a reminder that I will be out at Silchester Roman Town on Saturday 12th February if you would like to join me for a wander round, all the family and furry friends welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The school or myself will not be responsible for the children during this event. Finally, Owl Class Roman Banquet will be on Wednesday 16th February. On this day children may

come into school dressed as either a Roman or a Celt.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

The Falcons have been busy with Greeks in their architecture in art and computing this week, as they have been sketching designs for a new temple to Athena. Then, using their Spreadsheet knowledge, they had to cost up how many drachma they were going to need! It was great to see them applying their research and prior learning to these new challenges. In English, we are studying 'Perseus and Medusa', drawing parallels with other myths we have studied so far. Next week sees us retelling part of the story, to utilize all our narrative skills and apply the grammar we have been learning. In Maths, Hexagons continued with fractions - comparing/ordering; multiplying for the HOT challenge; Pentagons consolidated their multiplication skills and the Crystals continue with their 8 times tables learning.



In the last week of term, we are planning on having a Greek festivities day, as we take part in our own Olympic Games and a feast. We will be dressing up that day, so start to think about how to make a Greek outfit. An XL tee-shirt (brown, grey or white) over leggings/skins, with a string/ribbon belt as one option. Or why not try a length of fabric (old sheet cut up) as a toga, over tee-shirt/leggings? (Please don't feel you have to spend a lot in buying an outfit!) I'm looking forward to seeing parents in our upcoming parents' evenings, and sharing all the successes of the term so far.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FOPS would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the last term. Your support of the following events has helped us raise over £7,000!

Preloved school uniform	£46.00
Bags2School	£174.00
Fireworks	£6,504.59
Christmas Cards	£197.50
Christmas clothes sale	£100.00
Name-the-Sloth	£64.06

Elfridges £560.32

TOTAL = £7,646.47

This is a fantastic amount and we couldn't have done this without the support and generosity of our volunteers - whether you shopped, served food and drink, were on a sub-committee, ran a stall, sourced donations, participated or supervised at an event - thank you! This money will go directly to support the children's learning and wellbeing at school.

We are of course already planning more fundraising events and activities for 2022 and will keep you updated on our plans. If you have some spare time to help, please do get in touch.

FOPS PARTY CROCKERY BOX HIRE

To help promote sustainability, FOPS is pleased to let you know that we have a Party Crockery Box available for hire for kids' parties. This is a box of 30 brightly coloured reusable plates, bowls and cups, plus serving jugs and platters. The box will be supplied ready for use. Once your party is over, simply return it unwashed, with a small donation in the envelope provided. 100% of the money goes towards education resources at the school. A great way to benefit the children, whilst helping to save the planet too! If you'd like to hire the box please contact Lucy Eldred by email askfops@gmail.com, phone 07979 538261 or catch her in the playground.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on **the** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fopsreading/> (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay) and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased! There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, holiday companies such as Expedia and Booking.com and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools. It's completely free and there really is no catch – so please sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop.

Dates for the diary

08/02/22 – World Internet Safety Day

16/02/22 & 17/02/22 – Parents Evening

21/02/22 – 25/02/22 – **Half Term Holiday**

03/03/22 – World Book Day

10/03/22 – Anvil Choir Rehearsal

21/03/22 – World Poetry Day

30/03/22 – Anvil Choir Concert

07/04/22 – **End of Spring Term 2 at 1:15pm**

26/05/22 – **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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