



# NEWSLETTER 11 - 15th March 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers

I would just like to start by saying a huge thank you to parents, children, staff and governors for all of your support during our Ofsted visit. Unfortunately, it will be a few weeks until the report will be received and can be shared.

A special thank you goes to all of our amazing children for being superb as always, the children worked incredibly hard and their behaviour was impeccable.

Thank you to Fox Class parents for your understanding whilst Mr West has been off school recovering from surgery and a big 'Thank You' to Miss Weston for stepping in.

We look forward to seeing you during our upcoming events such as Dormouse stay and play, Mole Class family learning afternoon and at our Easter Service.

Enjoy the weekend

Mrs Roberts

## Diary Dates

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March - Owl Class Bikeability

Tuesday 19th March - School Nurse for Dormouse Class (Heights & Weights)

Thursday 21st March - Odd Socks Day

Thursday 21st March - Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm in the Hall

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March - Owl Class Bikeability

Friday 22nd March - Owl & Mole Cake Bake

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Church Service 2pm –All Welcome

Tuesday 26th March - Owl Class Residential Meeting for Parents 3.20pm Owl Classroom

Wednesday 27th March - Mole Class Family Sharing Afternoon 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 28th March - FODHS Easter Egg Hunt during the morning

**Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm End of Term 4**

**Monday 15th April - 8.45am Start of Term 5**

Tuesday 16th April - Owl Class Parents SATs Meeting - 3.20pm Owl Classroom

Wednesday 17th April - Bag2school Collection 9am

Wednesday 24th April - Parents Evening 3.30pm till 6.30pm

Thursday 25th April - Parents Evening 3.30pm till 6.30pm

Thursday 25th April - Wiltshire Fire & Rescue visit to Fox Class

Friday 26th April - Mole, Squirrel and Owl Class Walk safe

Friday 3rd May - Squirrel Class Walk Safe

**Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday, School Closed**

Wednesday 8th May - Fox Class Taster Day Sheldon School

Monday 13th May - Owl Class SATS Week

Thursday 16th May - Squirrel Class Trip to The Ashmolean Museum

Friday 17th May - Squirrel & Hedgehog Cake Bake

Monday 20th May - Owl Class Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd May - Open Classrooms 3.15pm

Thursday 23rd May - Fox Class Trip to Tudor World

Thursday 23rd May - Police Car Visit to School EYFS & KS1

**Friday 24th May - 3.15pm End of Term 5**



## Parents Evening

Bookings will go live on Wednesday 20th March at 6.30pm via Parentmail. Please book one appointment only for each child. Thank you.



## FoDHS Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 28th March our ever popular, Easter egg hunt will be taking place. This is a fun, in-school event where all children will receive an Easter egg.

A payment will be set up on Parentmail soon for you to make a donation towards this event.

Thank you for your support.



## Rabbit Class in Focus

This has been a very busy term so far in Rabbit Class!

To finish off our Romans topic we took the wonderful shields we had made outside and practised Roman battle formation.

## Testudo



In our science work this term we have been looking at the impact of plastic pollution on our environment and we have created some effective posters using our knowledge of persuasive writing that we have studied in our English lessons.



We have also loved learning about Haiku in our English work and the children have been writing them about all kinds of things!

Can you guess what Charlotte's Haiku is about?

Buzzing at its hive  
Black and yellow really cool  
Might sting you, beware!

## Tag Rugby

Another fantastic display of our rugby skills, teamwork and enthusiasm for our 2024 tournament! With 13 teams entered it was exciting from start to finish with some very close matches and each team showing progress as they got used to the pace of the game. The tag rugby festival is a really good way to practise skills like passing and running with the ball whilst applying rugby specific rules.

After all pool games were played Derry Hill and Monkton Park went through to the final. It was a strong performance from both teams but eventually the whistle went confirming a win for Derry Hill with a score of 4-2. Congratulations to everyone who took part!



## World Book Day

We enjoyed celebrating World Book day at Derry Hill again this year and there were some wonderful costumes on display. Each class got to unwrap a special picture book in the morning and then completed activities based on this book during the day. We also created some wonderful window displays based on the books.

Each class was visited by a different teacher who shared their favourite picture book and KS1 had a visit from our Reading Ambassadors.

It was wonderful to have so many entries for our Wooden Spoon Book Character competition. They will be displayed in the library for us all to enjoy. The winners were:

KS1 -- Florence Monteith (Mole Class)

KS2 - Lily Metcalfe (Rabbit Class)

These children have received a £10 book token.



## Odd Socks Day—21st March 2024

Rock your Socks for Mencap this March to raise awareness and vital funds to support people with a learning disability across the UK. Down's syndrome is just one of many different types of learning disability. Most people have two copies of chromosome 21, while those with three copies of chromosome 21 have Down's syndrome. This is why we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day on 21 March each year and encourage people to Rock Your Socks in March. World Down's Syndrome Day is an inclusive day for everyone and is a chance for us all to celebrate and support people with Down's syndrome and people with other learning disabilities.



## Reminder

We have an Easter Church service on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm, everyone is welcome to attend.

