



Parents as Partners

*The work of our school, underpinned by our core Christian Values:
Respect, Caring, Friendship, Honesty, Forgiveness and Responsibility*

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE AT FAWKHAM CEP SCHOOL

17th November 2021

Dear Parent,

Newsletter 2

We have had a great start to the academic year. All of our new Reception children have settled in beautifully and all children have been working very hard. In this newsletter I will be sharing and celebrating as well as informing.

Roots to Food

At the end of Term 1 Darren Tinkler, the founder of 'Roots to Food' spent the day with us. All classes thoroughly enjoyed their cooking sessions and learnt a tremendous amount. Do take a look at the photos on our website in 'About Us' and 'Photo Gallery'.



TCS and Christmas Dinner

Yesterday you will have received our Christmas dinner menu and form to complete. Please ensure that the form is completed for ALL children and returned to school by Wednesday 8th December.



Archery lessons

Last Thursday saw the start of children in Hedgehogs, Badgers and Squirrels learning archery with our fully qualified archery coach, Mr Banks. Very few schools can offer this as part of their curriculum and we feel very lucky to have Mr Banks on staff. This is a wonderful opportunity to give our children.

Lots of the younger children, in particular, have been telling me how much they enjoyed their first session.



Camp Night, Disco and Sports Day

The start to the academic year was an exceedingly busy one. All of the children who attended the camp night and leavers' disco had a fantastic time. The outdoor disco went down very well with the children as did the outdoor cinema that formed part of camp night. It was lovely to start the year in such a fun filled way.



HELP!!

We are very fortunate that a very special person usually spares time to visit our school on Christmas party afternoon; that falls this year on Friday 17th December. He usually gives the children their gifts from FoF. Unfortunately we know that he won't be able to come this year as he is unwell. I wonder if another gentleman would be willing to help us this year, the outfit is provided. If you are able to help please see me, thank you.



Covid Update

I am extremely pleased to inform you that we have had no new cases of Coronavirus since returning to school from the autumn break. If this continues then we will resume normal operations from the week beginning 29th November.

As ever, please continue to be vigilant in following the rules and testing regularly.

Harvest Festival



Towards the end of September we had a lovely Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's Church. Thank you to you all for your very welcome parcels of food that Scarlett and Jack helped me deliver to the Community Cupboard in West Kingsdown. Scarlett, Jack and I learnt about the work of the Community Cupboard and told the rest of the school about our visit.

We do have a box in our entrance hall where you can make donations throughout the year. Once the box is filled Mr Banks delivers the goods to the food bank. Some parents regularly pop things in the box, thank you so much.

Buddies Day

The end of September saw the children having a wonderful time spending the day with their buddies. They engaged in some lovely activities that were enjoyed by everyone including noodle drumming, team games, parachute games, mini beast hunt, forest school and large outdoor games. This day was organised by the brilliant play leader team.



Christmas Tinsel



The whole school are going to be decorating some hoops and displaying them in the hall this year as part of our Christmas festivities. If anyone is able to donate any tinsel that would be lovely as we intend to cover the hoops with tinsel and then the children's creations are going to be attached to them. Please send any donations in ASAP, thank you.

Best wishes,



Miss M.J. Bridges
Headteacher

Football Goals

Further to a parentmail we sent out some time ago asking for help to transport near new, extremely high quality goals that have been donated to our school by Princes Park, several parents and friends of the school have tried to transport them to school but their vehicles have proved too small.



I am told that we need someone with a flatbed truck/lorry that is at least 12 foot long by 8 feet wide. If anyone has such a vehicle and would be willing to collect the goals for us, please see me.

Film Night and Bedtime Story Night

Following a need to postpone this event. I can now announce that the event will take place on Wednesday **1st December from 3pm – 6:30pm**. Those children already signed up for the event will need to bring their PJs to school with them to change into at the end of the day. The food has already been ordered for the tea that we are giving them.

Starting off Christmas in the right way, we'll be showing a Christmas film and some of the bedtime story groups will have Christmas stories shared, there will still be the 'scary' stories for Squirrels to listen to if they choose.

Christmas Fair and Donations List

Following the very successful Christmas and Summer Fairs last academic year, we have decided to run them in exactly the same way this year. All of the children will run the stalls themselves and we will hold the fair during the school day on 10th December. We are not opening the fairs to parents or friends.

In order for the fair and other Christmas events to be as special as they can be for the children we are once again asking for donations. I will put the donations list on display from today. Please sign up if you feel that you can donate. Everything is very gratefully received, thank you.



Wellies

All children in the school need their forest school clothes and wellies in school as all classes will be regularly visiting our forest this term.