

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Fittleworth C E Village School

Spring Term 2 2025

Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

ENRICHED OPPORTUNITIES

This half term has been full of exciting opportunities.

Mrs. McKee and two of our year 6 pupils went along to the Petworth Deanery Celebration on Monday 24th February. The pupils took part in the service and proudly represented our school.

Year 6 have embarked on two trips this half term. They explored the London Science museum with Mrs. Phillips, taking part in lots of hands on experiments and observing how rockets work. They also spent the day at Amberley Chalk pits looking at British trade and economics through the local history of the chalk pits.



This week they have also been on their bikes learning how to stay safe when cycling on the roads. They will be completing their level one and two of the Bikeability course.

Year R and year 1 have been enjoying some time with Maureen Wells, a local artist. The children explored the use of drawing and acrylic paint to produce some fantastic toucans and teddy bears. Each year group have now worked with Maureen and their work will be presented at the Pop-up art gallery during the summer term.



ENRICHED OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED...

Emma, our Forest school leader has enjoyed this half term with the year 2 and 5 pupils. Much fun has been had exploring the outdoors, crafting, building dens and cooking. Reception and year 1 will have their turn after the Easter break.

On Wednesday 2nd April, the whole school walked to St Mary's Church for their Easter Service. It was a beautiful spring morning and the children and staff enjoyed learning about Holy week and singing their hearts out. Thank you to those who attended. We hope that you also enjoyed our Easter celebration.



SPORTS EVENTS

It's been a busy half term for sports tournaments and competitions.

Our year 3/4, 5/6 boys and year 6 Girls have all represented the school at a round robin football tournament. All three teams represented the school showing great skill and sportsmanship winning many if not all of their games. We have also been representing our school in a rugby and netball tournament. Once again, the pupils had lots of fun and did their best, scoring many goals and tries.



SPORTS CONTINUED...

Mrs Burnett took her dance club to the Rother Valley Arts Festival on Friday 28th March to perform alongside other schools. The evening was a fun and entertaining event with dances, choirs and a brass band. The dancers were superb when performing their dance 'Identity'.



And finally, over the last 6 weeks, we have had 15 runners in years 5 and 6 taking part in the Chichester Corporate challenge. This event consists of 3 races through the streets of Chichester town centre. It's a highly competitive experience for our runners and they all improved on their personal best times throughout the event.

Well done to all of our sports champions this term!!



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PTA

The PTA have been busy purchasing 15 iPads that the children are able to use during curriculum time. So far the pupils have been accessing their computing curriculum and a music composing app during their music lessons. The iPads have been an amazing addition to our school resources.

Thanks to the PTA we are now also the proud owners of our school minibus. Our mini bus provides us with the opportunity to take children out and about on trips, to tournaments and to other schools.

This term, we also need to mention the 'Wonker Bars'! On World Book Day, the children enjoyed buying their wonker bars to see if they won a Golden Ticket. Many of the children who won a ticket have already had their prize but next term we still need Bea to be our head teacher for the morning and certain classes will get extra play, trips to the common or own clothes day treats. Well done to all our golden ticket winners!!!



WELCOME, FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

This half term we have welcomed Mrs Nodding and Mrs Holmes, as new teaching assistants, to our staff team. They have settled very well working with year 1.

We are also saying a sad farewell to our much-loved governor and friend Mr Warwick Dean Taylor. He has finally decided to step down after many years of service at our school. He has been a part of this school for almost 30 years and has supported us seeing many changes. His dedication and passion to provide our pupils with enriched learning experiences has always been a priority.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Dean Taylor. He will be greatly missed.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

Recently we have had an increase in phone calls from local residences concerned about both the parking and the driving of our parents at dropoff and pick up time. Parents, in large cars, have been witnessed mounting pavements and driving more than 30mph in School Lane and they are terribly concerned that an accident will happen.

We would like to remind parents to please drive carefully when dropping off your children or collecting them at the end of the day. Leave plenty of time so that you are not rushing and park in the village hall or nearby roads. There may be times when the village hall carpark is busy or in use because of an event in the hall, however, we will message you to let you know in advance.

Parking on the corners of junctions, double yellow lines and mounting pavements when children are coming in or out of school is incredibly dangerous!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 22nd April- INSET DAY

Wednesday 30th April- PTA sponsored Fun Run

Tuesday 6th May- Year 3 ,4 and 5 to Lego Land

Monday 12th-Friday 16th May-Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 13th May – Y4 to Fishbourne

Monday 19th-20th May- Y3 Goodwood

Friday 23rd May- PTA Colour Run

Monday 26th -Friday 30th May- Half Term

Please do contact the office if you have any queries or concerns. We are always happy to help!

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Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful Easter break!