



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Only one you

Dear Parents,

It's been a wonderful couple of weeks learning in school with so much to celebrate! We have **REALLY** enjoyed welcoming parents back into the building and hearing the high quality discussions about children's learning. It has been lovely to receive so much feedback from you following our learning review meetings - in particular about children's level of happiness, how well they have settled in with their new teaching teams and their levels of engagement with learning. We do value receiving your feedback (both the positive and areas that you feel we can develop) and we very much use it to inform our next steps. Please do get in touch if you can to let us know about your experiences!

We have our next cuppa and chat coming up on Friday 26th November at 8.45am—this is an informal opportunity for you to come and share your reflections about our school and many a good idea has started as a result of these conversations. We are still interested to receive feedback on our new Learning for Behaviour and Life policy which is available on our school website.



Progress towards our School Development Priorities:

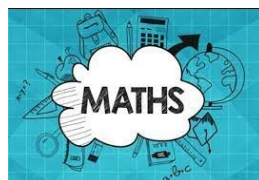
In our October newsletter we shared with you the rationale for our Colour whole school learning experience. One of the areas of our approach we are developing this academic year is ensuring that each **END GOAL** of a learning experience provides an opportunity for the children to showcase their knowledge and skills in the non-core

area of learning, in this case art. As much as possible we try to make these end goals authentic, purposeful and for the intention of a real audience! Our Colour learning experience culminated in two end goals:

- a unique piece of artwork inspired by learning about colour theory
- an ekphrasis: a vivid, often dramatic description of a visual work of art.



The outcomes of this learning experience have been incredible. It was wonderful to welcome members of our local community to our exclusive preview event on Thursday evening where they could enjoy the children's art, spend time hearing about our approach to learning and connecting with one another. This was a lovely opportunity to 'make the world a better place to be' by welcoming guests to our school to enjoy the event.



We are also working hard to support the children's fluency and automaticity in the recall of number facts. At Fishbourne CE Primary School, we want our mathematicians to develop an appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics. They will be curious mathematicians who think deeply about the world, approaching problems creatively and flexibly, including breaking problems down into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking

solutions. They will have an understanding of the concepts which underpin procedures, the ability to reason mathematically and to make rich connections between the different mathematical domains. **They will 'know' numbers; develop a number sense and be able to recall and apply knowledge rapidly, accurately and efficiently.** They will be able to move fluently between different representations of mathematical ideas and will be able to use manipulatives to model their mathematical thinking.

In terms of rapid, accurate and efficient recall, the children need to have **daily** practice at home in addition to lessons in school. This can be in small chunks of time (just 5-10 minutes) and in different ways. Please do ensure that you take the time to watch the short film we have made to support your understanding of our WHY and your role in making this happen. You can find it, together with a collection of resources to support you, on this part of our website:



<https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Times+Tables&pid=137>

If you have any questions or queries at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch!



At Fishbourne CE Primary, we hold half termly **Thinking Circles**, instead of School Council. Thinking Circles give children an opportunity for their voice to be heard and each represent their class at different points during the year. A question or issues is presented to the school during assembly and

then Thinking Circles take place throughout school during the week before several children feedback from each class with representatives from different classes. The theme of our Thinking Circles this term has been on exploring the question: 'How would you feel if you were forced to leave your home?' In doing so, the children have learned about the refugee crisis across the world and spent time considering how we can respond as a school community to make the world a better place to be. The children had no shortage of superb ideas including:

- day trip Voucher
- Zoo or farm.
- donate items from
- pen pal
- video call
- donate money
- let them borrow the

- Sell our old toys
- Add good to a good bank
- Cake stall
- Food stall
- Helping at a good bank
- Non-uniform day

- Donations
- money
- clothes
- toys
- food bank
- Sending story books to welcome a child
- Learn about their Culture/language
- Send them a Welcome Video/letter



As a result, we have made contact with two local charities whose work we will support in our fundraising this year:

*Children on the Edge work hand-in-hand with communities to support some of the world's children in some of the toughest situations – they currently work with more than 16,000 children in Bangladesh, India, Uganda, Myanmar, and Lebanon.

*The Sanctuary in Chichester support refugees in the city with a range of support activities.

Our plan is to raise money for both these amazing charities and, for those child refugees arriving in Chichester we aim to provide each with a copy of 'Only One You' as the first book for their bookshelves!



We are very sad to be saying good bye to Mrs Gaby Wales at Christmas who has been a fabulous teacher for our Elephant and Hippo classes. Mrs Wales has decided to take a career break from full time class teaching and whilst we will be very sad to say goodbye, we are excited for her. We look forward to welcoming her back to school for occasional days of supply cover and hearing about all her adventures! Congratulations to Mrs Jo Angell on the news that she is expecting a baby, arriving in February 2022. We are thrilled for the Angell family and look forward very much to welcoming the newest member of our staff family.



Meet Rosa!

Rosa is the newest member of our Volunteer Army and coming to us through Pets As Therapy. Many of you will remember Kassie who has since retired from her role. Kassie made a tremendous difference to the lives of many of our little fish who enjoyed reading to her each week. We know Rosa, and her owner Anne, will do just the same and we look forward to introducing her to everyone in an assembly soon. Rosa will be starting her amazing work in our school next week!

Booktalk!

Book Talk noun (buk) (tawk)
1. A conversation about a book that one's read, infused with joy and emotion. Best if done daily.

We LOVE reading and deliver reading lessons through whole class texts which are chosen especially with the unique cohort in mind. As a result, each year we hunt for a local company to match-fund a whole class texts - our wonderful FOFs fundraisers contribute £750 and this is matched by a local business. In the past, we have been supported by Humberts and Fandango Digital. Do you know someone who might like to support us in this way? We would advertise your company on our bookplates!

Meet Jennie Christie, one of our foundation governors!

Hello, I am one of two Foundation Governors appointed by St Peter & St Mary Church, Fishbourne's PCC and then approved by the Diocese.

The role of all Governors is to ensure that all pupils receive a high standard of education and high level of support for their wellbeing, thus enabling every individual child to reach their potential. 'Only One You' The role of a Foundation Governor is to make a particular contribution to the effectiveness of our school through maintaining and developing the Christian distinctiveness of the school, building strong links with our Parish Church.

I am just beginning my second four year term as a Foundation Governor and believe it is a great honour and privilege to be involved with Fishbourne School in this way. We have lived in Fishbourne for 47 years. Our two daughters attended Fishbourne School and I was involved in teaching pupils aged 4 years to 11 years for 33 years before I retired. I was always employed in Church of England schools.

I belong to the Foundation Governors Committee along with the Headteacher, my fellow foundation governor as well as the Rector. In addition to other governors' meetings, meet once a term following an agenda setting out our tasks and strategies to ensure we are fulfilling our specific role.

The pandemic brought a stop to part of our work which was being in school speaking with the children on a variety of topics - one in particular was on "Collective Worship" and their perceptions.

It is always a pleasure to be in the company of all involved in the daily life of our school and to be part of the many occasions involving pupils and staff whether on the school premises or in our Church.

At present in my role as a Churchwarden of Fishbourne Church, I wish to encourage all families to come along to our services and be involved in participating if you would like to.

Just volunteer! Hope to see you soon!



Dates for 2021
As with all areas of our lives at the moment, there is still some uncertainty regarding planning events.
The dates below are guidelines and may be subject to change!



Fri 26th Nov: Cuppa and Chat 8.45am
Thu 9th Dec: Full Governing Body Meeting (6pm)



CHRISTMAS DATES:

Tue 14th Dec: Nativity (Reception, Y1, Y2) - more details to follow
Wed 15th Dec: Christmas service (children only) and Christmas lunch
Thu 16th Dec: Christmas Shopping Day and Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 17th Dec: Carols Around the Tree and breaking up for the Christmas holidays

Tue 4th Jan: First day of the spring term Monday
17th January: INSET Day
Monday 28th February: INSET Day
One further INSET day is yet to be set in the summer term

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY: 22nd July

This is the date that has been identified by the local authority to mark the Queen's Jubilee, meaning that the last day of the summer term will be 21st July.



A reminder about timings for the school day.

The gates at school open at 8.45am. The children are greeted by their class teacher and start a morning activity.

At 8.55am the bell is rung at which point the gates to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds are locked. All children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest. Late arrivals will be given a late mark in the register.



Please do find us and start to follow... @FishbournePrim1
You could also follow our Patron of Reading Sophy Henn... @sophyhenn
On Instagram we are: fishbourneprimary

Little fish who have made the world a better place...



Our fabulous Penguins class, inspired by their learning about the rainforests of Guatemala, organised a fun run to raise money to support The World Land Trust's Operation Ocelot.

They raised a whopping
£528.

Huge congratulations and thanks to them all!

AT FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, WE NURTURE OUR LEARNERS TO BECOME...

