



April 2023

# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope the coming weeks will be filled with long sunny days, lots of outdoor learning and opportunities to enjoy our school grounds! The term is jam-packed full of exciting opportunities for us all to enjoy - Forest School Friday's are back, sports day, summer production and the fete are all in the mixing pot along with many other new (and TOP SECRET!) events that we look forward to sharing with you!



This newsletter provides a whirlwind tour of some of the events that have already taken place this term, many of which you will already have insights about if you follow us on Instagram!



It has been wonderful to see our long-anticipated and much wished for playground equipment being installed onto the Key Stage 2 playground this term. We are so thankful to our amazing fundraising team for all they have done to make this possible with their relentless positivity and determination that we would hit the total. There is no doubt at all that the children will enjoy many

hours of fun using this new equipment.

We are also awaiting a large building project starting in our Key Stage 1 playground which will allow the children to access the outdoor space all year round, especially during the wetter months. We have been working with a company called GreenPlay to design an outdoor learning area that offers wonderful, high-quality opportunities for our little fish to learn through play. Once complete, this space will be accessible to all our children in EYFS, Year 1 and 2.

greenplayproject

**We are on the lookout for a volunteer who might like to help us to keep our school grounds looking tidy and well loved. If this is something you might be able to help us with, an hour or two a week, please do let us know! We would LOVE to hear from you!**



Forest School Fridays are BACK and we are delighted to see our little fish back in the Secret Garden having the very best of times with Chichester Forest School. We fund Forest School Fridays using some of our Sports Premium Grant and it is wonderful to see the children outside, enjoying where they live, learning about the environment and their

own wellbeing. Towards the end of the summer term, we have a whole-school Forest School day on the school site which is always a very special way of bringing the summer term to a close. This is funded through Gareth's Legacy, a very special gift given to our school annually by a member of the wider Fishbourne community. You can read more about this amazing legacy on our school website: Dee comes to our special celebration assembly at the end of the year and presents certificates to those children who demonstrate our learning behaviours of courage, determination, collaboration, reflection and positivity in the outdoor environment.

We enjoyed welcoming Jess for our Easter service which was a really special occasion in which we came together as a school family to reflect and worship. It was a lovely service in which everyone had a role and we were particularly thankful for contributions from our amazing worship team and school choir. Every member of our school family took part in the service by contributing a brightly coloured piece of paper that had been screwed up that represented our mistakes. During the service, each child and member of staff came to the front to place their mistakes on the cross. A really moving and reflective time for everyone involved.

Worship team created a short animation to explain the Easter Story which you can view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cb4pX8JWWXU> Our choir sang beautifully with some stunning solos from some of the members. You can hear the choir singing on our school Instagram page!



Year 3 had a wonderful time at Paultons Park at the beginning of the summer term, hooking them into their learning experience about forces. After time spent in the laboratory, they then headed out into the park to experience the forces in action! A wonderful time was had by all and all our happy hippos returned exhausted but elated!

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Chichester College being HOOKED into their new learning experience, Heart to Heart. They spent time dissecting lambs hearts using scalpels and experiencing the awe and wonder of being able to see how clever our bodies are!



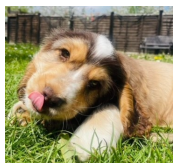
We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating the coronation of King Charles III in beautiful sunny weather!





At the end of next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Harvey who has been part of our school family for the last 3 and a half years. Throughout this time, Mrs Harvey has made such a difference to so many of our children. Most notably through her role as Emotional Learning Support Assistant during which time she has nurtured and supported so many children who needed her care. We are so grateful for all she has done and wish her all the very best as she goes off on the next step of her adventures.

Barnacle has had the very best of starts to his new job! He has settled beautifully into a new routine of coming to school and each time he hears the word 'SCHOOL!' he wags his tail like mad and gets very excited. It has been lovely to see how quickly he is settling in and how beautifully the children are getting to know him! We feel very lucky to have such a lovely four legged friend in our school family and will continue to do all we can to ensure he settles well.



We had a visit from The Dog Trust last week which was a brilliant opportunity to talk together as a school family about some of the protocols around how we care for and look after Barnacle. Jody Munday was absolutely brilliant at inspiring us to feel confident, empowered and to see the world through Barnacle's lens. The difference we have seen already in our little fish and the careful way

in which they are approaching Barnacle is brilliant.

Due to a family bereavement, Onjali Q. Rauf has delayed her much anticipated visit to Fishbourne Primary. We send her all our love during this time and look forward to her visit later this half term. This gives us more time to gather items for Onjali's Refugee Aid Team. In addition to brand new socks, we can collect the following items:

- \*Brand new toothbrushes and toothpaste
- \*Travel tissue packs
- \*Wet wipes
- \*Lollipops or small chocolates

As soon as we have confirmed the new date for Onjali's visit, we will let you know!

ONJALI Q. RAUF



## CLUBS

We have had some feedback from families new to our school about the number of clubs on offer to children, especially free ones and a request for more so this seems like a good opportunity to explain our WHY behind our reduced offer on **free** clubs for children at Fishbourne. We would absolutely

**love** to be able to offer a range of free clubs for all children but the realities are not as simple as they may appear! Following the pandemic we have re-considered our position on asking our teaching and support staff to run clubs free of charge outside of the school day. This is because our staff team are currently working exceptionally hard to support children to make up lost learning time from the pandemic and so they all run additional clubs to support children from year two to year six to fill some of the gaps that have emerged as a result of this missed school time. These clubs are targeted towards the children who most need additional support and all take place outside of the school day. We also have to balance staff wellbeing and therefore we don't insist on our team running additional clubs.

There is so much unseen work that goes into teaching and learning and our staff team go above and beyond each day to make amazing things happen at Fishbourne Primary School. Instead, we have worked hard to find a range of external club providers who are able to offer a wealth of opportunities although we recognise that there is a cost associated with them. For our children in receipt of pupil premium funding, we offer a free external club each term. We have also offered every child a free sports club but unfortunately, for safety and insurance, there is a limit to the number of children who are able to attend. In addition, our year six children run art, dance, craft and book clubs for our youngest children, supported by their class teachers. These happen over lunchtimes during the week. We see this as a really important way in which the children can give something back to their school family and these clubs are run beautifully by our oldest children!

We do really appreciate feedback from our families at Fishbourne and will always reflect, explore and respond to feedback we receive. Thank you so much to those of you who have returned

Fancy a cuppa?



your report slips following receipt of your mid-year report. We have a Cuppa and Chat coming up after half term where we welcome you to pop in for an informal chat over a cup of tea where we are able to share ideas and reflections for making our school a better place to be! We would warmly welcome you to join us for this occasion.



### Dates for Summer Term 2023

- Mon 8th May—Bank Holiday
- Tue 9th May—Fri 12th May: Y6 SATS Week
- Tue 16th May - Class photos
- HALF TERM: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June
- Mon 5th June: INSET Day
- Wed 14th June: Cuppa and Chat
- Wed 14th June 7.30pm - FOF event 'Paper craft workshop' more information and payment can be made on parentmail.
- Sat 17th June: Church and School Fete
- Mon 19th June: Sports Day
- Wed 28th June and Wed 5th July: Learning Review Meetings (more information to follow)
- Wed 12th and Thu 13th July: Summer Production
- Wed 19th July: Whole School Forest School Day



### LOST PROPERTY!

Our lost property box is overflowing with property that has been lost in school including un-named jumpers, cardigans and coats. Please can we urge you to name your children's clothing so that they can be reunited with it should it become lost AND encourage them, if they have lost an item, to go and look. On the next sunny afternoon, we will put lost property out in front of the school so you can have a check through it to ensure you have all of your belongings!

At Fishbourne CE Primary School we nurture our learners to

