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# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

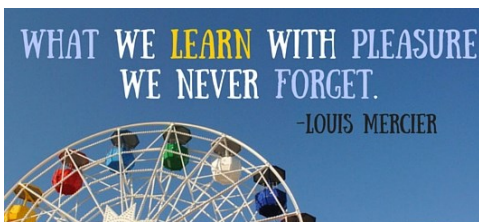


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Dear Parents,

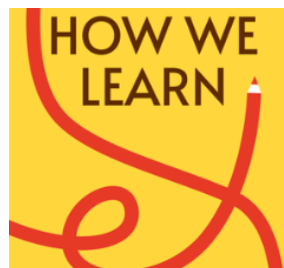
Welcome back to the summer term. The cold and wet continues to provide much to complain about but the good news is that nothing dampens the spirits of our children. It's been an incredibly busy start to the summer term and the children continue to have a wealth of wonderful opportunities to learn.

We are only two weeks into term and we have already had a class visiting London, two classes visiting Chichester Cathedral, a class learning for the day on the beach at West Wittering, a class dissecting hearts at Chichester College and a class performing on the stage at The Pavillion Theatre, Worthing. We've also enjoyed Forest School experiences with four classes. What an amazing assortment of activities to enrich learning for our children. All of these opportunities are made possible by a team of staff who go above and beyond to make learning irresistible because we are passionate about ensuring our children have the richest possible opportunities.



On Saturday evening we took a team of sixteen children to the Primary School Swimming Gala at the West-gate. What an amazingly positive, determined and courageous bunch... they swam their hearts out and cheered each other with so much enthusiasm. We were SO PROUD of each and every one of them for their efforts.

We are passionate about our curriculum at Fishbourne Primary and share a collective belief that: **'Education should be about broadening minds, enriching communities and advancing civilisations. Ultimately it is about leaving the world a better place than we found it.'** In all we do, we set out to support our children to discover their unique talents and gifts and understand the importance of using these to help make the world a better place to be. If our little fish leave us at the end of their time at Fishbourne, knowing that then we will have achieved something very special indeed! As a result, we approach learning with this in mind... Each learning experience is rooted in just one area of the non-core curriculum. This allows children time to explore and develop key knowledge and skills in these areas. Reading and writing underpin each learning experience and are used as tools to communicate the key concepts to a wider audience. An exciting and engaging **hook** into learning makes the experience simply irresistible and the children know from the outset exactly what they are setting out to achieve in the form of an **End Goal**. A **baseline** that has been warmed up provides the opportunity to ensure that the **steps of learning** are personalised, taking into account the starting point of each child to achieve the highest possible quality outcome.



Last week, our Year 6 children hosted a Trashion Show which was their end goal from a learning experience exploring globalisation and fast fashion. During this time they had the opportunity to showcase not only their fabulous costumes made of recycled materials but also their powerful speeches in which they were setting out to influence the decisions we make when we choose what we buy. This speech was put together by Year 6, encompassing lots of their superb ideas... we wanted to share it to show the power of writing inspired through irresistible learning...

When you buy, children die!

Fast fashion was introduced in the 1990s. It was created to make clothing affordable for everyone and to supply mass produced, fashionable items across the world. Big companies such as Zara, Primark and New Look started to use factories in the poorest countries of the World to produce their items due to cheap labour and desperation for work.

Have you ever bothered to think about who makes your clothes? Little children, little children make your clothes! When you are walking around in your new jeans, children around the world are suffering. Children are taken from their families and forced to work long hours in dangerous conditions. They are exposed to deadly toxic dyes and are left starving for hours and hours. Children being harmed is NOT fashionable!

According to Oxfam, 100 million children between the ages of 5 and 13 are working in sweatshops to produce fast fashion for you! 22,000 of these children will die!

Stop, think, listen. Fast fashion may be cheap but someone has to pay the price. Innocent children are being stripped of their education and trapped in harsh conditions. That is what you are wearing- children's hopes and dreams.

It is not just children suffering from fast fashion, the planet is too! Did you know it takes 1800 gallons of water to make one pair of jeans? Fast fashion generates more carbon dioxide than aviation and shipping combined. Furthermore, 20% of global waste comes from textile dying. Finally, clothing factories around the world account for more than 35% of the world's micro plastic pollution.

It is estimated that 85% of all textiles are thrown away every year. This results in 92 million tonnes of clothing being added to landfill every single year.

Stella McCartney, the fashion designer said, "Fashion can be incredibly wasteful and damaging to the environment, but it doesn't have to be. We can all help make a difference by choosing to buy from companies who are committed to sustainable practices." The fast fashion clothes you buy are cheap but the label hides a sinister secret.

**STOP, LISTEN, THINK, WAKE UP!**

Everyone needs to do something. Act, scramble sprint. Remember the more fast fashion you buy, the more hopes and dreams die. I need you to hurry. Hurry because the stitches that are holding the world together are falling out. Use your clothes more than once. Donate your clothes to charity, don't throw them away. Create a minimalist wardrobe and upcycle your clothing to make your own style.

Let's all open our eyes and hearts and be the humans we are meant to be!

Each class takes their learning through to a point where they actively set out to make the world a better place to be on at least a termly basis because we are passionate that our children start to think in this way automatically during their time with us. In our Church School inspection earlier this year, the inspector said one of our most notable strengths was: **'Advocacy and social action are part of the fabric of the school. The school transforms lives as a result.'**

We truly believe that in the words of Onjali Rauf:

**'Children are our most powerful hope for change.'**

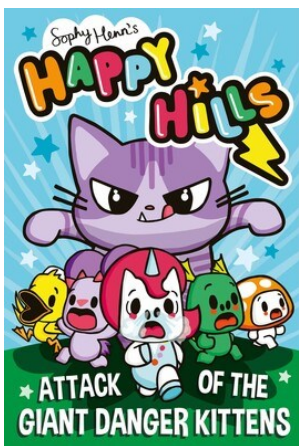
and you only have to spend a short amount of time at Fishbourne Primary talking to our children to conclude that there is great hope for the future! Our children could solve many of the world's problems with their compassion and outlook. We are enormously proud of them and know that they will go on to achieve amazing things!



This summer term, our children are getting stuck into their fundraising for Onjali's Refugee Aid Book Bus... each class will plan, organise and carry out a fundraising project designed to raise funds to support this amazing

initiative. At Fishbourne Primary, instead of having a school council, we hold half termly Thinking Circles in each classroom—these give children an opportunity for their voice to be heard and give a real mix of children the opportunity to represent their class at our feedback sessions at different points during the year. Please do look out for ways of supporting the children to experience the power of their ideas making a difference!

**"It's truly amazing seeing what can happen from a single idea or a single action. Never underestimate the power of one... plus one."**



We were delighted to see that our Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn's, latest series of books reached publication day at the weekend and it's lovely to see children arriving at school clutching their copies! This series is written with Y2,3,4 children in mind and early feedback is really positive!

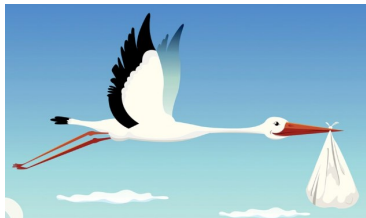
'Meet the friendly and not-so-friendly residents of Happy Hills, a place where anything can happen and always does! When unicorn Ace stumbles across happy hills, he is surrounded by the residents who are keen to share their spooky stories, plays a town-wide game of IT, all while avoiding GIANT DANGER KITTENS.'

"You won't be able to contain your giggles" - Harriet Muncaster

"Delicious genius from Sophy Henn" - Nadia Shireen

We have a copy in our library available for the children to borrow!

Finally, we have some lovely news to share with families! Mrs Goodman is expecting her second baby who we will welcome to our Fishy family in September. We are delighted for Becca, Andrew and Arthur and really look forward to hearing news of the littlest



Goodman in the autumn term. We will have some changes to our staffing structure next academic year and will look forward to sharing these with you when they have been finalised.

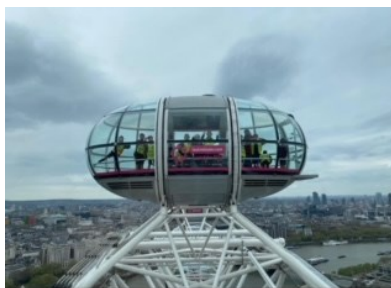
We hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and enjoy time as a family!



**Dates coming up in the summer term!**

- Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Tues: 7th May: Class Photos
- 13th -16th May: SATS week for Y6
- Fri 17th May: Charity Bingo Night! See attached poster for details
- 27th—31st May: HALF TERM**
- Mon 3rd June: INSET
- Sat 22nd June: Fete
- Mon 24th June: INSET
- Wed 26th June and Thu 27th June: Learning Review Meetings
- Thu 4th July: Sports Day afternoon
- Tue 16th and Wed 17th July: Y6 Summer Production TBC

**INSET DAYS**  
**Monday 3rd June**  
**Monday 24th June**



**A round up of exciting HOOKS and learning outside the classroom**

**At Fishbourne CE Primary, we nurture our children to be...**

