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# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

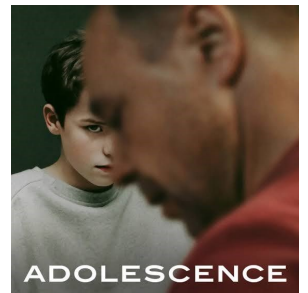
We are hurtling towards the end of the spring term and enjoying blue skies and the dry field which allows the children even more freedom and is a reminder to us about how lucky we are to have such wonderful school grounds. Excitingly, the tap in the swale has been turned ON and the children are back to enjoying water play again! We are so fortunate for our children to be able to play in such creative ways as part of their curriculum provision. We have now written to families across the school with dates for your upcoming Forest School sessions. Each class has the opportunity to spend Friday afternoons engaging in learning outside the classroom during the coming weeks and we are so grateful to Jo and Abi for volunteering their time so generously to enable all KS1 children to access our onsite Forest School space and thankful to Chichester Forest School for our offsite provision in the Secret Garden. Do make sure you keep an eye out for these dates so that your children are prepared for the sessions.



The series, running since 1992, is organised by Chichester Runners and AC and features a series of three race evenings, each with eight races – six for junior and secondary school children and two for adults. We have always taken part in this super event and it's another lovely opportunity for our children to represent their school. We have seen some super performances at the first two races and a number of top ten finishes... but even more importantly, we have seen our learning behaviours of courage, determination and positivity lived out in extraordinary ways. The support our little fish have provided each other is lovely to see! The final race is on Wednesday 2nd April. Do come along and see what it's all about and offer you support to our runners!



You may remember that in our last newsletter we had a theme of 'online safety' and last week staff received additional professional development around the risks all our children face online. You may have seen a new Netflix documentary, Adolescence, advertised and it is well worth watching! We know that the internet offers a wealth of opportunities for our children but it is also vitally important that as parents and educators we are well informed about the risks that exist and know how best to mitigate these. There are many ways in which we can achieve this and here are a reminder of some of these:



We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded 'Inspirational Primary School of the year' by Portsmouth Downs Syndrome and went to collect the award presented by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. We were absolutely bowled over to be presented with this award and it has made us feel enormously proud! We are really lucky to be in a school where we live and breathe our

school vision which is based on a beautiful picture book called 'Only One You'. We recognise that each of our little fish are wonderfully unique and each of and everyone one of us has our own gifts with which to make the world a better place to be. It is our privilege to support our young people and families to discover and celebrate their gifts. Over the last five years, we have been lucky enough to teach Evie, Lucas and Daisy and work in partnership with their families... each of them have taught us a tremendous amount and there is absolutely no doubt that they REALLY DO make our school a better place to be!

As a first port of call for learning more about ways to support your children to stay safe online, we highly recommend the work of the UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



The NSPCC also offer a range of resources to support you through some of the parenting challenges associated with online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

You may be interested to find out more about the work of Smartphone Free Childhood: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



A HUGE well done to the children from Year 6 who represented Fishbourne Primary School at a recent schools swimming gala. They swam

hard and tried their very best, supporting each other so beautifully. Mrs Rinaldi, who accompanied the children, said she felt incredibly proud of the team. Those smiles tell an important part of the story!

It is also the time of year for the Chichester Corporate Challenge and we have been enormously proud of our small but mighty team of eleven children from Y5 and Y6 children who have been taking part.



We have an extensive wellbeing library in school—books that families can borrow to support your children at home with worries and anxiety. These books cover a broad range of themes but give a helpful way in to talking together at home. Introduced during the pandemic, these books have been a fantastic resource! The books are located in the entrance hall at school and we ask families to sign them out, returning them when you have finished with them. We continue to add to these books over time and are always thankful for kind additions to the collection! There are details overleaf of how you can support us by donating a book from our Amazon Wishlist.

**Highlights of the spring term... from the children and staff!**

Going to the Planetarium as our HOOK into Out of this World was great and we loved making our double page spreads with our own graphics.

**Hippo Class**

The arrival of the 'beast' on World Book Day... he was so scary to start off with but then I realised he was extremely funny and I loved it when he yawned when Mrs Williams was speaking!

**Shark Class**

Definitely our school trip to QE Country park to learn about habitats... we loved learning outside and learning all about camouflage in the sunshine! School trips are the best and we can't wait for the next one!

**Chameleon Class**

We loved tie-dying as part of our learning about Hinduism. We did it to experience Holi and as a way of feeling happy and being inclusive!

**Crocodile Class**

World Book Day... Fishbourne Primary style! Watching 200 faces, big and small, light up throughout the day at the wonder that is the world of books and story telling. You don't need a costume to be a part of it—just a story, some imagination and a whole school of friends.

**Mrs Trow**

The highlight for the term was definitely MGS grounds maintenance starting work. Our previous grounds maintenance contractors unfortunately ceased business at the end of January 2025. BLP referred us to MGS whom, from the very beginning, were professional, courtesy and friendly. Their references were also glowing! Essentially they are a team of gardeners - a big change from our previous contractors! We are thrilled to have our school garden - and fields - being looked after by Matthew and his team. MGS arrive with smiles and offers of "what do you need us to do today?". We have noticed a big difference in our garden beds already - the spring bulbs have come up and the weeds have been removed. They have also made a start on the small garden in KS1 playground. MGS have started to tame the bramble in the orchard and will prune the fruit trees soon. We are excited about the future with them and improving our gardens and grounds for children - and staff - to enjoy. Watch this space!

**Mrs Sheldon—School Business Manager**

Being back in the swale has been brilliant... we love playing with the water and watching it go down the banks.

**Pufferfish Class**

We go on SO many trips to bring our learning to life. Our favourite one this term was The Royal Courts of Justice... and the Council Chambers... and the TED talks hook... AND we are loving our dance with everyone taking part.

**Elephants Class**



Tue 22nd April: Start of the summer term  
 Wed 23rd April: Elephants to Bishop Luffa for TED Talk End Goal  
 Mon 28th April: People who help us assemblies (all week)  
 Thu 1st May: Elephants to Dance House  
 FOFS meeting at 7pm  
 Mon 5th May BANK HOLIDAY  
 Thu 8th May: Full Governors meeting  
 Mon 12th May: Fete planning meeting  
 SATS WEEK (Mon 12th—Thu 15th May)  
 Fri 16th May: Colour Run  
 Tue 20th May: Hippos to the beach

**HALF TERM: Monday 26th—Friday 30th May**

Mon 2nd June: INSET Day  
 Fri 20th June: Non-uniform in exchange for a bottle!  
 Sat 21st June: Fete  
 Mon 21st July: Whole school Forest School Day



**Wishing all our families a happy Easter holiday! We look forward very much to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April for a jam-packed, fun-filled summer term. (Please note the Monday is a bank holiday!)**

**PARKING:**

Please can we remind families about using the Roman Palace car park at drop off and pick up. Our neighbours are very patient but there has been some upset about the parking of cars illegally and inconsiderately. Please do think of them and use the facilities we have worked hard to secure!



Did you know that we have an Amazon Wishlist at Fishbourne? This list has been put together for families who may want to gift a book to our library for other children to share. We are enormously blessed to have a number of families who use the wish list to make our school library a better place to be and we are so thankful for the additional books that our children are then able to borrow!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9W63Y5XN7CY/?ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9W63Y5XN7CY/?ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

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

