Newsletter - That's a wrap!

FISHBOURNE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Only one you

Dear Parents,

What a year it has been with so many twists and turns & ups and downs! We had hoped as we moved into the autumn term last year that we may have a quieter and less turbulent year but this certainly has not been the case—from covid outbreaks to storms and heat waves, we have had lots to navigate.. However, we have stood together as a school family, working in collaboration to make some extraordinary things happen despite the challenges! We could not be any prouder of our little fish and our large ones too for everything that they have achieved this year and we look to next year with hope to the future. We already have so many exciting plans lined up for the new academic year.

This last week of term has had many memorable moments and lots of time spent together as a Fishbourne family. The first of these events took place yesterday which we were very grateful to enjoy in slightly cooler weather! Our annual Forest School Day came about thanks to a family with strong connections to our learning community who approached us to offer support for our ongoing Forest School work by making an annual donation towards the cost of our provision. 'Gareth's Legacy' was created and each academic year this very special gift will be marked with a whole school Forest School session taking place in our school grounds, culminating in a special assembly where certificates of achievement will be presented to five children who have showed tremendous development in one of our learning behaviours: courage, determination, reflection, collaboration or positivity, specifically in the outdoors settings.







Today we have enjoyed celebrating our inspiring, wonderful Panther class in their Leavers' assembly before congregating on the field to enjoy Sports Day which had been postponed several times due to the ever-changing weather forecast!











We were all bursting with pride as we watched out Year 5 and 6 children perform in their production of Honk! The courage, determination and collaboration involved in this production were quite simply inspirational. Many children really had to dig deep and to rise above the nervous butterflies to give their very best performances. With each performance their confidence blossomed and they certainly saved the very best until last as they really did SHINE! Our Year 6 class have been outstanding role models this year - a year in which they have worked incredibly hard and achieved very well indeed. The team of staff and parents behind them have encouraged, nurtured, championed and cheered them on and we have watched them grow in confidence and resilience. While we will miss our Panther class very much, we know they will go on to achieve great things. We just ask that you encourage them all to keep in touch and let us know about their adventures and achievements!



We have greatly enjoyed visits from students at Bishop Luffa during this academic year who have led us in worship and both inspired and encouraged our little fish with their reflections. A huge thank you to Mr Hindman and Curly Claire for your fortnightly visits with young people from Luffa—it was particularly special to welcome Harry back this week and hear how warmly welcomed back into his Fishy family he was!



A BIG THANK YOU to the whole staff team at Fishbourne CE Primary who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities they can for the children at our school. Thank you also to our governing body who support our vision for the learning community and champion us to be the best we can be. We are so thankful for our FOFS and Fete teams who work so hard to make amazing things happen for our little fish and their families, while also raising much needed money to support the enrichment of learning in our school. The families who make up our learning community are equally as Important and we are grateful to those families who support our school in so many ways.

What can you do over the summer holidays to make a BIG difference to your children as learners?



If there is one thing you could do over the summer holidays to support your little fish as learners it is to read… READ… **READ!** Last week we welcomed the Children's Librarian from Chichester in to come and talk with the children about the Summer Reading Challenge which is completely FREE OF CHARGE for the children to take part in. The children have information coming home about it. Please do encourage them by reading together every single day - it makes such a tremendous difference! Find out more about Gadgeteers here: https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

COMING UP… We are very excited to let you know that our Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6) children will all be going to Drury Lane in the West End to see a matinee performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe on **Thursday 10th November 2022.** We will write to you again immediately in September to give you more information, including details around the cost with options to pay in two instalments. **We will be using the book as a shared whole class text in Y4,5,6 and would like you to find a copy (new, second hand or from the library) for your child over the summer holidays that they can use during the first half of the autumn term.**



If you're after a good book recommendation for your little fish, we highly recommend checking out Books for Topics https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists who put together suggestions of great books for each year group individually!



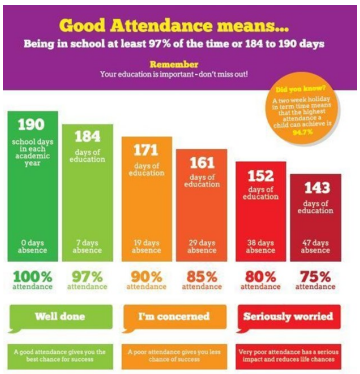
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Engage in Doodle—a little bit every day. Doodle Learning is an online personalised, adaptive programme which not only improves ability, but boosts confidence, making every child feel brilliant! We have piloted this programme in school and it has been a resounding success with lots of positive feedback from children, staff and parents! We have now purchased a subscription for each child in school to be able to access the Doodle Learning platform for a full academic year. Just 10 minutes a day spent engaging with the programme would make a considerable difference to your child's progress and we highly recommend time spent using the app at home!



New academic year resolutions that would really make a BIG difference to our little fish…

Attendance in school REALLY matters, more than ever before.
As we look to the new school year we URGE you not to book holidays during term time. Taking your child out of school does not impact just on your own child's learning but on that of others too. Our overall attendance this academic year is 94.9% and this is below the ~acceptable level set by the Department of Education.
Absence impacts on your child, other people's children, staff wellbeing and our school's reputation. Please support us in school by only keeping your children away from school if they are poorly.





If your child is poorly and not able to attend school, please phone into school and leave a message on the absence line. It will ensure that all absences are collated in one place. It also means we know your child is safe and sound at home and we don't waste valuable time trying to get hold of you or your contacts. If we are not able to make contact with you, we have to refer on to the police or social care to raise a concern about your family's safety. We do this because we have a duty of care to your children.
Help your children to be READY to come to school by:
-making sure that they go to bed early enough to ensure that they have plenty of sleep,
-have breakfast before coming to school
-arriving in school on time for the beginning of the school day (8.50am)
-wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure your children are wearing black school shoes (not boots or trainers)

Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Coming up in the Autumn Term
1st and 2nd September 2022—INSET Days
5th September—School re-starts for all children
Thu-Fri 8/9 Sep—Y5 on residential to CYE
Mon-Fri 12-16 Sep—Y6 on residential to Fairthorne Manor
Thu 10th Nov - KS2 go to London to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Other INSET Days next academic year will be on Friday 10th February 2023, Monday 20th February 2023 and Monday 5th June 2023.



Big Fish who make our world a better place to be!

Wonderful Dee, founder of Gareth's Legacy who makes our whole school Forest School day happen with her very generous contributions to our FS work. It was lovely to welcome Dee to come and see what was happening in school yesterday and present certificates!



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

