



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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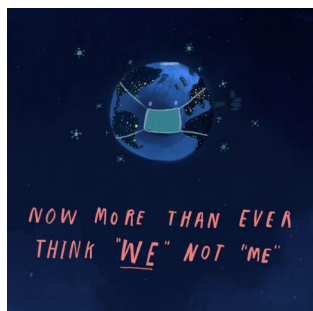
Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of what has been a very busy and exciting autumn term, it is a good opportunity to stop and reflect on some of the highlights! It has been amazing to see the way in which we have all adjusted as a school family to the challenges that we have faced.

A huge thank you to the staff team who have worked exceptionally hard this term, always holding the children's needs and best interests at the forefront of their decision making. They have quickly adapted to so many changes and I am enormously proud of the way in which they continue to serve this community. Regardless of the challenges we face in school, our staff team have continued to plan exciting, irresistible learning experiences and worked together to plan two brilliant whole school learning experiences too! Staff have quickly identified where the children are in their learning and are building in opportunities for the children to have additional support on their personalised next steps of learning where it's needed. Each week, the children are taken for one of their PE lessons by our sports coach, Curtis, during which time staff meet with children to do short-burst teaching inputs to give them the personalised support they need with the teaching team who know them best!



Thank you to Mr Stemp, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Welch for keeping our school sparkling clean and tidy during this time. Their work is often unseen but always done with such care, commitment and love for our school buildings and community. We are so grateful to them for all they do to help our school run safely and smoothly.

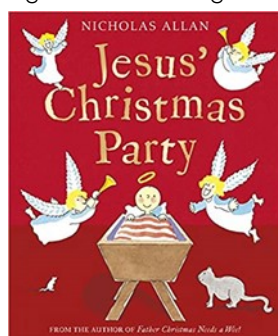


Thank you to our families too for supporting all we have asked of you! We are so grateful for your patience with the staggered drop off and pick ups; the challenges with parking in the area; wearing face coverings; supporting school events - thank you for working with us to make the day run as smoothly as possible. We are enormously aware that while we are all in the same storm, we find ourselves in different boats.

Thank you for coming together to make

Fishbourne Primary operate as smoothly as it can during this time!

It's been quite a challenge to navigate a whole different kind of celebration of Christmas this year! We have found ourselves learning lots of new skills in the process. A huge well done to our EYFS and KS1 teams for putting together such a wonderful Christmas event which our families will be able to keep for many years to come! Our huge thanks to everyone involved for pulling it all together and making a small miracle happen! We hope you enjoy the production and are able to share it with your families over the Christmas holidays. It will be enormously special to share it in school with the rest of the school family as the nativity has always generated much excitement amongst our KS2 children who have really missed seeing the smaller fish in and around school. We look forward to a time when we can come back together as a whole school family to spend some time together.

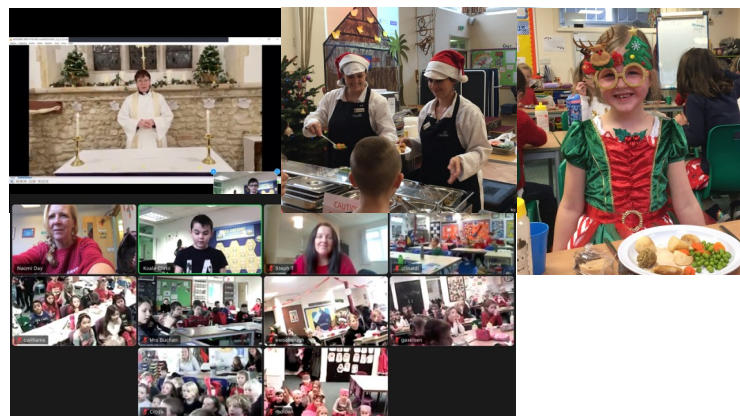


Mrs Whitaker has done the most wonderful job of bringing our beautiful library to life this term, displaying our books for the children to discover! So far, we've had a war, Black Lives Matter and now Christmas themed library. It's just lovely to see the library changing regularly and giving the children the opportunity to see all the beautiful books we have on offer! We are enjoying using our Fishbourne Parish Grant to buy new titles for the library.



Have you seen Fishbourne Reads this month? This month we have a Christmas Edition, with reviews of Christmas themed books, as well as our usual interview with a member of staff and update from Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn. We highly recommend sharing this publication with your children and encouraging them to contribute their own reviews. Instilling a love of reading in our children is a TOP PRIORITY for us!

The highlight of our build up to Christmas has undoubtedly been our Fishbourne Family Christmas Day which took place on Wednesday 16th December. It was a day packed with merriment and fun, made possible thanks to the generous donations from our FOFs team and hard work of our staff team who made sure the children had a really brilliant day of fun. We will draw our Christmas celebrations to a close tomorrow with our Carols Round the Tree. Lots of parents have asked if they can pop along and watch from the fence and with a heavy heart we please ask you not to. We have worked so hard throughout this autumn term to keep your children and your family safe with a number of very significant sacrifices - it would be so disappointing to have to contact any of you over the coming weekend to ask you to self isolate. We will take photos of this event and add them to our website but please resist the temptation of popping along.



COVID AND CHRISTMAS:

Please read carefully-

The DfE has asked all schools to continue the role they have played in terms of tracking and tracing Covid within our school family.

If you or any of your family get a positive Covid test up to and including

Christmas Eve, please do get in touch and let us know:

head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk This email address will be checked each day until Christmas Eve. Thank you!



Hello, I am Anya Loynes and I have had the great privilege of being a governor at Fishbourne for over a year. I have worked in Primary Education at all levels of teaching and school leadership for thirty years and have served as a governor in the schools I have been connected with for the last twenty.

At Fishbourne this year we have seen many changes in the way we work. I can only praise the hardworking, positivity and resilience of our community and especially Mrs Day and her leadership team. Change is tricky and Covid has brought many challenges. At our online meeting earlier in December we received heart-warming staff surveys, thought provoking behaviour policy change information, three-year budget forecasting for probity and progress reports on the school improvement plan which you had in your newsletter in October. It is good to know consultations are going ahead on-line like the one offered for the Sex and Relationship Education policy at the next 'Zoom Cuppa and Chat'. I am passionate about all children having the opportunities they need and was pleased to receive reports of our new SENCO and hear what a positive impact this role is having within the school for children, staff (including redressing work/life balance) and families. I am enjoying getting to know the other governors who are dedicated, skilled volunteers and I love the focus in our vision of 'Only one you...make the world a better place.'



New Year Resolutions!

As we look to January 2021, we will be continuing with our risk assessment as it currently stands. It is essential that we continue to follow the guidelines that have been set in place to keep our children and families as safe as possible.

- 1) Keep following your drop off and collection windows. When everyone plays their part our systems work very effectively! We have started to notice an increasing number of children arriving late after our gates have been shut so please do all you can to get to school on time!
- 2) READ with your children (and to your children!) every day—make it a part of your daily routine. It makes a HUGE difference to confidence and enjoyment.



Please note, West Sussex Local Authority is currently consulting with schools and communities about changes to catchment areas. At Fishbourne we have part of our catchment area which is shared with Parklands School. The purpose of the consultation is to divide the shared catchment between the two schools. You can read more here:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/schooladmissions2022-2023

We are super excited to let you know that in the new year, each class will be taking part in two Winter Welly Walks with the volunteers at Chichester Harbour Conservancy. The purpose of these walks is to support the children's well being and give them an opportunity to enjoy exercising in their local environment while learning about their local area and what makes it a particularly interesting and special space. We will be in touch in the new term with dates for these walks and what the children will need.



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We are really delighted to be welcoming Cathy Huxtable back to our staff team in January 2021. Cathy will be joining the team in Crocodile class and we really look forward to welcoming her back. Huge thanks to Hannah Cargill who supported in Crocodile class during Cathy's absence.



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We look forward very much indeed to welcoming you all back to school on the 4th January 2021 and seeing you all then. Have a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas break. With our every best wish, Naomi Day and the team xx



Dates for 2021

As with all areas of our lives at the moment, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding planning events. The dates below are guidelines and may be subject to change!

INSET Days for the rest of the academic year

Monday 22nd February

Friday 28th May



During the last academic year and through lockdown, we dipped our toes into Twitter and Instagram! Please do follow us if you would like to! (Don't panic though... any key messages and news will be delivered to you via ParentMail and the school website!)

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

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting our fundraising efforts this year:



Children in Need

Raised £181.23



Poppy Appeal

Raised £100



Project 71

Raised £100



Save the Children

Save the Children

Raised £157



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



A huge well done to Elliot Goode in Panthers class who helped his mum raise an incredible amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Support—he put the signs up, served cakes, took money and he even had the job of eating a few cakes for friends who had donated but couldn't attend in person!

If you would like to tell us about something your child has done beyond school to make the world a better place to be, we would love to hear about it and include it in our newsletter!

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

