

Dear Parents

#### There is only one you in this great big world... make it a better place.

The vision for the children who come to Fishbourne Church of England Primary School is weaved through every fibre of school life. We believe that ultimately the learning we do should enable us to leave the world in a better place than we found it. Our curriculum is designed around this vision and our children are given the opportunity to use what they have learned to do just this.

Inspired by their learning experience, Swimming In It, where they had been learning about the impact that plastic pollution has on our oceans, Hippo class decided they wanted to do something to make their own village community a better place to be! They took themselves off to Fishbourne Playing Fields where they picked litter for an hour using some wonderful resources provided by Chichester District Council. Kevin Carter then talked them through how they could sort their litter to ensure that everything that could be was sent off for recycling.

Meanwhile, our Penguin class had been learning about planting, growing and the impact on our environment. They were hooked into their learning through a workshop provided by Tuppenny Barn. The children decided to make the world a better place to be by gifting seeds to our neighbours that would attract bees to their gardens. In the envelopes they included a letter with an explanation about why planting the seeds was so important and instructions on how to sow the seeds properly. They wanted to bring the joy of colour and shape to our local residents and tell them all that we have learned too! We received some lovely feedback from our neighbours, many of whom wrote to the children to thank them.

'Many thanks for your super presentation and seeds to help with our bee population. Without bees our civilisation would not survive so we must all do our bit to help. I learnt a lot about bees from your helpful and beautifully illustrated information—five eyes and not seeing red! When the rain finally stops I will certainly plant out the seeds. Well done for your efforts!'

At Fishbourne, we 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.'

We commit, each term, to taking a learning experience through to making the world a better place to be and giving the children the opportunity to reflect on how their actions, as a result of their learning, can impact on the world around you.

You can read more about our approach to curriculum design here: https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=30



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the products, we have designed, produced and evaluated. Our products have ranged from healthy sweet and savoury snacks, greetings cards, friendship bracelets and smoothies! There were also games designed by the children where there were prizes to be won. Each class had their own specialist area of learning to get stuck into. They have also been responsible for promoting their products and thinking about how they can persuade others to spend their tokens at their stalls. The children loved shopping on Friday afternoon and spending their tokens.



All profits from this week are being put towards our FOFS fundraising targets for replacing the trim trail with a new, updated piece of equipment.

Just before the half term break, we spent a day in school thinking deeply about how we behave and the impact our behaviours have on those around us. The focus on this comes at a time when we are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy following some inspirational professional development from Releasing Potential. The children spent the day talking about the purpose of rules, positive and negative behaviours they see in school and then (the most challenging part of all!) arriving at three words that provide us with a summary or reminder of our rules. These three words will become a

really important part of the vocabulary we use in school to support self-regulation. We know that a list of rules isn't helpful and as Year 3 so powerfully reflected, many of our rules in school are 'silent rules' - ones we just know! The children's discussions and reflections were incredible and we really look forward to sharing with you the draft of our new behaviour policy which we are doing on Friday 16th July between 2.15 and 2.45pm (more details to follow!)



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SEISMIC SHIFTS IN SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR



We are so thrilled to share with you the news that back in October 2020, Isaac in Tiger class was selected from trials in Hastings as one of the midfielders for the Sussex Schools FA U11 rep team. Once COVID restrictions ended, in April 2021 he finally got to meet up with the rest of the squad and get his kit! They have now played a few friendlies against Chelsea, Horsham and Eastbourne in preparation for their first competitive match against Kent schools on 1st June. He has loved every minute so far and has scored and assisted goals along the

way! Our huge congratulations go to Isaac for this amazing achievement!

Hello, I am Nick Thomas. I am a co-opted Governor and I am approaching the half-way point of my first 4-year term as a member of your Governing Board. Governing in a time of Covid has been quite an introduction. I have been very impressed by the huge amounts of hard work that Naomi and all the staff at the school have managed to put in, and they have made such a success of this most challenging of years. I am proud to be associated



with the school. Governor visits to the school have remained on hold due to Covid but at our last 'virtual' Governing Board meeting

on the 6<sup>th</sup> May school policies on e-safety, the acceptable use of the internet, health & safety, and intimate care were all agreed. The school budget for 2021-22 was approved, which included allocation of funds for the purchase of new i-pads. Governors received an update from the Head Teacher on the school development plan and it's four current key priorities; the teaching of maths, delivering new curriculum maps, preparing a new school behaviour policy, and writing development within learning experiences. Governors also discussed how best to assess pupil progress and attainment. The next meeting, the last of this academic year, but hopefully the first in-person, will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.



Online gaming has seen a massive increase in popularity with children over the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of more time spent at home and restrictions on physical social contact. Most experts agree that playing online games can have many beneficial effects to our children, developing key cognitive, motor and life skills and encouraging them to keep

abreast of the latest technology. However, as with many things children do online, there can also be negatives. Please join on a free Gaming4Good webinars where you can hear from a panel of experts in family gaming, psychology, gaming risk and finance, about how to approach your child's gaming to help them get the most out of it ... and avoid the pitfalls. Book your place here for Thursday 17th June between 10 and 11am:

https://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinars/

Some of our lovely Penguin class, inspired by other children making the world a better place to be, have organised their own fundraiser. Check out information about it here at the website



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below and if you are able to encourage them, please do!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/cricket-sets-fundraiser-penguins? member=10502247&utm\_campaign=p\_cp+share-



## 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!

#### CHANGE OF DATE reminder! The INSET day planned for Friday 28th May has been cancelled and re-scheduled to Monday 5 th July

#### Inset Days 2021/2022

Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September will be INSET days. Three further INSET days will take place during the spring and summer term and the dates of these will be shared with families as soon as they have been finalised.

#### Just a reminder: please regularly check Parentmail for letters, forms and payments!

#### HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

This week we have received a number of letters informing us that children will be absent from school due to family holidays that have been rebooked. We <u>urge</u> families to avoid booking holidays during term time - not only will this disadvantage your own children but it will also have a negative impact on other children in your child's class. We absolutely understand that families have not been able to enjoy holidays away from home together over the last year BUT the impact of lost school time is very significant for children across the country and by adding to this pressure, we are not working together effectively as a school

community to meet the needs of all our learners.





Please do find us and start to follow... @FishbournePrim1 You could also follow our Patron of Reading Sophy Henn... @sophyhenn On Instagram we are: fishbourneceprimary

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



Poppy in Tiger class has raised an amazing £750, on her just giving page, towards Cancer research UK. It was really good to do something positive towards helping others in her Grandads memory.

It was so lovely to see a lot of her friends come and support her by making and buying cakes.

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

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