



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It has been a joy this week to be back together once again. We love the start of the New Year, as it always enables us to set new goals for the year to come. We wish you every happiness for the year ahead.

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us this year, as we are determined to minimise the days of education lost and maximise attendance. Good attendance is a key factor in long-term educational success and every day counts. Whilst we fully appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours, we do ask that you only take your child out of school for appointments if it is absolutely necessary. Thank you in supporting us in achieving our goal.

Can we ask that you watch your speed in the roads surrounding the school, and make sure that you leave enough space around driveways when you park (even if you are stopping for just for a minute). Unfortunately, we have received complaints about both of these issues, in particular along Hardy Avenue, and ask that our families are considerate to our neighbours please.

FREE paediatric First Aid Courses for parents available at Farnborough library. Click [here](#) for more information and to book.

Parent Governor vacancy – you will have seen a letter regarding a vacancy for parent governors, please take time to read all about it

William Neighbour



Key Dates

January 2023

3rd INSET—School closed to children

4th Children Start Back

February 2023

10th Break up for half term

20th Children Start Back

20th FONDS funded chicks arrive in school

March 2023

2nd World Book Day

6th Parent's Evening 3:30pm—6:30pm

7th FONDS funded poetry workshops with James Carter

8th Parent's Evening 4:30pm—7:30pm

17th Sport Relief (Provisional date)

31st Colour Team Morning (with parents)

31st Break up for Easter at 1:30pm

April 2023

17th INSET—School closed to children

18th Children Start Back

May 2023

8th KS2 SATs Starts

26th Break up for half term

June 2023

5th Children Start Back

16th Den Building afternoon with parents

30th INSET—School closed to children

July 2023

10th Y6 Production Filming

11th Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal

12th Y6 Production Evening

13th Y6 Production Evening

14th Annual Reports to Parents

17th Newlands' Got Talent Festival

18th Sports Day

20th Y6 Leavers' Service

21st Break up for Summer at 1.30pm

PTO for class photos.



Beech Class, January 2023

Year 5 ended last term by completing our DT topic about vehicles. We created space buggies using a variety of techniques including measuring, sawing, sanding and hammering. We then raced them to see whose could travel the furthest – some even went the whole length of the classroom!

This term, we have begun our history topic on the Ancient Greeks and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about their Gods and Goddesses. Our class text, 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans, has captured our imagination as we begin to write our own version of a key chapter.

Our science topic about materials involves a wide variety of experiments. We have sorted materials by permeability, hardness, transparency and flexibility and investigated solubility by dissolving a selection of baking ingredients in water. We are looking forward to our experiments with evaporation, combustion and conductivity over the coming weeks.





Maple Class, January 2023

This term Maple class have been learning how sound is created and travels. They investigated how to vary pitch and volume by creating junk modelled instruments. They have also started studying a new class text – Kensuke’s Kingdom and written a persuasive letter based on the first two chapters. In Geography, the children have started plotting the main character, Michael’s journey using our understanding of longitude and latitude which has followed our work in Maths on coordinates. The class have also been introduced to the work of artist Steve Brown and are sketching orang-utans in preparation for artworks in his style. Add to that creating James Bond themed dance moves in PE, coding computer software and writing musical notation and you will probably agree it’s been a busy few weeks in Year 4.





Rowan Class, January 2023

At the end of last term, Rowan Class cooked pizza and muffins as part of their DT work. This involved researching, planning and writing their own recipes and exploring ratios. The cooking itself was a lot of fun and the food we made tasted amazing!

We have had a busy few weeks in our class with the arrival of a mysterious package that has inspired writing linked to our class text, 'Secrets of a Sun King', and our topic of Ancient Egypt. We created a timeline, that took up our whole classroom, to enable us to put Ancient Civilisations in a chronology. In maths, we have learnt how to calculate volume and we are learning our pets in French.

