



## Welcome to Week 9 of the Spring Term 2020 Weekly News

Monday 9th March	
Whole School	Drum lessons with Steve Thornley & Sport Relief Activities
Years R & 1	
Year 2	
Years 3 & 4	
Years 4, 5 & 6	
Other	Forest School – Group 4
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Whole School	Sport Relief Activities
Years R & 1	
Year 2	
Years 3 & 4	
Years 4, 5 & 6	
Other	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Whole School	Sport Relief Activities (Badgers & Foxes)
Year R & 1	Rabbits Readers – cancelled this week due to trip
Years R, 1 & 2	Blue Reef Aquarium Trip
Drama	KS2
Music	No KS1 Music this week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Whole School	Aspire PE & Sport Relief Activities
Years R & 1	
Year 2	
Years 3 & 4	
Years 4, 5 & 6	
Music	Guitar Lessons with Jamie West
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Whole School	Sport Relief – Come to school in sports kit for minimum donation of £1
Years R & 1	
Year 2	
Years 3 & 4	
Years 4, 5 & 6	KS2 Swimming
Other	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Rabbits/Owls Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Owls Class Assembly 3.00pm
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Welcome Wednesday 8.45-9.15am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last Day of Term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Summer Term starts
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 6 SATS Meeting @ 3.45pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Badgers Assembly 3.00pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Welcome Wednesday 8.45-9.15am
CLASS NEWS & UPDATES	
<p><b><u>Rabbits</u></b>            What an exciting half term we have had in Rabbits class! We've learnt lots of new things; written lots of exciting stories based on <i>Snail and the Whale</i> and then more recently, <i>Lost and Found</i>; but probably the most exciting thing was making pancakes, mixing all the ingredients and even flipping the pancakes! We have then written some instructions on how to make pancakes so we can have a go at home!</p> <p><b><u>Owls</u></b>            Owls class arrived on Monday morning to find their Underwater Classroom suffering from an influx of human flotsam. The children felt incredibly sad and frustrated that humans could do so much damage! They set about clearing the ocean of all the plastic and other rubbish. They then decided to turn all the flotsam into amazing underwater creatures.</p> <p><b><u>Badgers</u></b>            We've had a really exciting time in Badgers class over the last few weeks, not only have we got a new student teacher (Mr Harms), but we have been working on a really interesting unit of work based on Shackleton's adventure to the Antarctic. This has involved dressing up and going outside into the (very realistic) freezing Antarctic conditions; role-playing interviewing the crew members; and writing a telegram back home to our families who have probably missed us. We have also been privileged to have enjoyed some cricket lessons on a Friday afternoon, which we have all really enjoyed – we hope to plan a big cricket match with KS2 in the summer with some of the techniques we have learnt.</p> <p><b><u>Foxes</u></b>            This week in school, we've starting rewriting 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We're going strong but yet we have a lot more to do. We have to make up our own endings to boost our creativity. Every day we've been reading one chapter of 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell which has amazing vocabulary, so we write some down in our 'Reading Journals' and try to get some into our writing. In Maths, Year 6 have been learning how to convert units of measure and Years 4 and 5 have been learning about equivalent and improper fractions.</p>	
HEADTEACHER UPDATES	
	See attached sheet.
NOTICES & REMINDERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please notify school office of any changes to your Emergency Contact Details.</li> <li>• Uniform – Please remember smart school uniform. Children need to wear a school jumper/cardigan and bring a coat.</li> </ul>	

## **Headteacher's Updates**

### **Consultation**

Last Friday's entertainment was a perfect way to celebrate the news that West Sussex's threat of closure to Stedham Primary has been removed. It was fitting that the governors, along with Mike Jordan, were thanked for their incredible efforts to secure Stedham's future. The children loved the entertainer who had them dancing in clouds of foam, winning sweets in a 'dance off' and participating in some crazy tricks and capers throughout the night. I personally was very grateful that I didn't get an early shower as a cup of water miraculously defied gravity and did not empty over my head.

Many thanks to the FOSS team who organised this fun and memorable event.

### **Debate**

Foxes class have been busy learning the skills of debating in preparation for the Rother Valley Debate on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Every pupil took part in our mini debates and then, following some time to research, presented their case with passion and reasoned arguments. I was really impressed by the efforts made by all of Foxes class and thoroughly enjoyed each debate. Jacob Hunt, Chloe Woodrow and Ollie Weeks have been selected to represent the school in the Rother Valley debate and will be proposing the motion of: This house believes that keeping animals as pets should be banned. We wish them the best of luck.

### **Dance**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March some pupils from Foxes class will be taking part in the Rother Valley Arts festival. They will be performing a dance and have started to plan sessions to enable them to deliver a polished performance.

### **Sports Relief**

Next week we have planned some exciting sporting events and physical activities. The school will be running a marathon across the week with every pupil taking part. Staff may also run alongside the children to add to our total distance. The week will culminate with some fun sporting activities led by year 6.

### **Safeguarding**

Please be considerate of our neighbours as you park before and after school.