



It may have been a short half term but it's been extremely busy and exciting! The children and teachers have been tremendously active since January with new curriculum topics, many school trips, cake sales and numerous class assemblies at which we are always delighted to see you.

The Infants have enjoyed a World Music Workshop, a Pied Piper Theatre Company visit and a Film Night as well as welcoming several special guests as part of the People Who Help Us theme.

Year Three have visited Haslemere Museum to develop their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians and taken part in the Rocks and Soils Workshop.

Year 4 have visited Winchester Museum and welcomed their very own Anglo Saxon warrior to school.

Year 5 experienced life as Tudors while Year Six enjoyed a wonderful Caribbean drumming workshop and a Science show. We are very proud of all the children's efforts and look forward to an equally successful and fun packed half term to follow.

Year 5 Tudor Day

If you think you may have seen an executioner walking to school this week you probably did because on Wednesday, the children and teachers in Year Five enjoyed the annual Tudor Day!



They all dressed in Tudor costume for the day and everyone from Henry VIII to Cardinal Wolsey to a Court Jester were represented.



Each class engaged in a rotation of activities which included a Crime and Punishment workshop, Tudor dancing, Brass Rubbing and creating a Shakespearian storyboard in IT. The children (and teachers) looked wonderful in their Tudor costumes.



South Farnham School Sporting achievements

With the Spring term in full swing, our main sporting focus has been on the Swimming Gala, which took place on the 8th of February at Farnham Leisure Centre. We were delighted to finish in 2nd place and to win the most improved performance compared to last year's results. A huge well done to all those who were involved in the trials and the Gala and remember to keep training in preparation for next year.



South Farnham footballers have also been celebrating after winning the Fernhamme Confederation League Cup. The prestigious annual tournament, played by 13 local schools since 1974, involved a wealth of talented young footballers playing competitive matches over three months. More than 30 Year Six children at South Farnham School were involved in this season's matches, helping to place the school at the top of the local league. Led by Year Five teacher and football squad coach, Miss Lovelock, the

team have trained in all weather conditions and are proud of their achievement. The winning team was a mixed group of boys and girls and it was amazing to see their football skills and teamwork grow.

We had a wonderful opportunity to host the Year 3 Football Festival at the beginning of February. There were 7 schools from the local area who participated in this brilliant event. The children showed wonderful sportsmanship and enthusiasm in their first sporting event for South Farnham School. Well done to all those involved!



Will it Fizz? In collaboration with their science unit, Year 3 was lucky enough to take part in a Rocks and Soils workshop earlier this month. Having sorted soils into their correct groups, followed by rocks into their appropriate families, the children had the opportunity to look at some specimens under powerful microscopes. Their task was to discover the properties of various rocks, such as granite and slate, in the hope of finding those that were made up of crystals.

The children even took part in some investigations that tested rocks and soils for permeability. However, the most exciting experiment was 'Bubbling Rock', whereby they dropped vinegar onto chalk to test for calcium carbonate – it really did cause quite a fizz!



Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated on Tuesday 6th February, with the slogan '**Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you**', reaching millions across the UK and globally. Coordinated by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** the celebration saw staff and children at the Infants and Juniors get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offered the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. To ensure that school and home are working together on this vital issue we are sure that you will be closely monitoring your children's use of the internet and social media. In this way our children can benefit from a happy and healthy experience when using technology. **Please remember our Internet Safety Evening for Parents 8th March at 7.00pm.**





O2 Arena - Young Voices!

What a wonderful time we had at the O2 on 1st February. We had seats high up in the stadium this year giving everyone an excellent view of the stage and the huge arena. This year we took our largest choir yet-92 children!

Two packed lunches and three whole hours of rehearsals later, we settled in for the performance with over 7000 children in the arena.

It was extraordinary to sing with such an enormous number of people who, like us, had all spent lots of time learning all of the wonderful songs, which ranged from Mowtown to Rap.

It was an incredible experience for all involved and one we're sure the children will never forget.

If you would be interested in joining our team of talented Teaching Assistants please contact the office.



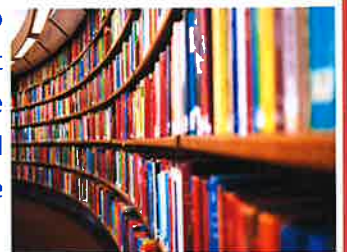
School Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure that your children's school uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled so that in the event of losing items of clothing, they can be returned to their owners more easily.

Road Safety We regularly talk to the children about keeping themselves safe, especially when crossing roads and walking to and from school. We would ask that you reinforce this message at home. In addition, South Farnham is a thriving community and Menin Way / School Lane can be an extremely busy areas with our own schools, The Abbey School, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and local residents. We do appreciate the difficulties in parking but request that you refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags, paths / pavements / grass verges and parking across driveways and entrances. This would enhance the children's safety and help to promote the positive relationships that exist with our neighbours.



We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful libraries at the school and the children delight in the opportunities they have to read a wide variety of fiction and non fiction. Currently we have lots of over due books showing. Please could you take a few moments over half term to check for any library books that your child may have brought home that need to be returned to school so that other children have the opportunity to enjoy them.



The PFA (Juniors) and PTA (Infants) Don't forget, we are always delighted to welcome new members to join our PFA and PTA! At the Juniors we are in desperate need of additional support, especially for the Summer Fair. These valuable teams do so much good for the children but some of our events are in danger of being cancelled if we can not galvanise additional support from our wonderful parents. Please volunteer; even just a small amount of your time could make a huge difference.

We are delighted to have welcomed some new Teachers and Classroom Assistants to the staff; Mrs Wayne and Miss Lake at the Infants and Miss Proudfoot and Mrs Young at the Juniors. Mrs Adams will re-join us when we return after the half term holiday supporting in class and After School Care.

We were delighted to welcome a real Anglo Saxon warrior to Year Four recently. Children learnt how Anglo Saxons dressed in this period of time and how their clothes reflected their rank in society. As soldiers in battle the warrior unveiled the steel coat of armour which protected soldiers from short range harm and various weapons. Everyone was amazed that soldiers ran and fought in such a heavy item of clothing, while carrying spears and shields. Battle tactics were also discussed and children had the exciting experience of defending themselves using shields against spears and swords!



To continue their studies, on the 10th and 11th January Year Four enjoyed a fantastic school trip to Winchester where they initially visited the Town museum to research more about Anglo Saxon history. Children were able to dress as Anglo Saxons and look at artefacts from this period. They were fascinated by a 1,000 year old pot found in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral dating back to this period too. Later in the day having waved goodbye to the imposing statue of Alfred The Great in Winchester they then journeyed on to Winchester Science Museum where they were able to participate in and explore all kinds of amazing experiments. One definite favourite was 'The Colon Cafe' where they learnt about the interesting impact different foods have on our bodies!



Children and staff had a flipping good time today as they competed in the annual pancake race. As Shrove Tuesday falls in half term we decided to mark the start of lent slightly early; the traditional event gave every child in the school the chance to take part in a series of relay races. Children were arranged into teams for the competition and had to flip their pancake at least twice



as they ran, although some of them flew quite a distance in the wind! Classes competed against each other, desperately trying not to drop their pancake while attempting to win first place for their year group. A highly anticipated teachers' race involved staff from all year groups competing against each other to cheers of support from their classes.



Egyptian Excursion

As part of their studies of the Ancient Egyptians this term, Year 3 visited Haslemere Museum. After exploring the many wonders the museum had to offer, the children helped to ensure a life-sized mummy made it safely to the after-life by correctly preserving its body. The removal of the internal organs and brain caused much excitement! Pupils enjoyed mummifying their own cuddly toy, complete with amulets, death mask and cartouche.



Healthy Schools SURREY

We are delighted to have maintained our Surrey Healthy Schools Bronze Award for another year.

The Healthy Schools Annual Review monitors the provision for supporting mental and physical health and wellbeing at school; it is quality assessed by the Healthy Schools Quality Assurance Group.

The Quality Assurance Group commented:

Thank you for sending us your Surrey Healthy Schools Annual Review. You review your provision to promote and support physical and mental health and wellbeing on a regular basis and your updates demonstrate that you are working effectively to help meet the needs of your pupils. Investing in new books which address the wide scope of what a family looks like, focusing upon the development of supporting the school community in being able to identify healthy snacks and developing a policy to direct your work on British Values helps to ensure that your provision is purposeful and current. Your review is most thorough and robust.

Many congratulations on maintaining your Surrey Healthy Schools Bronze Award.

We are pleased to announce that the school has once again organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds.



Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have paid out over £20 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

Bag2School accept: clothing; paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags, hats and bags; scarves and ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels and bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers.

Please note the following **cannot be accepted**: duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items. **Bag2School** will be collecting from our school on Friday March 9th. They arrive in the morning, so please bring your bag (or bags!) to the HE Room either on the afternoon of Thursday 8th or first thing on Friday 9th.

Please could you ensure that products containing nuts are avoided for school packed lunches and snacks. Although we strive to be 'nut-free' in school, it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises, so extra care in this respect would be greatly appreciated. Could you also remind your child that they should not share packed lunches or snacks with other children. Thank you.



Community Involvement

The school has been working with charities and the local community in many ways this half term. In addition to donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice we have also made donations to Diabetes UK, Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden Hospital. We continue to make regular donations of books we no longer use at school to charities who redistribute them to developing countries. We have also made a donation to the Farnham Foodbank. We will begin our fundraising for Sport Relief after half term.

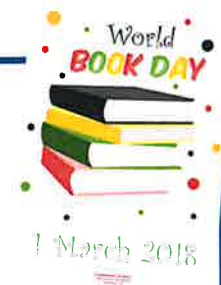


The Surrey South Farnham SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) goes from strength to strength and is graded as an 'Outstanding' Provider of Initial Teacher Training by Ofsted. We are now training over 100 graduate teachers working throughout Surrey. If you would like to inspire local children to fulfil their potential and realise their ambitions then we want to hear from you! We are looking for applications from talented individuals who have the capacity to train to become outstanding teachers through the Surrey South Farnham SCITT programme.

If you are already a Qualified Teacher wanting to return to the classroom please contact us about our [Returning To Primary Teaching Programme](#).

Please call the school office and see the school website for further information.





FEBRUARY



12th-16th - HALF TERM

- 19th Year 6 Victorian Roadshow
- 20th Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 20th Year 6 Residential Information Evening for parents 6pm
- 22nd Year 3 Indian Dance Workshop
- 22nd 3F Class Assembly
- 23rd Pear Class Cake Sale



MARCH

- 1st 5J Class Assembly
- 1st World Book Day
- 2nd Cherry Class Assembly
- 2nd PTA Social Evening (Infants)
- 5th 6W and 6E visit to Marwell Zoo
- 8th 4R Class Assembly
- 8th Online Safety Information Evening for Parents 7.00pm
- 9th 6H and 6T visit to Marwell Zoo
- 9th Bags2School Collected
- 10th PFA Junior Ball
- 12th Year 4 Residential Information Evening for parents 6pm
- 15th 3A Class Assembly
- 17th-23rd Sport Relief
- 19th Film Night Year R 3.05-4.30pm
- 19th Farnham Festival Year 2 5.30-6.30pm
- 20th Farnham Festival Concert 7.30-8.30pm
- 21st Parent Consultation Evening
- 22nd Parent Consultation Evening
- 22nd 5L Class Assembly
- 23rd Apple Class Cake Sale
- 25th Spring Trail (Infants) 2.00-4.00pm
- 27th Spring Prom
- 29th Easter Assembly 2.40pm
- 29th (End of term normal time)



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