

SHF NEWS

Monday 10th March 2025



Inspire, Believe, Achieve

Headteacher's News

Sir Henry Fermor enables everyone to succeed; as Jesus teaches through the parable of The Lost Sheep: no one is left behind. **Inspiring** children and adults, **believing** in God at the heart of all we do, through Christ's love and guidance; all in the Sir Henry Fermor family flourish, **achieving** fullness.

Once again we apologise and thank you for your patience as the school, and immediate local area, were again **without internet** at the end of last week. Please be assured that Mr Ley, our School Business Manager, has continued to do an excellent job escalating our frustrations to East Sussex and our internet provider.



Despite this we were still able to have a **fantastic week focusing on reading**. This started with our launch last Thursday with Kevin Graal and this week involved some **Year 3** children visiting Beacon, our visit from author Shona Masters and of course celebrating World Book Day with a wonderful range of characters and books reflected in costumes and accessories worn by children and staff. Thank you for your competition entries, particularly the wooden spoon competition which now adorn our entrance foyer - see the Subject in the Spotlight section of this newsletter for more details.

We also held our very popular, and competitive, **pancake flipping session**. This couldn't go ahead without the wonderful work of our FOFS volunteers so a huge thank you for enabling this to happen and for continuing to raise much needed funds for the children of SHF. If anyone is keen to support for future events, we would love to have you! Check out the website [here](#). We would love to welcome committee members or volunteers.



Congratulations to **Year 2** for their **worship on Peace at All Saints Church**. Through drama and with confidence, they children were able to share how to find a peaceful solution to conflict: stop and think, cooperate, listen to each other, think about each other's needs.

Have a lovely week!

Safeguarding

Place2Be are passionate about supporting children and young people with their mental health. If you follow the link below, Place2Be offers support for parents and carers for a range of different areas, regarding supporting your children with different aspects of their mental health.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

As Year 6 children are now being allocated their places at secondary school, there are some lovely activities on this site, including a **River Journey** piece, to support preparations for the next chapter in their academic journey.



Key Dates

Monday 10th March
Year 5 STEM visit - Earthquakes

Thursday 13th March
Fermor Science Day
Year 6 boys' football match 3.30pm

Monday 17th March - Friday 14th March
Assessment Week

Monday 17th March
Year 6 SATS talk for parents 6pm

Tuesday 18th March
Year 6 visit from Southern Water

Friday 21st March
Staff and Parent Prayers 8.20-8.30am
Red Nose Day (own clothes)

Thursday 27th March
6F Beyond the Drain (Peacehaven)
Cross Country finals 10.30am-1pm
Spring Music Concert 6pm

Monday 31st March
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm **5N ONLY**

Tuesday 1st April
Let's Dance Competition
Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm (**NOT 5N**)

Wednesday 2nd April
I-rock Concert 2.15pm
World Autism Awareness Day

Thursday 3rd April
6JP Beyond the Drain (Peacehaven)
Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm

Friday 4th April
Easter Service at All Saints Church 8.45am
Last day of Term 4

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April
Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April
First day of Term 5

Wednesday 23rd April
9.15am Initial Safeguarding Volunteer Training
Year 1 to the Pocket Park

Wednesday 30th April
Year 1 leading service at All Saints Church

Monday 5th May
BANK HOLIDAY

All term dates are available on our [website](#).



Uniform

Well done to Jesse in 3J who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations to **4M** for their attendance of 98.6% this week.

Well done to the following classes who achieved over 96% attendance:

2C (98.4%), **3B and 3J** (97.4%), **1P** (96.7%), **6F** (96.6%) and **2K** (96.5%).



Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

5M: Joab for a fantastic story map to retell his story.

6F: Zac for an effective acrostic poem;

Charlie W for his brilliant persuasive letter using varied punctuation.

6JP: Thomas and Luke for working hard to write interesting and creative stories.

Theme of the Month: Forgiveness

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9

Teaching Children Forgiveness: Jesus' Example

We are encouraged in the Bible to forgive others following the Lord's example, as He forgave us. The story of Jesus hanging on the cross and forgiving those around Him (Luke Ch 23) is a great story to read and chat about with our children. If Jesus could forgive those that had hurt him so deeply, then we certainly can forgive the one who pushed us on the playground last week or said something unkind about our shoes.

In Matthew chapter 18, verses 21-22, Peter asked Jesus, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'

Forgiveness is a reoccurring action in our lifetime, and it is important for children to understand this. We will have to forgive minor and major offences from strangers as well as those closest to us throughout our lives. If a child can learn forgiveness at a young age, they will be more likely to live a life full of healthy relationships.

In Other News...

- Spring Music Concert**

Don't forget that our annual music concert is taking place in the Key Stage One hall at **6pm on Thursday 27th March**. All instrumentalists that learn at school will be invited to play by their teachers, and the choir, recorder club and orchestra will be involved. The concert should last about an hour and we will welcome one or two adults per family to be part of the audience.



- Wellies**

As the drier weather approaches, we are able to open up our wooded area to more children. However, if there has been a small amount of rainfall, we still enable children to go into the woods if they have their wellies. Therefore, please could children continue to ensure they have **wellies in school** should they wish to go into the woods and avoid sharing wellies as this is when items get lost.



Subject in the Spotlight: English (World Book Day)

What an exciting week of reading, writing experiences and all things book related it has been!

It started off with a **visit to the library at Beacon School** on Tuesday for some of the Year 3 children. They were able to explore the library environment, discuss their favourite authors and genres with the students there and participate in character hunts. They were treated to a reading from the Thirteen Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and created 'Wanted' posters or designed tree houses in response to this.

Then on Thursday we had our big celebration of reading for pleasure - **World Book Day**. The worship, ran by a Giraffe, the Queen of Hearts and other notable characters focused on the message 'Read your Way' to motivate even the most reluctant of readers. We had a visit from local author Shona Masters and illustrator Lee Webb to inspire budding writers and artists. Please visit the [school website](#) if you wish to purchase the book and download the art competition which needs to be completed by 21st March.

Year groups took part in **paired reading** across year groups and teachers swapped classes to share their favourite texts also. There was a **lunchtime book swap** - thank you to those who took part in this eco scheme. But one of the highlights was definitely the **wooden spoon book characters** - look out for them in the entrance hall display cabinets as they are absolutely gorgeous.

Well done for all the effort! The week was definitely enjoyed by all, staff and children alike.

Mrs Jeffs



Friends of Fermor



A huge thank you for all your support with our Sponsored Pancake Flip, and to our awesome volunteers on the day. What a fab day, with some excellent - and speedy - flipping skills on display! We look forward to updating you on the total raised, so if you haven't already done so, **please transfer your child's sponsorship money directly to the FoFS account:**

Friends of Fermor School

Account number: 36880068
Sort code: 30-90-89



Preparations are now underway for this year's **summer fair** so get the date in your diary - **Saturday 28th June, 1.30-4.30pm** and watch this space for more upcoming events. We have an egg-cellent one planned before the Easter break!

A reminder, too, that **Easyfundraising is an easy way you can support FoFS**; it's simple - shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation! They are currently running a 'refer to win' giveaway of £500 so it's a great time to join if you haven't already, at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

The FoFS Team



Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

