

SHF NEWS

Monday 21st October 2024



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.*

As we come to the end of a long term, I want to say thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience caused when trying to book **parent evening** slots. When we contacted our electronic system help desk, it would appear there was a wider problem than just our school—frustrating nonetheless.

Exciting learning opportunities continued with some external visits last week: **Year 4** enjoyed a sunny day on their trip to **Wakehurst** and **Year 2** took a stroll to **Crowborough library**, making use of local resources.



Saturday night saw members of our fabulous school choir perform alongside the All Souls Orchestra and Crowborough choir at **Prom Praise**. Although a late night, this was such a fabulous experience and the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Watching the orchestra, I marvelled at how the different instruments, although having individual pieces of music to play, created something magical when they all came together. My reflections took

me to consider how there are similarities to our school family: everyone has their part to play (parents, children, staff, governors, local community) but when we all come together, amazing things happen! Thank you to Mrs Greening and other members of staff for leading and supporting the choir.

Have a lovely final week of term!

Safeguarding

We acknowledge that SHF is located on a busy main road, therefore offer the walking bus to reduce road traffic immediately outside the school. We now really need parents' help to ensure all are setting the best example regarding road safety. There is a set of traffic lights less than 50 yards from the school and is the expected route for crossing Crowborough Hill. We ask for these to be used as last week we had two very near misses/ accidents, due to parents crossing with their children at the wrong place.

Please help us to keep everyone safe and set the right examples of road safety. Click [here](#) for a useful guide to use at home if you wish.

Stop

Look

Listen

Think!

Key Dates

Tuesday 22nd October
Parent Consultation Evening
3.30–6pm

Wednesday 23rd October
Photographs
Volunteer Safeguarding
Training 1.30–2.30pm

Thursday 24th October
EYFS Hero Day
Volunteer Safeguarding
Training 9.15–10.15am
Parent Consultation Evening
4.30–7pm

Friday 25th October
FOFs pyjama dress-down
day (bottles)
Last day of Term 1

**Monday 28th October–
Friday 1st November**
Half Term

Monday 4th November
INSET Day

Tuesday 5th November
First day of Term 2

Wednesday 6th November
New EYFS 2025 open
evening.
Year 6 leading the service
at All Saints Church

Thursday 7th November
Reception Health Screening

Friday 8th November
FOFs colourful dress-down
day (chocolate)

**Monday 11th – Friday
15th November**
Anti-bullying/Friendship
Week
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 12th November
New Volunteers
Safeguarding Training

**Wednesday 13th
November**
New EYFS 2025 open
afternoon

Friday 15th November
Children in Need
Staff and Parent Prayers
8.20–8.30am

**Wednesday 27th
November**
New EYFS 2025 open
afternoon
Year 5 leading the service
at All Saints Church

Thursday 28th November
FOFs Christmas Wreath
Workshop

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



Uniform

Well done to Teddy in 2C who received the **Uniform Unicorn** this week for setting the high standard of wearing smart uniform. See the [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Congratulations once again to **Owls** for their outstanding attendance of 100% this week!

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

4M (99.1%), **3J** (98.3%) and **5M** (96.2%).

Keep it up!



Subject in the Spotlight: PE - Cross Country



On Wednesday, 64 KS2 children attended the annual cross country event held at Beacon. This is always a big and exciting event and this year did not disappoint! Year 3 and 4 boys and girls ran in their own race, running a distance of approximately 1.5k. We then had the year 5 boys and girls run their own race as well as the year 6 boys and girls, they all ran a distance of approximately 2k. The race was very tough, it was hot and incredibly muddy but all the children persevered and pushed themselves to the finish-line!

We are very proud of how well they all did and hope they are proud of themselves, too. We had lots of qualifiers for the year 5 and 6 races, moving on into the **next round on Wednesday 13th November**. We also had a lot of children coming in the top 3



and proudly taking home a medal! We are still waiting to hear our overall placement in the competition. This will be announced on the last Friday of term during worship and will be when the children receive their certificates.

As always, we cannot attend these events without the support of you at home. Thank you so very much to all parents that supported us at the event and thank you to Mrs Levett who came to cheer us on too!

Our medallists were:

Molly - 1st
Edie - 2nd
Henri - 2nd
Layla - 3rd

Congratulations to our qualifiers:

Max N, Ethan, Holly, Sarah-Jane, Molly, Esmae, Layla, Ruby, Amber, Jemima, Tatty, Isla, Josh, Jack



Gold Book

To ensure children can celebrate their Gold Book learning with parents/carers, we are photocopying the work, where possible, to be shared at home. Well done for your fantastic learning:

2K: Toby for showing his thinking when comparing objects and numbers in maths.

3J: Finley and Walt for their Christmas card designs.

4WG: Dora for her atmospheric story opening.

5M: Isabelle and Harry for descriptive 'hot tasks;' Andrii for accurately answering 72 maths questions in 100 seconds and Kyle for improving his mental maths.

6F: Charlie W and Phoebe for wonderful diary entries taking on the role of a character.

6JP: Jacob J and Jasmin for great facts on the Mela festival.

Theme of the Month: Compassion

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'
Ephesians 4:32

The main aspect of compassion that really sticks with me is that it is more than just empathy, because if you are compassionate, you seek to make a difference to the situation.

When researching what to add to this column this week, I came across an amazing website called 'Compassion.' <https://www.compassionuk.org/>



It is a Christian charity that helps children all over the world by fighting poverty. Their programmes aim to show God's love to children from all backgrounds, regardless of belief in exclusive partnership with more than 8,600 local churches, across 29 countries. On their webpage it says, 'We intentionally begin with children, the most vulnerable to the devastating effects of poverty. We support children in every area of their lives, tackling the root causes of poverty that hold them back.' 'We show every child that they matter, linking them with one sponsor whose support gives them hope and a future.' I love that as well as helping them in the moment that the teams focus on eradicating the root cause.

There are so many ways that we could help; we could give time to praying for the works, sponsor a child monthly, fundraise, buy their Christmas cards or even volunteer. I am making a donation. Please see other ways on their web page.

In Other News...



Poppy Appeal

This week we will have poppies for sale in the main office and Year 6 will bring them around school too. We suggest a donation amount of 50p per poppy but if parents would like to donate a larger amount that is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Hodges will be back after half term once Remembrance Day has passed to collect our donations.



Friends of Fermor



Friday is our Pyjama Day - what a cosy way to end the term! Pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies are all acceptable. However, children must wear school shoes or trainers - no slippers please! In return, please send a donation for the Christmas Fair tombolas. **Early Years and Key Stage 1** - please bring a toy for the children's tombola. **Key Stage 2** - Please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola. Please ensure that any bottle donations have a use by date no earlier than December 2024.



Tickets are still available for our wreath night on **Thursday 28th November** - priced at £35, you will have the opportunity to make a stunning wreath with expert guidance from Natalie of Cottage Cuttings. Friends and family are welcome too! Email us at friends@fermorschool.org.uk and make payment by 7th November to secure your place.

Finally, **easyfundraising** and **ASDA Cashpot for Schools** are an easy profit booster - particularly with Christmas shopping on the horizon. Please do register if you haven't already! **easyfundraising** - easyfundraising.org.uk/; **Asda Cashpot for Schools** - groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards. We are also still collecting clean, empty jars (with lids please) so please keep them coming to the office!

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery



