

SHF NEWS

Monday 14th 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.



Last week I had the chance to spend some time on the **KS1 playground** and was overwhelmed with how well the children have embraced the idea of consent. As soon as I arrived, I was greeted by a chorus of, "Can I give you a hug?" and a sea of smiling faces.

This morning, all parents and carers should've received an email indicating that the **sign up for parent consultation evening opens at 6pm today**. Unfortunately we are only able to offer one slot per child but please do contact your child's class teacher directly for an alternative mutually convenient time to meet or have a phone call on a different day if you are unable to attend on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

Our Local Governing Board met last week and I am pleased to share that the following **updated policies** have been agreed:

- ◇ Attendance Policy
- ◇ Behaviour Policy
- ◇ Early Years Policy
- ◇ Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

These can be found on our [website](#).

Have a lovely penultimate week of term!

Safeguarding

Sheep Worry Boxes

I thought I would take the opportunity to remind parents, carers and children about one of the ways in which we support children if they are worried about something, and would like to talk to a member of our safeguarding team. Only our DSL team have access to these boxes, so no matter how big or small a child's concern is, we will always make time to talk to them.

Please remind your child that these are dotted around the school.

In the library
 Outside the staffroom
 Outside the Inclusion Office



Key Dates

Tuesday 15th October
Year 4 Trip: Wakehurst Place
Volunteer Safeguarding Training 1.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 16th October
KS2 Cross Country

Friday 18th October
Staff and Parent Prayers
Year 2 walk to Crowborough Library

Tuesday 22nd October
Parent Consultation Evening
3.30-6pm

Wednesday 23rd October
Volunteer Safeguarding Training 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 24th October
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 EVFS 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 EVFS 2025 open afternoon

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

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

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



A story in the bible that shows Jesus showing compassion is in Matthew chapter 14: 13 - 21 when he fed a crowd of over five thousand people. Jesus had taken himself away from the city for a break, but when the people heard, they followed him there to hear him preach. When Jesus went out he saw the crowd and *was moved with compassion for them* and healed their sick. When it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.' Jesus didn't want to send them away and suggested that the disciples feed them. They said to him, 'We only have five loaves and two fish.' Jesus

instructed them to bring the items to him. He told the crowd to sit down on the grass and he took the five loaves and the two fish, and, looking up to heaven he blessed them and the disciples gave them to the gathering. There was enough for over five thousand people.

Subjects in the Spotlight: English and History

Staff recently received in-house training in the Talk for Writing programme that our English curriculum is modelled upon. The methodology advocated by Pie Corbett, is to focus on quality texts, inspiring the children's writing through a process of choral reading to internalise the phrases and vocabulary, in addition to using actions and story mapping to reinforce the recall of the stories. We will build this into the sequence of writing lessons so that the children can imitate and innovate, becoming confident story tellers and thriving as writers. Watch this space!

We've hit the ground running with our history curriculum this year!

In Year 1, we are learning all about our own personal histories and family trees and in Year 2 we have begun an exciting unit of castles and what life was like in them. Students were very excited to see Bodiam Castle and Scotney Castle among the castles we are studying this year - many of them recognised these locations and are looking forward to getting to know them better.

In Key Stage 2, we are continuing with our Opening Worlds curriculum for history and geography. This scheme of work explores much of the ancient world in order to give students a comprehensive understanding of the world around them and fully prepare them for history in Key Stage 3.

Year 3 have begun to learn about Ancient Egypt and are fascinated at the world that Howard Carter uncovered in the Valley of the Kings. Year 4 are learning about the Roman Republic and how the ancient civilisation governed itself. Year 5 are immersing themselves in a study of the Americas. They are learning about the world of the Maya and how they lived - very different from our own history! Lastly, Year 6 are beginning their study of British history, starting with the Tudors. This allows our master historians to compare all the history they've learned with our own history here at home.

Keep an eye on the [history webpage](#) for updated photos and events from all our learning.

Gold Book

Well done for your fantastic learning:

3B: Chloe for her vocabulary, Teddy for his adjectives and Nila for super sentences in their Egyptian Cinderella stories.

3J: Abby for lovely phrases adapted from the Egyptian Cinderella story.

4WG: Kai SS for sequencing words and writing own sentences about a jaguar and Heidi for building suspense through careful word choices and varied sentence length.

5M: Molly for her presentation, Bethany and Isla for their descriptions and Amelia for her use of similes in their stories.

5N: Evie for using "acromatic" in her writing, Amy for independent rounding in her maths learning and Isabella for superb similes and metaphors.



Uniform

Well done to Harry in 2K 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 **Owls** for their attendance of 97.83% this week. **4WG** were hot on their heels with 97.81% attendance—so close!

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

2C (97.12%) and **3B** (96.67%).



In Other News...

Survey - South East Strength and Needs Led Support (Autism and ADHD)

Parents and carers are invited to complete this anonymous [survey](#) in relation to Strength and Needs Led Support. The deadline for completing this survey is **5 November 2024**. The survey aims to gather insights about why parents/carers seek autism or ADHD assessment for their child, the challenges or inequalities they might face, and any barriers to accessing strengths and needs led support.

Your contribution is crucial to the success of our programme, and we would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with relevant parents and carers across your local areas. For further information, please contact [Fefe Ma](#).

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AND INCLUSION



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football:

This week some year 3 and 4 girls went down to Beacon to have their turn to show off some football skills! Having never played together before, you never would have known it on the pitch, they showed great teamwork and listened carefully to the advice given to them throughout the afternoon. We hope this introduction to football has given them some confidence in taking it further and perhaps joining a team!

Miss Newman



Online Safety

BE SOCIAL, STAY SAFE

At the British Council, we take child protection very seriously.
Many parents have commented to us that they are worried about their children and social media.
So we have prepared these

5 GOLDEN RULES

designed to help keep your children safe online while they enjoy social media.
We hope you find them useful.

1. Show me



Ask your child to show you the sites they use

Show an interest, take note of the sites your children visit and re-visit them later when you are alone.
Find out how to set the safety features and how to report any issues directly to the site.

46% of parents admit that their children know more about the internet and social media than they do.

2. Low profile

Ask your child to set profile settings to private

Since children use social media sites to share just about everything they do, setting their profile to private can help protect them against photos, personal information or even location in the real world ending up in the wrong hands.



80% of 12-15 year olds in the UK have an active social networking site profile.

3. Just ask



Ask your child about their online friends

Help your children understand that people can create fake identities online and lie about who they are. They should only give out personal information and be "friends" with people they know and trust in the real world.

35% of children have unsupervised access to the internet.

4. Photo check

Ask your child to only share photos that they wouldn't mind showing you first!

Talk to your child about the images they send, the sites and apps they use to share them and who they are sending them to.



Children aged 12-15 are spending more time online.

5. Don't worry



Ask your child to tell you if they are worried about something online

By talking to your child about the internet, their favourite sites and the risks they may encounter, they are more likely to turn to you if they get into situations online where they don't feel comfortable or see something they don't want to see.

Children aged 8-11 are more likely than they were in 2011 to watch and download user-generated content*.

You can find further internet safety tips on the British Council's LearnEnglish Kids site:
<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/parents/articles/using-the-internet-and-computer-safety>

This infographic has been put together with the kind participation of the UK's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. If you have more questions and would like further advice, please visit their Thinkuknow website at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

"The British Council believes that all children have potential and that every child matters - everywhere in the world. The British Council affirms the position that all children have the right to be protected from all forms of abuse as set out in article 19, UNCRC, 1989."

*Ofcom report in the UK (April 2013)



Friends of Fermor



Our first **dress down day** ahead of the Christmas Fair is coming up next week - **Friday 25th October**. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school. In return, we ask that you bring a donation for the Christmas Fair. **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. Pyjamas, dressing gowns and one-sies are all acceptable. However, children must wear school shoes or trainers - no slippers please! Please also ensure that any bottle donations have a use by date no earlier than December 2024.



Our wreath night is on 28th November - a really lovely adult-only event. Led by the wonderful Natalie of Cottage Cuttings, you will have the opportunity to make a stunning wreath to hang on your door for the festive season. Tickets are £35 each and you can buy them by emailing friends@fermorschool.org.uk. Friends and family are welcome too! Payment is needed by 7th November to secure your place.

We are still collecting clean, empty jars (with lids please) so please keep them coming to the office! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host an estate agent board to advertise our **Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November**. In addition to providing advertising for the fair, we are paid per board so this is a great, easy profit booster for FoFS!

Well done to those of you who have already signed up to **easyfundraising** and **ASDA Cashpot for Schools**. If you haven't, please do! Every signup makes a difference. **easyfundraising** - easyfundraising.org.uk/; **Asda Cashpot for Schools** - groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards.



Finally, if you would like to get more involved with FoFS, drop us an email at friends@fermorschool.org.uk. We'd love to have you join the team!

Teaching and Learning: Photo Gallery

