

Weekly Newsletter

10.05.2024



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**Winning Class for Week
Ending 03.05.2024**

Jeffers & Shireen Class: 100%

Whole School: 96.89%

90-94%

95-97%

98-99%

100%

Upcoming Dates:

W/C 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6): Late Lunch for All (12:30pm – pupils can bring in an extra snack)

17th May: FOES Disco – see flyer

W/C 20th May: KS1 Optional SATS Week (Year 2): all year 2s in ALT schools will complete.

W/C 20th May: Healthy Week, including Sports Day on the Friday: 1pm start/gates open.

Year 6 SATS

Year 6 SATS next week. If you see a Year 6, please wish them well.

Children & Parents: we all appreciate your consideration during this week, especially on **Wednesday**. **Gates will be open at 08:43. There are a number of pupils who will be sitting an earlier paper (before school). This allows time for the paper to be sat; other pupils transitioned in, whilst those that have sat the paper, not to have contact with those about to sit the paper. This supports the integrity of the examinations.**

Remember: **later lunch all next week (12:30pm)**. Children may bring in an **additional mid-morning** snack if need be.

Slip, Slap, Slop...it's that time again!

Sun cream applied at home. Sunglasses, hat etc. encouraged outside.

Children encouraged to 'take the shade' at lunchtime.

Calling all Parents: Curriculum Plus

We're celebrating so many lovely things that your children do outside of school in our weekly assemblies.

Whether it's awards & trophies; trying something new; a particular achievement at home; a change in attitude or supporting the community in some way...these are but a few examples! Essentially, anything that's a *big deal* to you and you feel your child would appreciate some form of recognition, it's a big deal to me, too. Please do not think it may not be worthy of celebrating.

Not all children want to come to the front in assembly for this, but they may like some private praise or words of encouragement from me. I am always happy to support this.

Typically, emailing me with a brief summary so I have the context, and a photo by end of day Thursday ensures I have enough time to add it to the assembly slides, ready for a Friday morning. If it's private praise you're after, just say.

One of the reasons I love our school so much is that I'm in a privileged position to get to support and know each child. Curriculum Plus enhances this privilege and supports my – and our Team's – relationships with pupils.

Healthy Week: Week Commencing 20th May

Sports Day: Friday: Gates open at 1pm.

Other fun-filled activities throughout the week, including smoothie making!

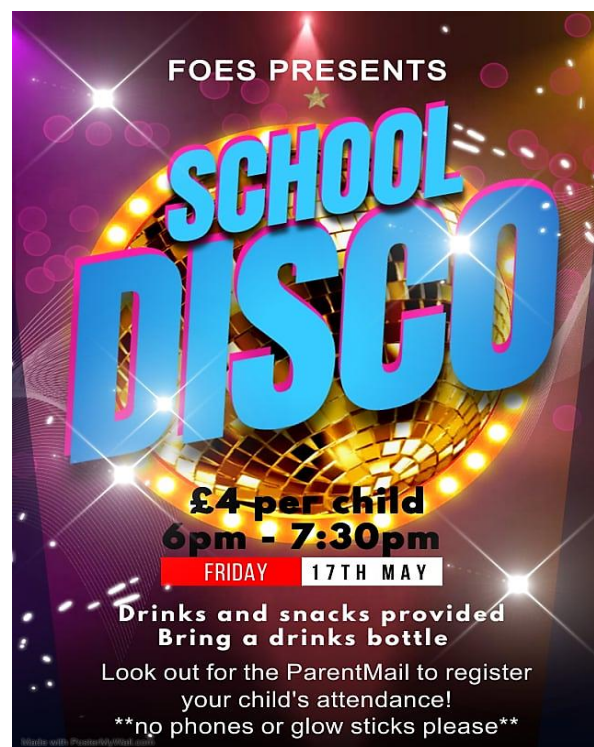
KS1 Optional SATS also this week. Again, please wish our Year 2s well.

Speaking of *healthy*...an identified rise these past couple of weeks of mid-morning snacks and other items in school packed lunch boxes (chocolate bars, for example) that are not conducive, each day, to a healthy lifestyle. Parents: please consider the impact on your child's diet over time, but also the evidence-base for how this affects concentration & behaviour – and therefore academic progress.

Disco: Friday

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best and Boogie...but please **leave your mobile phones at home**. This is a safeguarding expectation. If they accidentally come in, they must be handed over to a member of staff.

Disco collection: please pick up from the playground by Gold class (Hall exit); pre-school side. Staff will trial a speedier collection.



Trips

Ladybird Boat & Houghton Lock (Year R) & Ramsey Heights (Year 1 & 2). Thank You, children. Thank You, staff. Really lovely feedback about the memories you've created and even better to hear just how seriously you took your safety – especially by water!

On behalf of the school community, thank you *so much* to FOES – that's four trips this year, each one subsidised by £10 per pupil.

And thank you, Teachers & Support Staff, from me. I know just how much time, planning and organisation goes into each and every trip.



School Council

More useful feedback, once again from our pupils via school councillors, Head Boy & Head Girl. The EYFS outdoor area was opened on Thursday lunchtime for Year 5/6 to play with Reception children in two groups for a trial period. We are hoping to continue this offer with a revised, higher rollout at lunchtimes in the New Academic Year. Fabulous.



Classes and Teachers Next Year

Similar to last year, as soon as we know, you will, too. As with the last two years, it will be our intention, once again, to offer children some kind of internal transition opportunities. We know how useful this is for allaying any anxieties over the summer break. More information to come in due course.

Learning Highlights of the Week

Highlight Jeffers:

This week the highlight has to be the school trips that the children went on. The children in EYFS enjoyed a ride on the Ladybird boat and explored Houghton Mill on Wednesday. The Y1 children visited Ramsey Heights on Thursday.



Highlight Shireen:

Shireen class, and Jeffers Year ones, really enjoyed their trip to Ramsey Heights nature reserve on Thursday. We took part in lots of different activities, including den building, pond dipping and bird watching. The rangers leading the events were so impressed with our knowledge of plants and animals, and we represented the school brilliantly throughout the whole day.



Highlight Riddell:

In Riddell Class this week, our highlight has been writing balanced and considered discussion pieces on the return of the Parthenon Marbles. The children have been mature and reflective in writing such detailed accounts of the debate. We have also investigated the permeability of different rocks and learned about the tyrannical reign of King John.

Highlight Gold:

The highlight of our week was reaching the conclusion of our class book, 'Private Peaceful'. After three weeks of anticipation and numerous predictions from the children, the ending certainly caught them by surprise. This unexpected twist led to some fantastic discussions about the experiences of soldiers during WW1.

Curriculum Champions

This week's Curriculum Champions are:



Jeffers Class: Harrison, All Jeffers YR, Abe, Forrest

Shireen Class: Ava, Freddie, All Year 1 and 2, Charlie F, Freddie

Riddell Class: Charlie Wa, Charlie Wr, Skylar

Gold Class: Mason, Sienna, Myles, Aysha, Millie

HOUSE WINNER
THIS WEEK:



Gone Green

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Spelling Shed 

Top Speller this week

Lexi

Charlie F, Lleyton



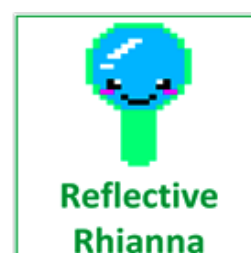
Community News and Events
this week: - click [HERE](#)



Please see Sid the Cygnet on his website page – click [HERE](#)

Reading Blog [HERE](#)

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click [HERE](#)



New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

Summer 1

w/c 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6)
17th May: FOES Disco:
20th May: Healthy Week
w/c 20th May: Year 2 Assessments
24th May: Sports Day – Gates open 1pm

Summer 2

w/c 3rd June: Year 3, 4, 5 Assessments
Between 3rd – 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 10th June: Phonics Screening Check & Assessments (Year 1)
21st June: World Music Day
1st & 2nd July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)
4th July: Sid the Cygnet's 4th Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: **TBC**
8th – 10th July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)
15th -19th July: Transition Week: **TBC**
17th July: EOY Reports released
19th July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly
19th July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch: **TBC**
19th July: Year 6 Pool Party PM: **TBC**
19th July: Riddell Bake Sale