

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased that our final week for the Spring Term ended with a celebration that brought together most of the



school. It seemed an outstanding finish to an outstanding term filled with activities, adventure and accomplishments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school and to wish you a very Happy Easter. The school will open again on Tuesday the 17th April but until then, please stay safe and well.

Upper School Easter Service

The Upper School has been really busy working towards the Easter Service at St Luke's Prestonville. This year, we tried something different: having the children arranged in four triangles around the church to produce a stereo sound, which worked really well. They particularly enjoyed learning the words and actions to "The Resurrection Rock" which tells the Easter story using different musical styles. Spring songs from the Nightingale and Lark Choirs were followed by a wonderful, haunting song at the end called "I am the Earth" which has quickly become a Windlesham School favourite.

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



Writing competition winners

At the beginning of this term, all pupils in year 6 were given the opportunity to enter a competition to have their work published in the Prestonville Friend. Children were tasked with writing about a favourite place in Brighton or the surrounding area during winter. The standard of writing from the year 6 children was excellent, making the job of choosing three to be published extremely difficult. The winners: Christian, George and Harry all deserve recognition for their writing which beautifully encapsulated the atmosphere in Brighton during the winter months.

Reporter: Mrs Jones



Preparing children for life



General information

We need your old crocs and flip flops!

If you have crocs or flip flops that your children have outgrown can we please have them in school for emergency use in the event of a pool evacuation. If you could drop these into the school office it would be much appreciated.

Reporter: Ms Waller



Healthy and nut-free lunchbox and snacks

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes and snacks. **It is important to check labels as many products may contain traces of nuts, such as pesto and nutella.** We have children in the school who are highly allergic to nuts.

Also, please could we ask all parents and carers to check the Portal to ensure you have informed the school about any allergies and dietary requirements your child might have.



Staff running for charity

Thank you so much to parents and carers who have donated to the charities our staff are supporting with their marathon runs over Easter. Should anyone still wish to donate, links to the fundraising pages are included below:

Mr Ferries is running for 'Link to Hope': <https://give.everydayhero.com/uk/richard-brighton-marathon-2018>

Mr Freeborn is running for 'Children with Cancer Fund': <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/freeborncoast2coast>



Facebook

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool which is regularly updated with news of the latest events and activities.

Swimming competition

ESSA County Championships - 7th March

Competing for the Sussex County Championships against very strong swimming teams across the county, Windlesham School produced an outstanding result: second in both the 4 x 25m medley relay (1 minute 17 seconds) and 4 x 25m freestyle relay (1 minute 09 seconds).

We have now qualified for the regional finals which will be held at Guildford in May.

Reporter: Mr Lambert



Head of Swimming, Mr Lambert, with Eli, Harry, George and Zac proudly wearing their 2 silver medals each.

Brighton Mini Mile Races

We'd like to remind everyone about the Mini Mile Races taking place on Saturday 14th April at Preston Park. Best of luck to Windlesham School pupils who will be running.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



School Activities

World Book Day

Following the delay caused by the 'Beast from the East', the children finally got to celebrate World Book Day and the theme this year was myths and legends. It was, therefore, only fitting to see the likes of Robin Hood, The Snow Queen, Greek Gods and Goddesses and Bilbo Baggins grace us with their presence.

The rain tried hard to hinder our plans but to no avail and the traditional costume parade went ahead. The variety and creativity of the costumes was amazing and judging the competition was extremely difficult. We were privileged to have Richard, from Waterstones, help judge the Upper School competition and Mr Ingrassia (aka 'Big Foot') had the joy of judging the Lower School competition. Congratulations to Summer in year 2 and Tilly in year 5 who won super myths and legends books for their costume efforts.

Throughout the day, the children took part in class-based activities centred around the theme of myths and legends. Our in-house artist, Mr Hall, ran workshops to help children to develop their own mythical creations. The children also visited the library to explore myths and legends books.

Later on, the Upper School embraced the opportunity to visit the younger children, armed with books and ready for shared reading. A huge thank you to our year 6 Library Prefects; Datis, Sonny, George, Tom and Ollie, who were on hand throughout the day and did a sterling job running the bookstall.

At the end of the day, every child got a chance to exchange their vouchers for free books from Waterstones. The staff are always impressed by our children's enthusiasm towards World Book Day, as well as their love of books and thirst for reading. **Reporters: Mrs Jones and Miss Thompsett**



School Activities

Science Week

The children enjoyed a range of activities during the week. The younger children created small, individual bug hotels and bird feeders. They also explored stick weaving and design as well as planning a bird watching area and monitoring the activities of birds. Meanwhile, years 5 and 6 researched and designed a section of a giant bug hotel. The whole school is involved in entering a poster competition and all the children have been busy taking conservation photos.

Reporter:
Mrs Colley



Enrichment week

Year 3 spent enrichment week preparing for their big survival day. They planned the equipment they needed to take as well as food, shelter and activities. During the week they weighed and measured their equipment, designed and created cereal bars and smoothies and took part in life saving skills in the swimming pool. On the day, we set up camp and enjoyed our homemade snacks in between survival games which included orienteering. The children had a fantastic time and survived despite the extreme weather.

Reporter:
Miss May



Creative craft club

The children have made some amazing pieces this year. In the autumn term, they made tile mosaics and in the spring term they created African masks. Next term, we will use tile mosaics and other materials to create some useable household items. Come and join us!

Reporter: Mrs Ball



Year 6 film producers

During their computing lessons, year 6 has collaborated to write a script for a World War 2 television news broadcast. Their broadcasts were filmed on iPads against a green screen which allowed them to choose a suitable backdrop to appear on location during the blitz. The children demonstrated their many skills during this project - not least their acting talents!

Reporter: Mrs Moss



School Activities

‘Mister Skellybones’ assembly

Last week, 1HJ delivered a fantastic assembly called ‘Mister Skellybones’. The children dressed up as skeletons and shared interesting facts about the human body which they are currently learning about in their science lessons. They sang a selection of songs about the human body beautifully and they especially enjoyed dancing away to ‘Skeleton Rock’.

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Year 2 Roman assembly

On Tuesday, year 2 showcased their singing and acting skills. The assembly was based around the children building a Roman road, ready for the emperor to visit. It included fabulous acting skills and wonderful singing. We definitely have some stage super stars in the making.

Reporter: Miss Kennedy



Speech and Drama update

These lovely pictures show years 3 and 4 Speech and Drama groups rehearsing Alice in Wonderland. This is in preparation for the group’s third drama examination with the New Academy.

Reporter: Ms Patching



Trips



Year 6 Trip to the Isle of Wight

Year 6 children have returned from an unforgettable time away at Little Canada in the Isle of Wight.

Every day was filled with new and exciting activities, with children displaying great team work, encouragement and perseverance to overcome a range of challenges. Highlights included the sensory trail, buggy building and the giant swing!

We look forward to sharing more about the children's experiences and photos with their families at the celebration evening on Thursday 19th April.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



Year 1 trip to Plumpton

Year 1 spent a wonderful, sunny day at Plumpton Agricultural farm. We had a great time holding lambs, stroking cows and learning lots about farms and where our food comes from. The teachers we met: Reg, Jill and Deborah were a wealth of information about all things agricultural and they worked so hard to make our visit a special one. We have come back to school with many fabulous memories.

Reporter: Miss Higgs



Summer Term

MONDAY, 16TH APRIL

Staff INSET Day

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL

Term starts

MONDAY, 7TH MAY

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

MONDAY, 28TH MAY –

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE INCLUSIVE

Half Term Holiday

FRIDAY, 13TH JULY

Term ends



School Term Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Inset days

Monday 3rd and
Tuesday 4th September

Term starts

Wednesday 5th September

Half term holiday

Monday 22nd October –
Friday 2nd November inclusive

Term ends

Friday 14th December

Spring Term 2019

Staff Inset Day

Monday 7th January

Term starts: Tuesday

8th January

Staff Inset

Friday 15th February

Half term holiday

Monday 18th February –
Friday 22nd February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 29th March

Summer Term 2019

Easter Monday

Monday 22nd April

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 23rd April

Term starts

Wednesday 24th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May (school closed)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th May –
Friday 31st May inclusive

Term ends: Friday 12th July

Friends of Windlesham

Happy Easter from FOW

The children enjoyed their easter egg hunt this morning (eggs supplied by the FOW Easter bunnies!). We hope they will share some of their chocolate with you.



Bingo Night

Earlier this week, FOW hosted a very successful Bingo Night. We'd like to say thank you to all the parents, carers, staff and children who joined us, as well as to our fabulous bingo caller, Mr Freeborn - alias 'King of the Callers'. Congratulations to the bingo winners: Liz Kimberley, Akshay, Annan, Jayden, Mr Lambert and Lola. The evening raised a total of approximately £200 and a fun evening was enjoyed by all.



Friends of Windlesham

Key Dates

THURSDAY 24th MAY, 19.00

Video Horse Racing Evening with bar and food for adults only. Tickets will be on sale during the first week back after Easter.

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE, 11.00 - 15.00

Windlesham School Summer Fayre with a live band, Pimms bar, barbecue and stalls. More details to follow soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

How to get involved

Join the FOW Committee

The Committee meets a minimum of 6 times per year (once per half term).
Being on the Committee requires an average of 2 hours per week of your time.

Be a year group rep

Year group representatives help FOW communicate with parents and carers of a specific year. They are involved in helping to design and plan activities for parents and carers of that year group. Being a year group rep will require an average of 2 hours per month of your time.

Commit to plan a one-off event

All events and activities will be published at the beginning of the school year.
Parents and carers can sign up to help plan and deliver specific activities as their time permits.

Volunteer at events

Every event and activity needs people to set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. All help is welcome. Volunteering at events requires an hour of your time for any specific event. Please contact chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

**Want to get involved or simply join in the fun?
Please email chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk**

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 23rd March 2018):

Lower School

Arabella, Khadeeja, Joel, Bobby, Hugo C and Genie Carlina.

Upper School

Kai, Isaac G, Sami, Astrid, Max T, Faris, Will, Scarlett I, Mabel, Marina, Ollie D, Akshay and Oliver B.

Owls Awards

Oscar D, Oliver K, Max M, Archie, Ariana, Jonty, Silah, Annan, Jayden, George C, Subhan, Charles, Raphael, Primrose, Yuvraj, Genie Carlina, Sami, Eva, Jaan, Faris, Elsa, Kyrillos, Oliver B, Lily, Clemmie, Ra, Alex K, Aywin, Zac P, Elizabeth, Tatiana, Harry, Scarlett R-T, Amelia, Rhea, Sami, Fiontan, Eva C, Max F and William L.

Brighton and Hove Performing Arts Festival

Well done to the children who took part in the Springboard Drama festival last Saturday. They performed an improvisation with the title, 'Lost', and gained a merit - a brilliant achievement.

Reporter: Ms Patching

 **Windlesham School
& Nursery**

The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows:

2K George
Charlie

2S Jesse
Rowan

3JM Ruby
Alex

3M Matilda
Alex

4CM Elsa
Isaac

4F Eva
Scarlett

5CC Michael
Astrid

5CF Emma
Harry



Sophie, Katie, Emma, Datis, Eli and Akim at the Performing Arts Festival. They were also joined by Astrid and Daisy (who, unfortunately, had to leave before the photo was taken).

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