



No 23 – Friday 11th March, 2022

Newsletter

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Spring Term 2022

In-school Parents Evening – Monday 14th March

Sycamores Parent Zoom - Wednesday 16th March

Oaks Parent Zoom – Thursday 17th March

Ash Parent Zoon – Wednesday 23rd March

End of Term – Friday 8th April

Summer Term Monday 25th April

COVID Update

COVID hasn't gone away and cases continue to increase in the Horsham area. We have some isolated cases at school and one case of re-infection. Please continue to inform us of any positive cases. I would encourage parents to use a lateral flow test with your child if they have a cold/sniffle, sore throat, tummy ache, headache or if they are fatigued or generally feeling under the weather. These have all been shown to be linked to COVID cases recently.

The Ukraine Crisis

Some of the children have been asking about what is happening in Ukraine. We have spoken to them about where it is, the humanitarian aspect and the need to support refugees but will not be discussing the war. For parents, it's a difficult balance between shielding children from the horrors unfolding and answering children's questions and informing them of the facts. There is no right and wrong; it is an age and stage decision for parents. Below is some useful guidance if want to discuss this with your children: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

For older children, there is some information on BBC Newsround which you may be able to watch together.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

Sleep

We know that world events like this have an impact on children and we are monitoring their well-being closely. What we have observed among children is a fatigue that would normally only be seen at the end of term. When children are fatigued, they are less tolerant, less resilient and they find it harder to cope. The right amount of sleep and an avoidance of screen time before bed may really help children recharge and cope better. The NHS recommends this amount of sleep per night:

Children 3-5 years old - 10 - 13 hours

Children 6-12 years old - 9 - 12 hours

Farm Visit

Oaks and Ash visited Drummers Farm this week and saw the new born lambs and calves. What a wonderful, uplifting experience it was to feed and hold the new-born's. We also said hello to Bob the sheep! The children were absolutely superb on the trip and we were super proud of the way they engaged and supported each other. Many thanks to Julia and Simon Feakes for inviting us.



Uniform

A plea from the children:

Please can you put my name in my school uniform. It helps me be independent and saves you money on buying new uniform

We do have a growing mountain of unnamed school uniform, particularly in Ash class. A reminder that plain black shoes are part of our school uniform.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to seeing you wither in person or virtually at the parents meetings over the next 2 weeks. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please contact the school office.

FOSS



Thank you to all the families who helped at the gardening day on Sunday. Ryan, Ross, and Marcus laid a concrete base ready for the new shed. Check out the handprints for future nostalgia!

Thank you also to Danny, Penelope and Juliette for planting nasturtiums and peas in the raised border, re-hung the bird feeders and planted one of our new cherry blossom tree.

It really would be lovely to see some more faces on volunteer days, families are all welcome. Please check the notice board by the parent shelter for next dates. (Please note: March 27th session has been cancelled due to Mother's Day).

Also, we planted one tree in the butterfly garden for you. Along with some peas/Nasturtiums in the raised border. We rabbit proofed it with metal shelves. (We need the chicken wire shelf for the Guinea Pig run lid)

We have left some history in the cement for the future.

As soon as new shed has arrived, we will move items back.

Reading Rewards

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. The following children have their certificate and bookmarks:

	RUBY	EMERALD	AMETHYST	DIAMOND	WORMERY
OAKS					Emilie, Connie, Maia
ASH	Vini, Brodie				
SYCAMORES	Max		Hazel	Elspeth, Lily, Hazel	Edith, Penelope



GOLDEN BOOK

When a child does something amazing we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.

- OAKS –** Shelby-Louise for super sentences
Florence for fantastic counting
Kayla for great ideas about The Night Gardener
All of Oaks for an amazing farm trip
- ASH –** Gracie, for excellent fraction work
Clara, for being a great help and showing kindness to the younger children in art club
- SYCAMORES -** Willow for a beautiful rangoli pattern drawn at home
Penelope for not giving up and trying her best

Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly draw. This week's winner is Leanna

Kind regards

Mrs Jen Harvey and Mrs Jill Phillips