



Photos: Multicultural Week Dormice New Zealand, Squirrels Cuba, Hedgehogs Thailand & Badgers Pakistan

It's been multicultural week in school this week and the children have been busy learning about aspects of other cultures. This has involved geographical work with maps to understand features and key settlement, work in RE to explore religious beliefs and associated cultural practices, listening to traditional stories, artwork related to key themes and also cookery to explore some of the tastes. Squirrels also did some dancing! Hopefully they are able to share some of their experiences from this week with you – an example of the 'open your mind' part of our vision, where children explore a very contrasting way of life to their own.

Any Uniform Issues?

We have made Skoolkit, our uniform supplier, aware that a few people have found some issues with the quality – please return them to Skoolkit for a refund if this is the case, they are aware of the concern.

Reminder Year 6 Parents

Year 6 parents will need to complete their applications for secondary school by 31st October, if you haven't already, otherwise you risk not getting a place at the school you would like.

Some Shared Art Work



During art, children produce images or pieces independently, based on their own creativity but sometimes they work collaboratively on a shared project. Last Friday, children in Hedgehogs worked in groups to create 'cave paintings' (drawn from their Stone-Age Britain historical learning), these were then fixed together to create this lovely 'cave wall' in their classroom.



Yoga Taster for Dormice



Children in Dormice (YR) class enjoyed a yoga taster session yesterday. Our Yoga club teacher Mrs Goodall (who also delivers sport on a Friday) gave a short session. After half term, some of Year R might like to join the after-school club on a Thursday but they might not know what is involved, so this session was to give them an idea. The yoga is a series of body positions based around animals and the telling of a story so very easy for them to engage with. Ask in the office for more details of the club if you are interested.

FUS AGM

FUS (our PTA – Friends of Upham School) are holding their annual AGM after school on Friday 7th November. Anyone is welcome to come along, particularly if you'd like to find out a bit more about what they do.

Dates for your Diary:

- Mon 27-Fri 31 Oct Half Term
- Mon 3 Nov – INSET Closure Day
- Fri 7 Nov – 3.30pm FUS AGM
- Fri 14 Nov – 4-5:30pm FUS Disco
- Sat 6 Dec 2-4pm FUS Christmas Fair



INSET Days left for 25/26

- Mon 3 Nov
- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

Check you haven't missed these communications this week:

Fri – Christmas Scholastic Book Brochure sent home with all children

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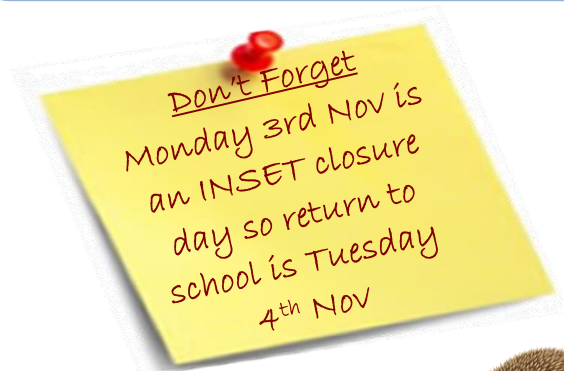
Sports News

On Tuesday, Boys and Girls from Years 5 & 6 took part in a cluster football tournament. This is always very competitive and Fair Oak as a large school enter many teams. The children played 7 games in total so all had game time in different positions. They performed brilliantly, winning against Fair Oak 3, Fair Oak 5 and Owslebury, drawing against Fair Oak 1 and losing 3 others. This gave a solid points total and meant we finished third overall out of 8 – a great achievement! What was loveliest though was the way in which they remained a team. When goals were conceded they supported rather than blamed the goalie. Even before the game, some older children brought in spare boots for the younger to borrow so they had the right kit for the artificial pitch and could therefore join in! Thanks to everyone who helped support and transported the children.



Drama Workshops

Children in Dormice (YR) and Squirrels (Y1&2) classes enjoyed a drama workshop yesterday morning. It was based off the story of King Arthur and they had to rescue the sword!



Student Teacher working in Hedgehogs

We currently have a student teacher, Miss May, working in Hedgehogs class. She is an extra pair of hands and will be working with the children increasingly over the next few weeks. It's part of our professional responsibility to ensure we help grow the next generation of teachers, after all every one of us was a student at some point so it's part of the normal cycle for any school.