



Photos: Hedgehogs Class a display of some of their artefacts!!

Hedgehogs Class have been enjoying their learning this week. As part of their History lead unit about Ancient Egypt, they have learned about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In History, they have explored the archaeology and the importance of this primary evidence of ancient life. In English they have tried to imagine what the discovery was like for Howard Carter. To help, they have built Tutankhamun's tomb in their quiet area and taken turns to experience the discovery in order to inspire their creative writing!

**SATs Next Week – Will affect you if you are late**

Next week is SATs week for Year 6. They are all well prepared and know what they have to do so will take things in their stride. As these are formal exams, they have to take place in the hall and our other spaces – the staff room and library are also in use. This means every other class has to be considerate and will work nice and quietly so they don't disturb Year 6.

If you arrive late (ie once Mr Woolley has closed the entrance gate), your child won't be able to get from the office to class via the hall, they will have to be escorted via the playground gate and outside – very slow and rather awkward for them. School starts at 8.55am.

**Friday Treat for Badgers**



Next Friday morning, Miss Leech is hoping to pop up to the rec with Badgers Class as a little reward for the hard work Year 6 have put into being ready for SATs week. Year 5 will also accompany, it's part of their learning to see that all Year 6 have worked hard, taken the tests seriously and are still the same afterwards so they see what they will have to do next year.

*Don't Forget*  
No Revision Club but  
Y5 & 6 can come in  
for some physical  
activity with a dance  
focus 8:15 Mon-  
Thurs next week.

**Sports News**

Boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in an area athletics tournament on Tuesday. They participated in various events and races and their individual scores combined for a team one. We do not yet know how they've done as the tournament continues with another set of schools next week but some of the children had amazing individual performances. Particular congratulations for the 600m races, to Theo who came 10<sup>th</sup> overall, Isla who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Flo who won the race! Thanks to Miss Leech for organising and taking the children and to everyone who helped with transport.

**Bird Box News**



The baby birds are doing well – we think there are 10 babies. The children have enjoyed watching the feeding and also how the parent birds collect the poo sacs! They now have some feathers growing and already seem twice the size! The children have also enjoyed watching the adults come and go from outside during playtimes. Remember, pop in after school today with your child and see for yourself.



**Dates for your Diary:**

- Fri 8 May** – After 3.30pm collection pop into hall to see blue tits cam
- Mon 11 – Thurs 14 May** – Year 6 SATs week
- Thurs 14 May** – Squirrels walking up to Village
- Tues 19 May** – Badgers Greek Day
- Fri 22 May** – INSET Closure Day
- Mon 25 – Fri 29 May** – Half Term



**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

- **Wed - Letter to Y6 parents re SATs snack**
- **Wed – email Y5&6 re Greek day 19 May**

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### **Change to our cook**

We say goodbye today to our cook, Emma Pawling, who has been with us 3 ½ years and an integral part of the team, even though technically she works for the catering company Chartwells not school staff. She is moving on to a different role and new challenges so we all wish her well for the future. She has been so effective as a cook because she knows each of the children and how they like things. Always eager to make sure things are perfect for the children, nothing is ever too much trouble. I'd like to thank her, on behalf of our whole community, for all of her hard work and commitment to our children.

A recruitment process is well underway for a new cook. In the interim whilst we are without a cook, lunches will be prepared off site at Fair Oak Junior kitchens and brought in. The children won't really notice any particular difference here and this system was used during the COVID lockdowns and worked pretty well. School staff will keep oversight, particularly regarding our children with allergies.

Where meals are being prepared based on the orders children make during register time it is particularly important that they choose what they actually want. We sometimes get children try to change their mind when they see the food, which Emma has always tried to accommodate to ensure children eat. With meals coming in this won't be possible. Might be worth rehearsing with your child what their choice is before school, especially if you know they are unsure.