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Headteacher Newsletter – 2023-24 - Number FOUR - Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest food collection

A **HUGE Thank You** for the wonderful donations of food for the Runnymede Foodbank on Monday. There is a lot of food and I am certain that the Foodbank will be very thankful for your generous donations.

On Monday in Assembly the children said 'Thank you for our Harvest', and spent some quiet time thinking about their own favourite fruits and vegetables. Some children brought food up to the front of the hall to help everyone to think about those people with less food.



Headteacher for the day

Did any of you spot my special helpers last Friday? Two Year 1 boys, Kassra and Elliot won the prize 'Headteacher for a Day' which helped raise money for the FOML at last year's Summer Ball.

The boys wrote to you last week – I hope you enjoyed their letter. I promise I only helped them a little bit!

Other photos from the day can be found on our [Newsfeed if you follow this link.](#)

FOML Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We also held our Annual General Meeting for the FOML last week on Friday.



Jacqui Brand will continue as Chair for FOML. Jacqui has a daughter in Year R, in Duckling Class.

Rachel McIlroy will continue as Treasurer. Rachel has a son in Year 1, in Fox Class.

The AGM Minutes have been sent out to parents. It was great to see new Year R parents at the meeting and we look forward to working with you.

The FOML need your help and welcome interested parents to support with a

- Christmas Fair Committee
- The Pre-loved Uniform Team – this will include demolishing and replacing the PTA Shed.

The FOML also need someone to lead, and members for the **Summer Ball** Committee. The parent who led this last year was a Year 2 parent.

Without a Lead and a Committee there will be no FOML Summer Ball.

Please get in touch with Jacqui or Rachel if you were unable to attend the meeting and you are keen to get more involved in the FOML and play a bigger part in helping our school. Thank you.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026



School Development Plan

This year's key priorities can be found in the attached document that will be sent alongside this Newsletter. I discussed this with Class Reps at our first Parent Voice meeting this week and the minutes from this meeting will be made available shortly.

If parents have questions about our School Development key priorities, please contact me.

LUNCHTIMES

Year 2 Dining Hall and Playground Lunchtime Helpers

We are delighted that so many children in Year 2 applied to be a Lunchtime Helper – either in the playground or in the Dining Hall.

Children in the dining Hall help to put out 'glasses' and cutlery, pour out water for the children in the younger years and mop up spilt water. Their help is really valued by Midday Supervising Staff!

There is a rota so children only do it once a week and Mrs Smith (our Lead Midday Supervisor) has carefully made sure that none of our volunteers miss the clubs that they are involved in. It gives them a great sense of responsibility. **More photos are available on the gallery on our website.**



Lunch Menu

The menu for lunches will be updated after the Half Term holiday. You can find links to the menu followed by Twelve Fifteen if you follow this [link](#).

Parents can access the menu on our website by following this link. There is also a [useful guide for Packed Lunches](#).

Green School Council

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have voted and selected a new School Council. This year it will be run by Mrs Atkinson (Duckling Class Teacher, and our EYFS Lead). Mrs Atkinson is also leading Science and Sustainability this year.

Two weeks ago children (in Year 1 & 2) attended an Assembly about why we need a Green School Council, led by Mrs Atkinson.

The following children put themselves forward for the role as Green School Councillor, and there was a vote in class when more than two children wanted to do it.

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| Squirrels | Isla H & Caleb | Lion | Sam & Nyla |
| Hedgehog | Emily P & Arik | Tiger | Addi & Xavi |
| Fox | Sloane & Edouard | Leopard | Amber & Irina M |

Soon Mrs Atkinson will share more information on what the **Green School Council** will be doing this year.

Watch this space!

Attendance

We will be monitoring attendance after Half Term. There are often a lot of bugs going around when children return to school after the Summer Holidays, but there is a useful NHS link on the [Absences page](#) on the website called [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#)

We will have concerns if your child has attendance that is less than 90% at this point in the year. I will ask some parents to come into school to meet with me. I have found that holding meetings usually helps rather than sending formal letters to discuss this.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Next week we have our set of meetings which happen in person, in the School Hall.

Entrance is via the Cricket Ground Car Park Gate at the back of the school. The main doors at the back of the school (Tiger Class entrance) is where you can enter the building.

Please arrive promptly for your meeting as we run tightly to the timings.

All parents will be directed into the hall to meet their child's class teacher. Parents of children in Year 1 & 2 will be able to look at books, in some cases, with the teacher. The books will then be made available to you after you have met with teachers, so that you can look through your child's work in your own time.

We look forward to seeing you in school for these meetings.

Half Term Activities

Elmbridge Borough Council have asked us to share information about activities taking place over the Half Term holiday. Please see the flyer that we will send with this Newsletter. There is also plenty going on through the Runnymede Family Centre.

Details can be found in the October newsletter on their website if you follow [this link](#).

Don't forget that next Friday 20th October is the end of Autumn Term 1.

Please remember that Monday 30th October is an Inset day so the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 31st October.

We look forward to the FOML Pumpkin Parade, on Wednesday 1st October as well as the children's individual and sibling photographs.

I hope that you have a restful Half Term holiday.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris