



# NEWSLETTER 12 - 27th March 2024

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## Diary Dates

Thursday 28th March - FODHS Easter Egg Hunt during the morning

**Thursday 28th March - 2.15pm End of Term 4**

**Monday 15th April - 8.45am Start of Term 5**

Tuesday 16th April - Owl Class Parents SATs Meeting - 3.20pm Owl Classroom

Wednesday 17th April - Bag2school Collection 9am

Friday 19th April - Mini Marathon 9am School Field

Wednesday 24th April - Parents Evening 3.30pm till 6.30pm

Thursday 25th April - Parents Evening 3.30pm till 6.30pm

Thursday 25th April - Wiltshire Fire & Rescue visit to Fox Class

Friday 26th April - Mole, Squirrel and Owl Class Walk safe

Friday 3rd May - Squirrel Class Walk Safe

**Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday, School Closed**

Wednesday 8th May - Fox Class Taster Day Sheldon School

Monday 13th May - Owl Class SATS Week

Thursday 16th May - Squirrel Class Trip to The Ashmolean Museum

Friday 17th May - Squirrel & Hedgehog Cake Bake

Monday 20th May - Owl Class Residential (all week)

Tuesday 21st May - Ambulance Visit to Dormouse Class

Wednesday 22nd May - Open Classrooms 3.15pm

Thursday 23rd May - Fox Class Trip to Tudor World

Thursday 23rd May - Police Car Visit to School EYFS & KS1

**Friday 24th May - 3.15pm End of Term 5**



## Absences for Holidays, Medical Appointments and Other Events Reminder

If parents wish to take their child(ren) out of school for any reason, other than for medical appointments, they need to complete an Absence Request Form, available from the school office and on our website. All requests for absence should be made at least 2 week in advance, with the form being handed in to the office. The Head teacher reviews each request and decides whether or not to authorise the absence. Parents are advised by Parentmail if the absence is approved or in writing if it is unauthorised. Unauthorised absence is recorded and will appear on your child's report at the end of the year and is reported to the local authority.

For medical/dental appointments and sickness please notify school via ParentMail, providing date and time of appointment and when the child will be returning.

## Mini Marathon

All children will be taking part in a mini marathon around the school field on **Friday 19th April 2024**. Please can all children come into school in their PE kit for this event.

Thank you  
Miss Hurren

## Can You Help ? - Spare boys Clothes !

Mrs Green & Miss Hopes would be very grateful for donations of any spare boys socks, school jumpers and tracksuit/jogging bottoms.

Thank you



## Polite reminder

please can you ensure that all children only bring water into school in their water bottles. The NHS advise that water is the best drink for children.

Many thanks you for your support.



PE Kit / jewellery – please can you ensure that all children come to school dressed in the correct school uniform (as per the parents handbook) including when they wear PE kits on PE days.

Some children are also coming to school with hair decorations and jewellery which again is not part of the school uniform.

Any child wearing jewellery or hair accessories will have them taken away and put in an envelope to collect at the end of the school day.

Many thanks for your assistance.

### **Hedgehog Class in Focus**

This term Hedgehog Class have been learning about Health and Life Cycles across the curriculum. In Science they have looked at the life cycles of plants and animals and have been outside exploring different habitats, as well as learning about life cycles through a talk at the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

In History, they have focused more on changes in how our health has been looked after, learning about how the NHS started and looking at how hospitals and nursing have changed over time by studying the lives of three inspirational nurses – Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.

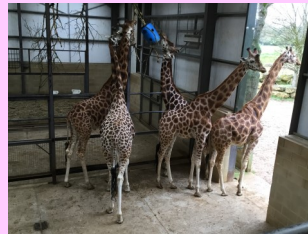
We have also been getting to grips with advertising in English and learning what makes a successful leaflet, and we will be making our own leaflet to advertise the Cotswold Wildlife Park and tell everyone why it is such a fun place to visit.

### **Hedgehog Class - Trip to The Cotswold wildlife park**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Hedgehog Class travelled to the Cotswold Wildlife Park for a busy day of animals and fun. We were lucky with the weather and saw lots of animals out in their enclosures, enjoying the dry day!

The children particularly enjoyed getting up close to the giraffes, the penguins and seeing both lions outside, as well as spotting some baby rhinos with their mothers! We were treated to an informative talk on life-cycles where we learnt about the giant tortoise, wallabies and ostriches, and the children really made us all proud by sharing their extensive Scientific knowledge with the Wildlife Park staff! Well done children.

The day ended with some well-earned free time in the playground, and the children behaved amazingly throughout the day. Thank you to all adults who accompanied us on the trip and enabled us to give the children such a wonderful experience.



### **Netball Tournament**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March we took a team to compete in an interschools High-5 Netball tournament, against 15 other teams, at Sheldon School.

Braving the wind and rain we first competed in a group stage where we won every game without a goal being scored against us! Winning our group easily we were through to the semi-finals which we also won 4-1.

We then took on Redlands School in the final and after a very hard fought contest we emerged victorious.

All the children showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the tournament as well as showcasing their netball skills which they have worked hard to improve during the training sessions.

Having come second on previous occasions, we were thrilled and proud of the team for winning the tournament. Congratulations team Derry Hill!

