



Fir Tree Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

You certainly get that summer feel when you know its Sports Day at school! The rain came, then it went, then returned but we got there and KS2 races went ahead in the sunshine. Thank you so much for joining us throughout the event, it is a shame that the picnic was rained off. We hope you enjoyed the day and the various races; huge congratulations to our House Winners: **Berkeley!** We are immensely proud of all the children for trying their best and taking part. I would also like to thank the PTA for serving the refreshments too. We will put photos on the website next week, but here are a few for now along with the scores.

	Windsor	Berkeley	Highclere	Donnington
KS1	63	94	94	52
KS2	60	95	76	61
Total	123	189	170	113



We have had lots of visitors to our school recently commenting on how wonderful our children are with their manners and their attitudes to learning. It is always delightful to hear recognition of both the children's and staff's hard work.

Thank you to those of you that have already completed the Parent Survey online. It's really important for us to hear your voice and views; as well as reflections on this year in order for us to continue on our journey to excellence.

With our class swap- over day looming, I shall be writing to you shortly with class arrangements for 2019/20. Children will have the opportunity to work with their new class teacher and teaching assistant/s on Thursday 4th July.

Finally, just a reminder that next Friday is a Teacher Training Day. Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend – I think we deserve some sunshine!

Kind regards *Lindsay Wood* Headteacher



I have taken over the School Council this term. The School Council and I are meeting weekly and ensuring that the pupils' voice is heard.

MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL



The school council is about:

- Learning to work together
- Learning about democracy
- Learning how to play a positive role in our community

The school council's job is to involve everyone, not do everything. It needs to get everyone:

- Finding things they want to change
- Coming up with ways to make them better
- Putting those ideas in to action
- Seeing what works (evaluating)

How does our class council work?

- Our whole class has a meeting every two weeks and the School council discuss important matters
- The class then vote for two important things to take to school council to be discussed
- The school council members then report back to the class

The School Council have decided on two projects:

1. They would like to raise more money for charities and help others. We have decided that we support **Reach** - a charity for children that have a limb deficiency.
2. They would also like to be more eco-friendly and improve the school grounds.

We will keep you updated with their developments and ideas through the newsletter and website.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th June 2019
Siblings Photographs

Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd July
Year 6 Residential

Thursday 4th July 2019
Class Swap Over Day

Wednesday 3rd July 2019
Year 2 Class Assembly

Saturday 6th July 2019
Summer Fete 12 – 2pm

Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 9th July 2:30pm

Year 6 Production
17th July 2:30

Year 6 Leavers Service 23rd July
6-7pm
& Party 7-8pm

Teacher Training Days

Friday 28th June 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 14th February 2020

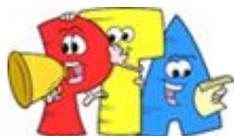
Friday 26th June 2020



Parking

As always, we appreciate your efforts in keeping the roads around the school safe. There have been a few occasions where cars have been pulling up in front of the school gates allowing children to jump out. Please can we remind parents that cars should not park on the white lines or in front of the school gates. There are lots of children crossing the road in this area and it is very dangerous. It also encourages other drivers to do the same and this becomes a hazard. Equally we have had many residents blocked in their properties because parents have parked outside, especially in the Bus Lane. We just ask for you to be courteous and safe. Thank you

Not long until our PTA Fete now!!! Thank you very much for your kind donations today in exchange for A non-uniform day!! The PTA are working very hard behind the scenes in preparation for the event.



We have some fantastic raffle prizes and stalls. We still have some tables available for you to hire if you are someone who makes crafts or would like to promote your small business and would be interested in a table at the Fete they are available at a fee of £15 for the table and a donation of a raffle prize. Please see the school office if you no longer have the slip to register your interest!!!



WE NEED YOU!!!!

The event **really needs** all hands on deck to ensure that we have a fantastic afternoon and raise lots of money for our children. We are in desperate need of help to run stalls at the event!!! We would be very grateful for any help during the Fete to run a stall. If you are able to help with a stall (with your child/ren if you wish) please contact the school office or send in the slip sent home with the last newsletter. Fundraising events like these really do make a difference for the pupils.



Thank you very much to those parents who have kindly offered their time to help with gardening around the school grounds. We intend to set up a working afternoon in July. We are still keen for any donations of unwanted wellington boots or pebbles.



A huge well done to some of our Key Stage Two pupils who represented Fir Tree at the Primary School House Speeches Competition at Trinity School on 13th June.

Each year group was represented by a team of 3 pupils who presented and performed a speech based on a quote from literature.

Year 3: Poppy, Khensani & Mitchell – *"In a world of pure imagination."* **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Year 4: Lakshita, Lakshitha & Kirsten – *"...it matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be."* **Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire**

Year 5: Tiger, Ellie & Trinity – *The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."* **I can read with my eyes**

Year 6: Isable, Joey & Lara – *The worst surroundings in the world can be tolerated if the people in them are interesting and kind."* **Lemony Snickett**

The children performed with confidence and passion. We are immensely proud of them, as it was incredibly daunting.

A special well done to Poppy and Tiger who both won Best Speaker Lower and Upper KS2.



Following in the same vein our School Choir: Dynamix performed beautifully and represented the school wonderfully last night at the Newbury Academy Trust Summer Concert at Trinity. They performed by themselves and collaboratively with Speenhamland and Trinity Choirs with confidence and a smile on their faces.

An extra well done to Isabel Adams who was also nominated as Junior Musician of the Year too.



Thank you to all the parents that have supported and attended the events. And a thank you to staff, including Mrs Oakman and Mrs Smith at Trinity for supporting the school and involving us in such events.

