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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we are now in our last half-term of this academic year. As a staff we have been giving a great deal of thought to our children's transitions. For many children moving schools is really challenging and changing classes can be really unsettling. We have arranged for a small number of children to have extra visits to their junior school to give them time and space to process their future environment. We are ensuring that teachers and teaching assistants are spending time with the children they will have in their classes next year. Marion and I are visiting new Rabbits in their nursery settings so we can talk to the children in familiar environments. We are especially keen to make sure the transition from EYFS (Rabbits) to Yr 1 (Foxes) is smooth and, to this end, we are holding a meeting for current Rabbit Class parents on Wednesday, 5 July at 2.30pm so parents can understand a little of the KS1 curriculum and the small changes that will take place from Reception to Yr 1. It is certainly our intention that the continuous provision that works so successfully in Early Years will also continue at the start of Yr 1. In doing this we feel the children will be able to build on all the independent skills they have worked so hard on in Reception.

Our new Yr 2 teacher would love to meet Fox Class parents and children informally after school on Tuesday, 20 June and Nicki will also be spending time with the children on Tuesday, 4 July, so again children can feel confident with this move-up.

It would be lovely to see you all at the Churt Village Fete on Saturday at 2.00pm, where a number of Yr 2 children will be performing their country dancing routine. Nicki is delighted to be attending this too. I also wanted to draw your attention to a stall at the Fete, run by The Herpetological Society (The British Amphibian & Reptile Conversation Trust). The children will be able to "meet" a range of reptiles there which would be fantastic preparation for our whole school trip to Thursley Nature Reserve on Monday, 19 June.

With all the sadness that has been happening in our country over the last few months, I sat with each class separately this week to hear any of their concerns. Whilst some older children seemed very informed about the terror attacks, most children were aware of "sad" things in the news. We talked about people we could speak to if we were worried, why people do bad things, prayed for

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the people who were sad, and thanked God for people who loved us. The Archbishop of Canterbury was leading a Service at the weekend and I noticed a man in the congregation wearing a t-shirt with the words:

"Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." (*Micah 6:8*)

This has always meant a lot to me because it seems to sum up the very best way to live.

Finally, a big thank you to you all: children, parents, PTA and staff for such a happy, care-free and joyful Sports Day! The sun shone, the field was filled with determined faces and the ice cream tasted good! Do take a look at the pictures on the Gallery page on our website.

Best wishes

Ginnie

News items for this week:

Wrap-around Care - if there is anyone who would be interested in running our proposed Wrap-around Care programme, do come and talk to me.

Teaching Assistants - we are looking for some extra TA support in the classrooms so, again, do come and talk to me, or drop me an email, if you feel this would be of interest.