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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

This week we have taken advantage of the warm, dry weather to reorganise our lunch time play environment. Every lunch time, the children have the opportunity to play on the trim trail and in the woodland area. It is lovely to see the children exploring and being creative with their peers and demonstrating some of the skills that they have learnt in Forest School. Finding baby toads and making bug hotels have been the highlights of this week and it's been good to see the children supporting each other on the trim trail as they try to achieve their goals. Weather permitting, this area of our school will continue to be used well into the Autumn Term.

Our Christian core value of *friendship* has been lived out this week in the way the children have supported and played with each other.

### **Reading Policy**

Our new school Reading Policy is now available and can be found on the website at <http://www.stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/Parents/Policies> for your information.

### **The system for changing individual reading books**

The system for changing individual reading books is clearly laid out towards the end of the Policy on pages 3 and 4.

**Children in Yr 2** should be changing their individual reading books independently in the morning on arrival at school. This is an important skill for the children to learn as they prepare to move into Yr 3. Please see the procedures for Rabbits and Foxes in the Policy.

Whilst children can be confident, fluent readers, and need encouragement to move appropriately through the reading system, it is important to remember that the development of comprehension skills is crucial. Comprehension skills often need to be developed and reinforced even when the children appear to be confident in a specific stage in their reading. At home, it would be helpful to spend time asking children about what they have read. Although your child may have read the text fluently, questions about what they have read beginning with 'why' and 'how' will help to develop inference and deduction.

As a school, we are currently working on a range of questions that will help to support the development of comprehension skills and be able to support reading at home. These will be ready for circulation in the Autumn Term.

Please can you also help us by making sure that your child's reading diary comes to school every day - thank you.

### Post Box

We are very fortunate to have a secure post box outside the front entrance of our school and would like to use it more regularly. We have been thinking of ways to speed up giving information to the school office, especially in the mornings, when queues can become quite long! If you have something that just needs to be dropped off, please consider using the post box. Please ensure any correspondence or information has your child's name and class on it. Thank you for your help.

### Open Days in the Autumn Term

If you have a child, or know of any families who have children, who are looking for a school for September 2019, the dates for our school open days are now on our website. Please pass on this information to as many people as possible and we look forward to welcoming families visiting our school in the autumn.

If you have any concerns, or if you would like to come and have a chat at any time, please get in touch. I would be very pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes  
Gillian Morris

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### Dates Box:

Mon, 25 June	am	School photographs - classes and whole school
Sat, 30 June	11.00am - 1.00pm	PTA Summer Fair
Tues, 3 July	9.15 - 11.30am 1.30 - 2.40pm	South Farnham School Induction Session Waverley Abbey School Induction Session
Tues, 10 July	Lunch + pm	Sports Day and picnic
Wed, 11 July	Lunch + pm	Sports Day and picnic Reserve 1
Tues, 17 July	TBA	Art Exhibition - further details to follow
Wed, 18 July	2.00pm	Helpers' Tea Party
Thurs, 19 July	pm	End of year class parties
Fri, 20 July	9.00am	Leavers' Service
Mon, 23 July	School closed - INSET DAY	
Tues, 4 Sept	School closed - INSET DAY	
Wed, 5 Sept	8.30am	First day of Autumn Term
Tues, 2 Oct	9.30-11.30am	Open Day
Wed, 10 Oct	1.30-2.30pm	Open Day
Wed, 17 Oct	9.30-11.30am	Open Day
Fri, 19 Oct	End of half-term - school finishes at normal time of 3.00pm	
Mon, 29 Oct	First day of 2nd $\frac{1}{2}$ Autumn Term	
Tues, 30 Oct	1.30-2.30pm	Open Day

**New items for this week:**

Grayshott Cricket Club: please see the flyer, opposite, giving details of a new girls' only cricket group.

GIRL'S CRICKET FREE TASTER SESSION: U7s to U9s  
Saturday, 7 July - Grayshott Sports Field - 0945 to 1115

Great News for Girls!

In 2019 Grayshott Cricket Club will be introducing a "girls only group" for girls aged 7 to 9. This will group will led by a fully qualified coach.

So come on girls, join us for a FREE taster session this year! The action packed session where you can meet the coach and get together for a morning of cricketing fun with friends!

The FREE taster session will be held at the Sports Field in Grayshott on Saturday, 7 July from 0945 to 1115.

To register for this FREE taster session, just email [grahamsampson@grayshotcc.co.uk](mailto:grahamsampson@grayshotcc.co.uk) with your child's details and the details of any friends who would like come along.

For more information, contact Youth Manager, Graham Sampson on 07826 523227.