

Spring Term

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newsletter

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear All,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a restful half term, we are now well on our way to the end of the Spring term, the time is flying by!

The children have been busy learning new topics & FoTS have been busy planning lots of exciting events over the rest of the academic year.

Due to teacher strike action on Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 10th March & have a visit from Jim Beckett, a local author. Please see further information in the Newsletter on how to pre-order books!

Class photos are Weds 22nd March so please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform (including jumper or cardigan), school shoes & neat hair. (Please pack PE kit to change into if your child is in Oak or Maple class).

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Arlo (Acorn)
Daniel (Elder)

Eryn V (Maple)

Daniel (Elder)

Florence (Acorn)
Amariaah (Oak)
Harley (Oak)
Jasper (Oak)
Dylan (Maple)
Beth (Elder)
Harrison (Elder)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Acorn Class: **98%**
Oak Class: **92%**
Maple Class: **96%**
Elder Class: **96%**

Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity – Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

This week in Acorns we discovered some different eggs and seeds. We talked about where we thought they had come from and what they might grow into. We had some very imaginative and creative ideas!

Egg and Seed Discovery



We found some eggs and seeds in our classroom, we talked about what might hatch or grow from them and why.

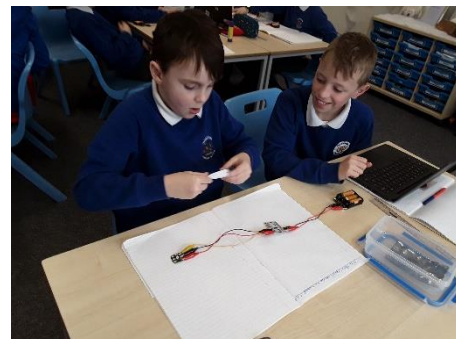


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Elder class as part of their STEM curriculum have been using Crumble electronic equipment very kindly paid for by FoTS so a big THANK YOU to FoTS!!!! Crumble is an electronics controller that connects to a computer using a USB cable. The class will be learning to attach components & programme the software in future lessons.



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Jeni, Nikos, Lottie and Huxley, our Digital Leaders, led the assembly on Safer Internet Day on the theme of: 'Do you want to talk about it? Keeping safe online'. They encouraged everyone to keep talking to their friends and trusted adults about what they do online so that when something happens that they are not sure about, they are confident to explain it and make a good, safe decision about what to do next.

They also carried out a survey in KS1 and KS2 about how children make good choices about staying safe when playing online.

Although quite nervous about speaking in front of the whole school, they did a brilliant job. Back in the classroom, they continue to debug those little problems for their peers and class teachers and enjoy tinkering with their own computing activities.

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Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day (February 22nd) is a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women and fundraise for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries.

All our pupils who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts proudly wore their uniform to school to show their support!

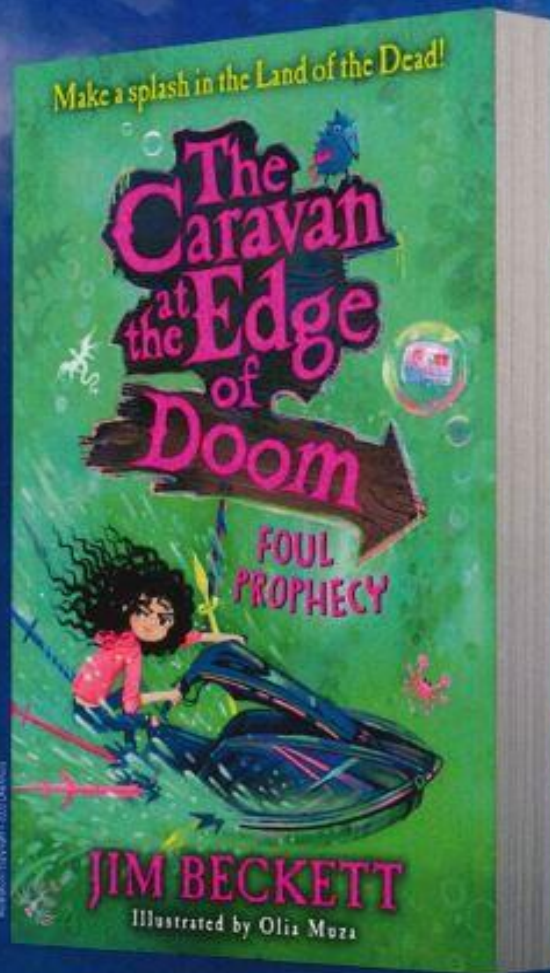


Aria is working towards her Brownie Jobs Interest Badge and she completed part of that by asking an engineer, an IT support trainer and a lawyer lots of questions about their jobs at a Brownies meeting.

They were so impressed with Aria's questions that she won Brownie of the Week.



Author Visit by **JIM BECKETT**



Jim Beckett is coming to visit our school and talk about his brand new fiction book, *The Caravan at the Edge of Doom: Foul Prophecy*.

The **SUPER** funny second book in Jim's series about The Land of the Dead, filled with monsters, mysteries and mayhem!

Date: **Fri 10th March**

Time: **1.45pm**

Where: **School Hall**

Jim will also be selling and signing copies of both books on the day!

Thakeham Primary School –Author Visit – Jim Beckett

Friday 10th March



Dear Parents & Carers,

On **Friday 10th March** children's writer **JIM BECKETT** will visit Thakeham Primary School to talk to children in Key Stage 2 about his funny, fast-paced books, *The Caravan at the Edge of Doom* and *The Caravan at the Edge of Doom 2: Foul Prophecy*.

Jim's local bookshop, the Steyning Bookshop, are offering you the chance to pre-order his books via their online shop – with **FREE DELIVERY** to the school! Pre-ordered books will be handed out to children at school on the day of Jim's visit and Jim will personally **SIGN & DEDICATE** these for your child, while he's at school. **The deadline for pre-ordering is THURSDAY 9th MARCH at 4pm.**

We will also have a book-sale and signing with Jim in the hall from 3.15 pm the same day- accepting payment by cash or card, so if you miss the deadline come and buy a book after school!

HOW TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP ONLINE STORE

- 1) Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/>
- 2) Add the JIM BECKETT book/s to your shopping basket
- 3) Select 'LOCAL PICKUP' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school)
- 4) Enter Billing Address as normal. In ORDER NOTES add 'Thakeham Primary School, CHILD'S NAME & CLASS. Alternatively, you can add these details instead of your shipping address.
- 5) Proceed to payment. (Payments are processed via Paypal but you don't need a Paypal account)
- 6) Books will be handed out to the children & signed by Jim at school on Tuesday 28th February.

ORDER DEADLINE: Thursday 9th March at 4pm.

If you have problems ordering, please call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062 or just come to the after-school book sale!

About Jim Beckett

Jim Beckett has been a teacher, comedian, pest control administrative assistant, seasonal elf, and census collector. Now he is a full-time writer (and parent!) and lives with his family in Steyning.



About Jim's Books



The Caravan at the Edge of Doom (£6.99)

When her grandparents explode in their caravan toilet late one night, twelve-year-old Harley discovers a surprising truth: their toilet is a gateway to the Land of the Dead, and they are its Guardians. But there's no time to mourn her grandparents' passing... Because Harley's baby brother has accidentally passed Beyond too, in Nana's wheelie bag! Now, Harley has only 24 hours to rescue him before he's trapped there FOREVER! Thrills, spills, plummets from towering cliffs, and LOTS of laughs!



The Caravan at the Edge of Doom 2: Foul Prophecy (£7.00 event price; RRP £7.99)

Harley is happy to be back home after her adventures in the Land of the Dead. But strange things soon start happening. A bunch of Restless Souls turn up at school, the portal of doom breaks, and everyone thinks Harley has blown up her best friend Bess. Is this all connected to a mysterious ancient prophecy that everyone in the Land of the Dead keeps talking about...? There's only one thing for it. Harley has to unleash her inner Legendary Hero and head Beyond Life for more monsters, mysteries and mayhem!

"A madcap comedy adventure with unexpected twists and a thrilling time limit. Hilarious."

The Irish Times

THIS INSPIRING AUTHOR VISIT DOES NOT COST YOUR SCHOOL A SINGLE PENNY, AND THE SCHOOL WILL EARN A CREDIT (FREE BOOKS!) FOR EVERY BOOK SOLD!



On Friday 17th March, we would like the children to take part in Red Nose Day and raise money for Comic Relief.

The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes with a red theme. This may be their t-shirt or socks, a hair band or onesie! Please ensure they are still wearing sensible shoes for school activities.

Please bring in £1 donation on the day or you can donate via your ParentPay account:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10846>



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FoTS News



Please remember to drop off your Bag2School (or bags!) on Friday 3rd March & Monday 6th March to the Excess Hall.

Friday 24th March is a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes or sweets for the stall.

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, the text 'JOIN US' is written in large, black, stylized letters. Below this, a white rabbit is sitting on a green hill, holding a large, colorful Easter egg. There are other smaller Easter eggs (yellow, pink, and purple) and butterflies around the rabbit. In the top left corner, there is a small version of the FoTS logo. In the top right corner, a green starburst shape contains the text '27th MARCH'. At the bottom, the text 'EASTER EGG HUNT' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below this, it says 'PLUS REFRESHMENTS, CAKE, FUN & GAMES AND A CHANCE TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER'. At the very bottom, it says 'STARTS 3:15PM' and 'Thakeham Primary School'.



Email us at: office@thakehamps.co.uk

Call us on: 01903 740176

Dates for Your Diary

- **3rd March:** Bag2School drop off in Excess Hall
- **6th March:** Bag2School drop off in Excess Hall
- **10th March:** World Book Day (rescheduled from 2nd March) – Jim Beckett author visit
- **17th March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day (please see further information above)
- **22nd March:** Class photos
- **24th March:** FoTS Non Uniform Day (in exchange for cakes/sweets for the stall – please see FoTS News for further info)
- **27th March:** FoTS Easter Egg Hunt after school (see further info in FoTS news)
- **31st March:** INSET Day (last day of term)
- **3rd-14th April:** Easter holidays
- **17th April:** Start of Summer term - return to school
- **1st May** – Bank Holiday
- **8th May:** Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
- **29th May-2nd June:** May half term
- **5th June:** INSET Day
- **6th June:** return to school
- **11th June:** Thakeham Village/FoTS Fundraiser Day – SAVE THE DATE!! (further info to follow)
- **21st July:** last day of term
- **24th July-31st August:** School summer holidays





EASTER HOLIDAYS

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

INSPIRING ACTIVITY

PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

Worthing	Lancing	Arun	Storrington
West Park Primary School	Sompting Village Primary School	The Angmering School	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
Our Lady of Ston Senior School		Barnham Community Hall	

*Worthing Leisure Centre - Book WLC

***Multi Activities, Performing Arts & Gymnastics courses**
*8.30-4pm £24.95 for 5 - 11 year olds
Use code EARLYEASTER10 until 28.02.23
**HAF* Holiday Activities and Food Fund places available 03.04.23 - 06.04.23 - BOOK EARLY

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up during the school holidays with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for an Easter break full of fun!



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27th MARCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

PLUS REFRESHMENTS, CAKE, FUN & GAMES AND A CHANCE TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

A CONCERT BY TAYLOR MAID

14th APRIL 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

(Doors open at 6.30 p.m.)

Taylor Maid will be playing at Storrington and Sullington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3PP.

Taylor Maid play a variety of songs and tunes from the 1920s to the present day, including swing, gypsy jazz, latin, folk and some fast and furious fiddle jigs and reels. The six piece band features: Jon Wigg on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo, low whistle and vocals. Magda Taylor on tenor sax, banjo and vocals. Mike Carey on keyboards. Pete Sidwell on double bass, bass and vocals. Matt Wilson on jazz guitar and Dave Chivers on drums, percussion.

Tickets £13, which must be booked or purchased in advance. Tickets available from Storrington Museum (Old School, School Lane RH20 4LL) (01903 740188 open Saturday & Wednesday 10-4 and Sunday 10-1) or email contact@storringtonmuseum.com. Drinks including alcohol and snacks will be available.