

Autumn Term

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newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year!

We have had the best start to the term and everyone seems to have settled in marvellously! A particular 'shout out' goes to our wonderful new pupils in Acorn Class. They have been very brave, engaged and excited. We are thrilled they are part of the Thakeham Family.

Some lovely moments will be coming up through the Autumn Term and we are looking forward to sharing them with you, such as the Nativity performances in December.

Thank you from me and the Team for doing your part to ensure the children were ready to start school. It has made such a difference and we are all grateful.

As always, feel free to contact me at head@thakehamps.co.uk if there is ever anything you need. We will listen and do our best to help.

A reminder that we are closed on Monday. Take care and best wishes.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Week?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Amber (Acorn)
Beth (Elder)

Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Reilly (Oak)
Evelyn S (Maple)

Headteacher
Award



Marcus (Elder)
Jessica (Elder)
Gabe (Maple)
Max (Maple)

Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



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: **99%**

Oak Class: **96%**

Maple Class: **97%**

Elder Class: **99%**

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.

Values of the Term

In our assemblies over the past two weeks, we have begun looking again at the Fundamental British Values. These are the key values that define us as a British society. The children find learning about them fascinating. We are looking at each one in turn and how we display them in school:

British Values

Individual Liberty

- Freedom of speech for all
- The right to make our own choices

The Rule of Law

- Understanding rules and why they are important
- Following rules to develop order

Mutual Respect

- Treating others as you want to be treated
- Respect for each other
- Working together



Tolerance

- Learning about different faiths and cultures
- Listen to other viewpoints
- Learning about diversity

Democracy

- Making decisions together
- The right to an opinion/voice

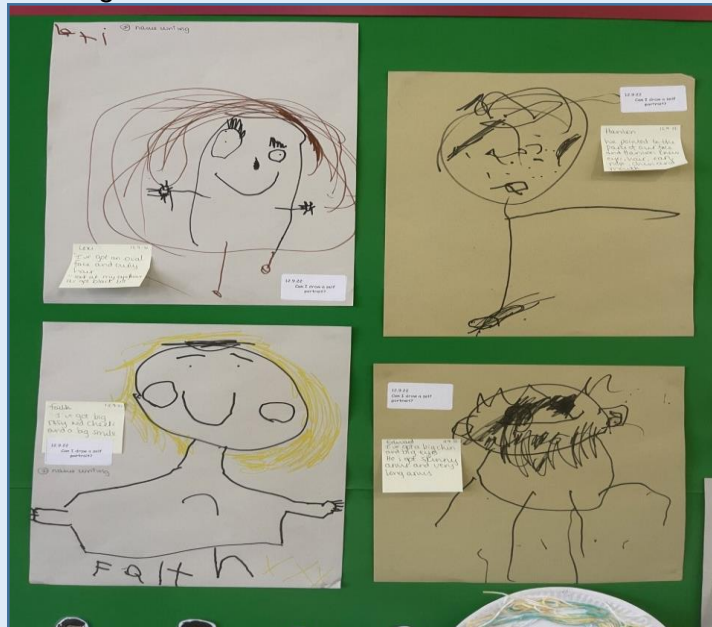
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Learning in Class

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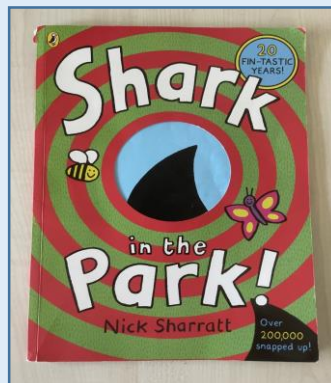
Acorns

In Acorns, we have been busy with a new topic, 'Marvellous Me!' We have had a lot of fun getting to know one another. We think we are already an amazing class team. Here are some of the self-portraits we have been drawing:



Oak

Our Key Quality Text in Oak class at the moment is 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharratt. We think the story is absolutely hilarious and have loved doing some writing about it. We have had a focus on finger spaces!

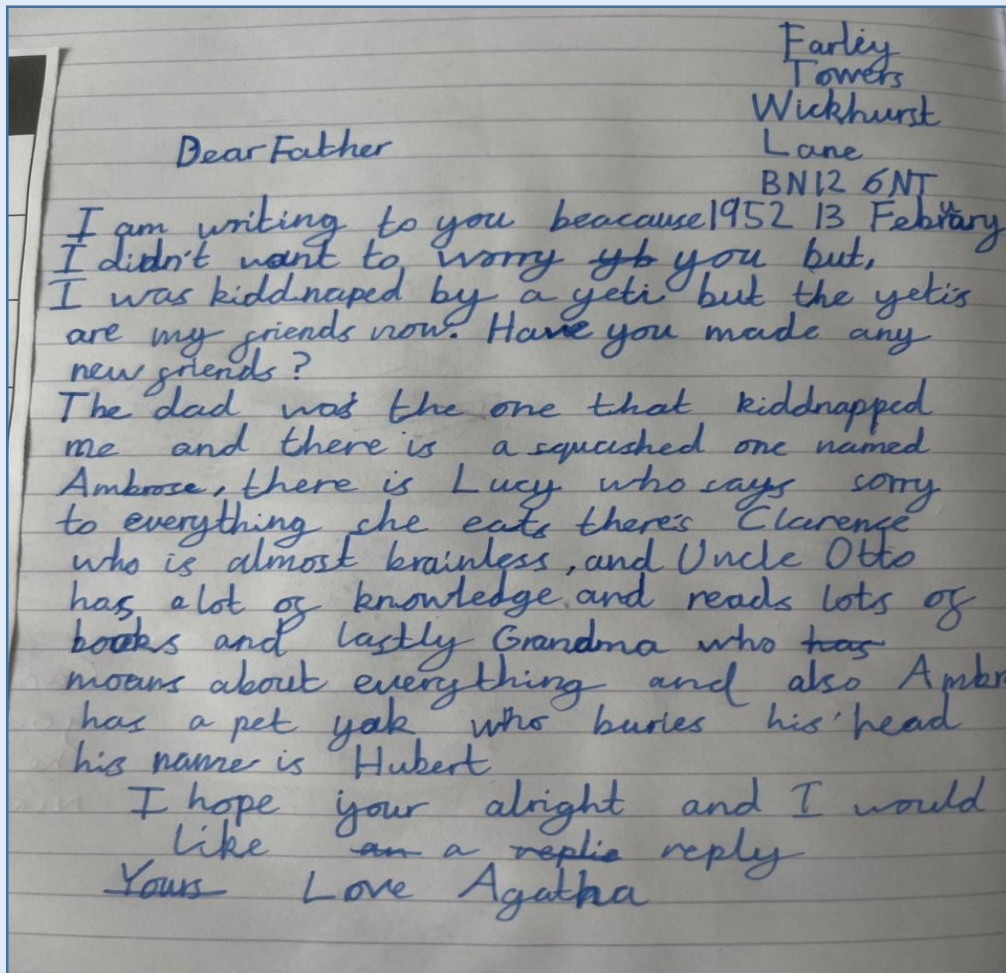


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Maple

Our class has been invaded by a Yeti! He messed up our classroom and even left big, white footprints on the carpet. We had fun trying to figure out where he is hiding. We wrote letters too. Here is a nice one by Nikos:



Elder

Elder class are all about 'space' this term. Our fascinating topic has got us all ready to learn! We have also been getting stuck into our French with Mrs Bowbrick. This week we looked at the verb, 'aller'. Why not try us out and see how much French we now know? Merci!

Hello from Our Chair of the Board Mr Tom Gray

On behalf of the school governors, a warm welcome to you all, especially to our new parents that have joined us this year.

I hope that the start of term has gone well for you now that we have finally been able to start the school year with business as usual. We thank everyone for the resilience and adaptability shown over the last few years; and the Governing Board now look forward to the prospect of fully concentrating on moving the school forward. This means you will see us more regularly in and around school as we return to our full monitoring duties and develop the strategy for the next 3 - 5 years.

The Governing Body works in the best interest of our children, so please take a look the Governors section on the website and do come and speak to us with any feedback or concerns. I will also be out on the playground every Friday morning for a chat or you can contact me directly at: tgray@thakehamps.co.uk .

Finally, we are looking for another Parent Governor to join us. The work of the Governing Body directly influences the direction of school and it is a fantastic opportunity to make an impact on the education of our children. Do get in touch!

I'm looking forward to a successful year filled with opportunities for your child and speaking with you soon!

Tom Gray

Chair of Governors



Dates for Your Diary

- **21st September 7pm:** FOTS AGM (parents welcome to attend)
- **26th September:** Year 5/6 football taster at SGS
- **3rd October:** Year 6 open event at SGS's Rock Road site
- **5th October:** Individual school photos
- **17th October:** Harvest Festival
- **18th October:** Elder class trip to South Downs Planetarium (details to follow)
- **18th October:** Parent Evening 5pm to 7:30pm (sign up info to follow)
- **20th October:** Parent Evening 3:30pm to 6pm (sign up info to follow)
- **Week of the 24th October:** HALF TERM
- **31st October:** return to school
- **Week of the 14th November:** Anti-bullying Week
- **23rd November:** Flu shots clinic in the excess hall (consent form and info to follow)
- **8th December:** Acorns Class Nativity Performance to parents (info to follow)
- **9th December:** Christmas Fayre
- **14th December:** Joint Oak, Maple and Elder Nativity Performance 9:30am (for parents to attend)
- **1th December:** Joint Oak, Maple and Elder Nativity Performance 1:30pm (for parents to attend)
- **16th December:** end of term

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CENSUS DAY!**
6TH OCTOBER
2022



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KNOW?**

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!

MENU

Cheese & Tomato Pizza,
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry with Rice

Rainbow Vegetables,
Salad

Chocolate Brownie

**Special diets will receive their signed off menu.*

Free school meals and Universal Free Meals do not need to take action.
Paid meals can order online, no later than Sunday 25th September
at www.mealselector.co.uk

Year 2-Year 6 Taster Session



Monday 26 September
At Steyning Town Football Club
5.15-6.30pm
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Bring plenty of fluids

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