



*Small School  
Big Opportunities  
Great Achievements*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Maple Class have now experienced a cave-painting Stunning Start to their learning this week. Some fabulous cave markings created by the children in year 3 & 4.



### Who are we celebrating this week?

**Positive,  
Persevering  
Perry**



**Co-operative  
Carina Chloe**



**Headteacher  
Award**



**Reflective,  
Reviewing  
Rowar**



**Curious,  
Questioning Cleo**



Mia (Acorn)  
Sam (Oak)  
Iga (Oak)  
Gabe (Maple)  
Luke (Elder)

Daniel, Louie,  
Zack, Marcus,  
Harrison, Rudee,  
Jessica (Maple)

Amelie (Oak)  
Archie (Elder)

Logan (Maple)

Joshua (Acorn)  
Archie (Elder)

### Time to Shine

Chloe won the Bee of the Week trophy with Stars Netball and it was Lucy's first time participating in Storrington Village's annual Elf Trail so she was delighted to win a chocolate prize which she shared with her brother!



### Reading Ladders

The following children have reached the top of their class Reading Ladders. This means they have consistently completed their reading HW and developed that life-long love of reading.

Well done to:

Reggie, Joseph, Bertie, Sam and Jacob (Oak)

Ava, Archie, Evelyn, George, Grace and Leonie (Elder)

## Headteacher Interviews

Headteacher interviews will be taking place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January here at school. The Governors will inform you of any further details in due course.

## Parent Governor Role

We continue to seek a parent to join our Governing Body. It is a busy time for the school and we really do hope to have a full complement of governors to continue to support our vision and aims. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way we would love to hear from you.

## FoTS & Fundraising with Amazon Smile

I am sure there are many of you, like myself, who turn to Amazon to do your online shopping. Did you know that FoTS (Friends of Thakeham School) are set up on Amazon Smile? As a consumer, if you register with Amazon Smile, you can select FoTS as your chosen charity. Every time you make a purchase, then Amazon donates an amount of money to that cause. There is no cost to the consumer or charity for registering with Amazon Smile. Please consider it when you next shop online as it is a small and simple way to support our school.



## FoTS Meeting

The next FoTS meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January on Google Meet. The link is [meet.google.com/oxg-eyok-pdu](https://meet.google.com/oxg-eyok-pdu) We warmly welcome all parents to join the meeting to help support the school.

## May Music Festival

We are very excited to be welcoming back our Music Festival to school. At this Festival, run on a Friday afternoon in May, the whole school comes together to listen, sing and perform. Historically, we have always had a guest artist performing as part of it. Previously, we have had a parent band play 3 or 4 popular songs the children would know, a flute duet, a folk group, a past pupil on the drums and a samba musician. If you know of a guest musician or group we could approach for this year's Festival please let the school office or myself know.

## Paint shirts & Drapes for displays

KS2 would like to replenish their supply of painting shirts. If you have any unwanted small adult-sized t-shirts or shirts the children could use when painting, please could you think of our budding artists and send them in. Obviously, they will help to keep their school uniform clean!

Do you have any old, but in good condition, curtains, sheets or large pieces of materials you no longer need? The class teachers use large pieces of material to display children's work or artefacts to support learning and again, we would like to replenish our stocks.

## Art Project for Hope

Mrs Usherwood has been working on a local community art project with our STARS schools and has set the wheels in motion for developing our four house teams' Hope banners. If you are good at sewing or just would like to support us with this creative project, please contact the school office.

## Covid-19 Update

Please continue to keep us updated of any Covid-19 in your household. It is a requirement that everyone in your household and contacts, self-isolate in line with the latest guidance. I would like to emphasise that these are the government rules that we must follow and not ours as a school [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

The Government has announced that from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, face masks will no longer be required therefore you will no longer have to wear them on the school grounds. If the level of positive cases increases within our community we may wish to reverse this decision. Please respect that some families and staff will wish to continue wearing them.

## Safer Internet Day

Our Digital Leaders have been busy organising activities for the whole school for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The theme this year is 'All Fun and Game!'

## World Book Day

We would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for World Book Day. Also a big thank you to the Book Worms from Mrs Ronchetti and myself for all their hard work in logging all our Amazon Wish List books onto our Reading Cloud.

## Science Day

As part of Science Week, Mrs Stender has organised for each class to have a Fizzpop science workshop on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. More details will follow.

## Sporting Success

Our sporting highlight of the week...

### Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday, 6 children from year 5 and 6 took part in a hockey tournament at Steyning Grammar School. They played against three other teams coming second overall, but were completely undefeated in all matches even winning one 7-0. The positive attitude, teamwork and resilience shown by all that took part was wonderful to see.

Miss Brown was incredibly proud of our team and said it was one of the best tournament matches she had attended. Well done to Oliver, Ben, Alice, Archie, George and Noah.





## Parents' Evening

Please keep in mind the following dates for this term's parents' evenings.


Acorn Class: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Oak, Maple & Elder Class: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February







Best wishes,




Mrs Emma Hopkins

(Acting Headteacher)

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 Different activities each week.  
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