



Friday Grab Bag

For next half term only, our kitchen will be offering a 'Grab Bag' school dinner on some Fridays. The nutritional value will be similar to current Friday menus, but it will be offered in the style of a wrap, or something else that can fit easily into a brown bag, such as fishfinger wrap or chicken / quorn nuggets. Keep an eye out on the school menus.



A huge well done to all the children for their efforts during sports day this week.

Congratulations to the winning team this year - GREEN TEAM!

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who came along to cheer the children on.

ONLINE SAFETY

On the theme of Online Safety, I have come across a well-reviewed parent course that is between 30 and 60 minutes, by the National College. In order to access the course, you will need to create a login, but once you have an account, the course itself is free.



Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children **Aged 3-7** (2023-2024)

<https://nationalcollege.com/courses/os-for-parents-carers-of-children-aged-3-7>



Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children **Aged 7-11** (2023-2024)

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FOSP News



Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered at Inflatables Day, whether it was baking tasty cakes or selling items on the stalls. We were a bit short of helpers on the day but thanks to some people doing extra shifts on stalls, we managed to keep the queues down as much as possible. We are pleased to say the day raised over £2,300!

Scarecrow Trail - scarecrows have already started popping up all over Coggeshall and the maps are being printed. These can be bought from Bakealicious from Saturday, or you can buy them via our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/product/scarecrow-trail-map-2024/> - we do ask that people don't share maps when you've paid for them, as that then limits how much we can raise from the event. Once you've made it round all of the scarecrows, you can vote on the back of your map and drop it off at the library. Winners will be announced once the trail is over, at the end of half term. There are number of great prizes such as hampers and Sunday lunch for two at The Chapel for the winners so your votes do count!

Father's Day stall - children will be able to visit the Father's Day gift stall on 7th and 14th June, and you can buy tickets via the letter that came home, or online here: Please make sure you buy them ahead of time, as it helps us put together the class lists. Also remember to put down the class (teacher or class name) for all of the children you are buying for.

This past term we have helped to fund more items for the school, including cushions for the bell tent, play provisions for Mulberry class and IT work for Chromebooks that have kindly been donated to the school. We are on track to hit our target of £20k, and will be providing an update at the end of the term to show exactly how much we have raised, and how we got there.



The year seems to be disappearing rapidly and I realised I hadn't updated you for a while with some of the governing board activity and plans.

We have had some changes to the governing board. Katie Glegg left and we have welcomed three new governors: Steven Hopkins, Louise Cowan and Kathryn Worvell. We thank Katie for her time with the school and look forward to working with the new governors who are very invested in our school and have a vast array of skill sets.

Governor meetings have taken place regularly and we have also carried out various school visits including Trauma Perceptive Practice, Phonics and English, History, Science, SEND and Early Years. Additionally we carry out Safeguarding visits (termly) and Health & Safety. Some work has also been started on evolving our Christian vision and no doubt this will be communicated once it is finalised. As always, the visits have been encouraging and have enabled us to see the subject lead action plans linked to our School Development Plan and see how these are being implemented in practice. We are always impressed with the dedication of our staff, their interest in the children, and how the children progress.

Early discussions have also taken place regarding the new school build project and we will be forming a sub-committee to look at this in more detail. At this stage, we are not able to confirm a timetable but we hope this will be made clearer to us soon so that the information can be shared with parents/carers. It is an exciting new phase for the school and, whilst there will be some unavoidable disruption, the enlargement of the school will see some real benefits to the school and its pupils.

Attendance is always a discussion point at governors meetings, and as some of you may be aware, there is also a National focus to improve attendance, particularly unauthorised absence. We, as a school, are committed to ensure that all children receive the very best education and attendance is critical to this.

Jayne Robertson
Chair of Governors

School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

May	
24th	Non- Pupil Day
25th - 2nd	FOSP Scarecrow Trail
27th - 31st	HALF TERM
June	
4th	Class photos
7th 12-1.30pm	FOSP Fathers' Day Sale
12th	Mersea Beach Trip - Mulberry Class
14th 12-1.30pm	FOSP Fathers' Day Sale
17th 2-3pm	New Starters - Stay and Play
24th 2-3pm	New Starters - Stay and Play
27th & 28th	Y6 Honywood Transition
28th	Parent Travel Survey (on school gate - info to follow)
July	
3rd	New Starters - Stay and Play
5th 2.45pm	Mulberry Class Assembly
9th 9.30am & 2pm	iRock concert - <i>those who attend will be invited directly by the iRock team</i>
10th & 11th	Y5 Bikeability
12th	School Reports send out to parents
15th	Y1/2 Wilderness Project Trip
16th & 17th 6.30pm	Y5/6 production (details to follow)
18th	'Meet the Teacher' - children spent the morning with their new teacher
18th 5pm-7pm	Celebration / Open Evening
22nd 5.30-7.30pm	Y6 Party Night! (details to follow)
23rd 10.30am	Y6 Leavers' Service at church
23rd 12-1pm	Parent Picnic
23rd	LAST DAY OF TERM

