



# Ringstead CE Primary School Newsletter

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## Issue 27

**Friday 26th April 2024**

**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32**

### Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week ended with the Year 6 Parents Meeting for the upcoming residential to the Isle of Wight. If you could not attend, the PowerPoint along with activity information was sent home via email. Please contact the school office if you have not received this.

Year 6 also took part in a live lesson this week which was held by the WWF and the Eden Project. They learnt about the importance of the rainforest and the plants and animal which call this biome home.

The Book Fair has arrived and will be open and available every morning before school from 8.45am and after school, it's last session will be Friday morning. Books will be available to purchase via a downloadable app to your phone or by using ApplePay. The Book Squad will be on hand to assist with any sales.

Next week, sees the pupils in Years 3 and 4 take part in Bikeability Level 1 lessons. Please can we ask that you take the time this weekend to make sure that your child's bike is Bikeability ready. Tyres need to be pumped and brakes working, all children will need a correctly fitted helmet too. There will indeed be photos to follow in next week's newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Roberts

### Safeguarding



Parenting is in itself a very difficult job. Parenting a child struggling with their mental health can often leave you as the parent feeling isolated, ashamed or even judged by others. Please find a link regarding support for parents dealing with children and their mental health concerns. This site provides parents with opportunities to read case studies, chat and stay connected with other parents in similar situations. [Parent Support for Children's Mental Health \(parentingmentalhealth.org\)](http://parentingmentalhealth.org)

## Online Safety

Following on from last week's notice regarding the well-being of our pupils and the usage of WhatsApp across upper Key Stage Two, please find information this week for parents regarding WhatsApp and parental controls. [WhatsApp Parental Control: The Ultimate Guide for Parents \(airdroid.com\)](http://airdroid.com)

## Attendance



This week's whole class attendance winners are **Falcons** with 100%! Congratulations **Falcons**!

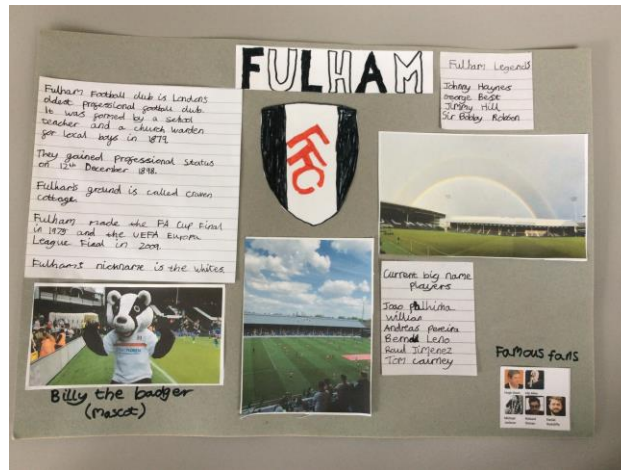
## Stars of the Week



**Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week!**



## Home Learning



Congratulations to Callum Dunbar this week for receiving a very special, signed Fulham football programme by João Palhinha himself. This came as a huge surprise to Callum in this week's Celebration assembly as Miss Grunill had sent his home learning project off to Fulham Football Club last term. They were so impressed that they published it in a match programme. Well done Callum, not only on completing your home learning but having it published in a weekly football programme! Everyone at Ringstead is indeed very proud of you!



## Academy Governance Committee



This week, Connie Saunders, (Parent Governor) and I spent a day in school. One of the tasks we accomplished was to meet children from Year 6 with regards to their well-being. We wanted to understand and discuss the impact the Year 6 WhatsApp group, is having on them. Not all the class have access to WhatsApp. 10 children asked to meet with us and shared their concerns.

We heard from the children that the group is not a fun space. There are no ground rules. Children said members of the group are added in then thrown out weekly if not daily. They described many in the group swearing at each other.

Some of the comments included-

- "my phone is always going ding, ding, ding - leave me alone."
- "I turn my phone off."
- "I leave the chat."
- "I've been accused of something I haven't done."

No-one talked about it being a fun space.

Some children said their parents checked their phones. Others said they didn't. We cannot verify this. WhatsApp is dominating conversations in and out of school, for the children, staff, Governors and for you too, if your child is engaged with this platform.

My view as a parent, is if children in Year 6 (or any other year) are using it, they are under the age of 13 and parents HAVE to monitor / act and try to make it a safer and kinder space for their child. As Governors, our view is this platform is negatively affecting their well-being.

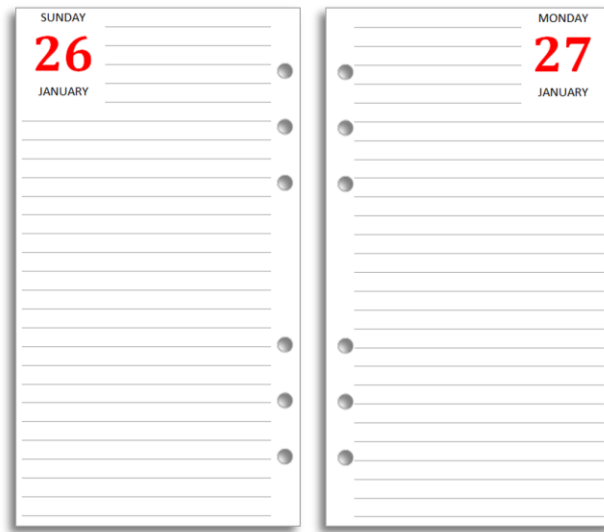
I spoke with about 1/2 of the group the following morning after our chat. All said "chats" the previous evening had been much better after our discussion. Good to hear, but will that kinder space last...?

If your child is using WhatsApp, please can you check their phone regularly, monitor swearing, abuse etc. Can we help make it a kinder space, and / or encourage children to leave the group if the "chat" is having a negative effect on their or other children's well-being. We'd really appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Thank you, Mrs Harrison.

Please contact our Chair of Governors - Mrs Harrison via [r.harrison@ringstead.pdet.org.uk](mailto:r.harrison@ringstead.pdet.org.uk) should there be anything you wish to share or discuss in relation to our school.

## Dates for the Diary



### May

Wednesday 1st - Bikeability Y3/4

Wednesday 1st - KS2 Archery Festival. (Selected pupils will receive a letter.)

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday Monday. The school will be closed.

Monday 13th - Thursday 17th May Year 6 SATs week

Monday 20th - Friday 24th Isle of Wight Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th - last day of the half term

Tuesday 21st - Faith Tour for Ravens and Kestrels. (Further information to follow in due course.)

### June

Monday 3rd - First day back of the term

Tuesday 11th - West Stow Anglo Saxon Village for Ravens. (Further information to follow in due course.)

Thursday 27th- Just Sing at the Derngate Theatre for Year 4 pupils.

## Term Dates 2023/24

### Academic Year 2023/2024

Term 1 Friday 1st September 2023 - Friday 20th October 2023

Term 2 Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term 3 Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

### Training Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

## Term Dates 2024/25

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December

- Half term holiday: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
- Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January to Friday 4 April

- Half term holiday: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
- Easter holiday: Monday 7 April to Thursday 17 April

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April to Tuesday 22 July

- Bank holidays: Friday 18 April and Monday 21 April
- Bank holiday: Monday 5 May
- Half term holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May



- Summer holiday: Wednesday 23 July to Friday 29 August

Terms Dates 2024/25

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Key

School Holidays
Training Days
Bank Holidays
School Day
Weekends