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Newsletter

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TOGETHER MAY WE
GIVE OUR CHILDREN
*roots to grow and
wings to fly*



"Forest School whatever the weather we go outside" expresses a core principle of the forest school educational approach which emphasises continuous, long term outdoor learning and development in a natural environment, regardless of the weather conditions.



Hello ❄️ Winter

FRIENDS OF BANHAM SCHOOL



The FOBS committee are as busy as Santa's elves putting together an array of festive fun!

Rachael, a florist, is hosting Wreath Making classes Nov 24th and Dec 11th £30pp, along with parent and child session on Dec 13th £35 per pair. Spaces are still available. You'll spot a wreath adorning the front of the school, this was made by Rachael and Lizi.

The Christmas fete is December 6th 10-12, with games created by Swifts, baking with Mrs Clause, tombola, craft stalls and more, along with our cafe serving bacon rolls and fresh bakes. There will be a performance from the choir and the raffle will be called at 11.30, where there are so many incredible prizes to be won - look out for ticket books that came home this week.

FOBS will be providing a range of refreshments at the Christmas Carols on Dec 9th.

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers, and chancers playing the cake raffle, we've raised £500 so far, and just under £900 with all our events to date!

This year, in addition to supporting the school with funding coaches for trips and several enrichment activities, we will be fundraising for new IT equipment.

To help support the fete, there will be a dress down day on November 28th where we are asking children to bring in items for the tombola: sweets, chocolate & general tombola items.

We would also appreciate any cakes or bakes for the fete cafe on December 5th.

One last huge ask, if anyone is able to give up 30 minutes of their time to help at the fete we would be much appreciated!

Many thanks,

The FOBS

LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Wrens have been working hard in the classroom as always and created some incredible pieces of writing. We have started our new English unit on Little Red Riding Hood and the children have explored using different adjectives to describe the wolf's character. They have also created stories for Children in Need day about Pudsey and been developing their independence by reading their work back and making changes if needed. In maths we have been exploring height and length and started using rulers to measure objects in centimetres. The Wrens have also been learning about 'Special Books' in RE, such as the Bible and the Torah. Well done Wrens!



Robins have been very busy this half term so far. We have a new Topic - Seasons and Celebrations. We began by looking at why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We made some beautiful firework pictures and wrote our own Onamatapia Poem. These are on display in the library. We then moved on to learn about Remembrance Day. We sat beautifully for the 2-minute silence and made lovely Poppy Pictures. This week we have concentrated on Diwali and made our own Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps.

On top of all of this we have been busy writing short sentences and becoming more confident with our reading. In Maths we have been concentrating on circles and triangles and the numbers 1-5. Miss Rout and I are extremely proud of all the children.

Swifts This week we have begun researching and creating our own non-chronological report based on one of the seven summits. We have been creating one together in class and now are using our own research to create our very own A3 page of information. In Maths we are now coming towards the end of our first Fractions unit, our confidence in fractions has grown massively and we can now find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, add and subtract fractions and even convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have enjoyed finding out about the Ancient Mayans, we have looked at artefacts and made inferences about how they lived. In Science we are looking at how different organisms (living things) are grouped and classified. We are also very excited as we have begun designing and creating our games for the Christmas Fete where we get to run our own stalls!



Skylarks n Science we have been learning about sounds and how the human ear works. In our first lesson we built a large-scale ear from classroom objects and the children took turns to travel through the ear canal pretending to be a sound vibration - it was lots of fun! In Lesson 2 we then experimented with sound waves to find out how they travelled through water, air and solid objects. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed the 'hanging from my ears' experiment as well as 'the sugar and the speaker', 'rocks underwater' and 'balloon chatting'. In RE this half term we are learning about the Christmas journey. We have already explored what we would see in Bethlehem today and we then moved on to learning about the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem for the census. In English we have started our new unit of writing based on the storybook Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. We are breaking the story in to chunks and rebuilding each part using our own ideas and skills from previous writing units. In Maths we are focusing on multiplication and division and learning our 'Rolling Numbers' is really helping with this. Fast recall of times tables helps Skylarks to calculate more efficiently in their work - so keep practising at home!

Diary Dates

- **23rd November** – FOBS Wreath Making Workshop £30, 7:00pm
- **28th November** – FOBS non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prices
- **6th December** – FOBS Christmas Fete 10:00am-12:00pm
- **9th December** – Banham whole school Christmas Carol Concert @ Banham Church 5:30pm
- **10th December** – Rock Steady Concert 9:30am *for parents whose children are signed up with Rock Steady*
- **11th December** – Christmas jumper day
- **11th December** – FOBS Wreath Making Workshop £30, 7:00pm
- **13th December** – FOBS Wreath Making Workshop adult & child session £35, 10:30AM
- **18th December** – Christmas School Dinner
- **19th December** – FOBS Christmas Dinner
- **22nd – 5th January** – Winter Holidays
- **Tuesday 6th January** – First day of term

