

DIARY DATES

January

30th – Drama
show to school

February

5th – Choir to
Young Voices

6th – Basketball
even in school

14th – Yr 3/4
Cross Country
event

15th – F of F film
night

26th – Children
return to school

28th – Home
football match v
St Johns

March

7th – World Book
Day

8th – F of F DISCO

12th – Learning
Conferences

13th – Yr 5/6
Netball Event

14th – Learning
Conferences

22nd – Talent
Show



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Our village history

This term, part of our termly topic for our younger children has been to study the history of our local village. Class 2 and 3 children both enjoyed looking at pictures of buildings from our village over the past 100 years and compared what they look like today. Both classes enjoyed a cold, crisp walk through the village to see the differences for themselves.

Mrs Watts also organised a hands on session for Class 3 with local historian Wendy Shepherd. Children were able to see and experience first hand some of the artefacts that have been found as part of the village archaeological dig.

Throughout the term, our study of the area will widen to include Colchester and introduce the Roman period of history.



Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 24th January, a mixed selection of Year 5 and 6 children competed in an indoor athletics competition against other schools in our consortium. The first half of the event saw children competing in field events such as standing long jump and triple jump. Then it was time for the races. Whilst, naturally, this caused some nerves in our competitors, Mr Askew was so proud of how everybody showed determination and overcame this during their events. Well done team Fordham!



GOLDEN TABLE

On Friday's I have had the pleasure of eating lunch with some of our children on the 'Golden Table' .

Earning lunch on the Golden table is a privilege which is attainable by all pupils and is achieved by showing outstanding regular, or much improved lunchtime behaviours.

Well done to the following children so far.....

Class 1

George
Stanley

Class 2

Ezri
Olivia

Class 3

Ruby
Lillia

Class 4

Emmie
Maddison

Class 5

Jonty
Ashton



Music around School

There is nothing I like more than children enjoying music around school. Class 4 and 5 children are



lucky to be given the opportunity to learn the ukulele on Monday afternoons this term. So far they have learnt to play chords C, F and D minor. They can play Frere Jacques and Three Little Birds by Bob Marley – pretty impressive after just 3 lessons! Thank you Mrs Crawley for giving our children this opportunity.

Our peripatetic music lessons continue to thrive and the number of children learning has significantly grown across this year which I am thrilled about. We now have 1 child learning the saxophone, 3 learning the flute, 2 learning the recorder, 2 learning the clarinet, 10 learning the piano and 11 learning the drums.



Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on our school governing body for a parent governor, letters will be coming out shortly. If you would like to know a little bit more about the role of governor, Jackie Ray our chair of governors will be at the next parent coffee on **Thursday 31st January.**



Friends of Fordham Events

The Friends of Fordham team have worked hard to offer a range of events for our school community to enjoy this half term. Whilst all monies raised benefits school and all children, they wanted to focus on offering events that bring our school community together. This term's fundraising will go towards new playground markings for the main playground including hopscotch and an activity trail.

Friday 15th Feb – Film Night

Friday 8th March – DISCO

Friday 5th April – Easter Tea

Friday 26th April - Quiz night

Coming soon....'Break the Rules Day!'

Gold Book Winners this month



Class 1 – Amelia, Lila, Frankie, Chloe, Charlie W, James & Jack

Class 2 – Henry, Charlie, Anna, Sophie H, Chase & Oliver

Class 3 – Morgan, Lillia, Harry T, Jesse, Finnley, Charlie & Finn

Class 4 – Maciej, Molly, Nina, Jack, Joe & William

Class 5 – Cameron, Jack, Henry, Daniel, Charlotte C & Charlotte B