

# Fairhaven Friends

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
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## Diary Dates

### October

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sycamore Class Forest School  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Beech Class Forest School  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Beech & Chestnut parent/carer  
Teacher Meetings  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Beech, Oak & Sycamore  
parent/carer Teacher Meetings  
Chestnut Class Forest School  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Chestnut, Oak & Sycamore  
parent/carer Teacher Meetings  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 10.15am St Mary's  
South Walsham  
Monster Ball KS1 4.30pm-6pm KS2  
6.15pm-7.45pm school hall  
No Messy Art Club

**Half Term** 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Nov

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Level 1 cycling course  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Open morning for Sept 24 R children  
parents  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Tempest taking individual photos  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Acle Cluster Cross Country at  
Fairhaven

## Harvest Festival – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on Friday, 20th October, at St. Mary's Church, South Walsham, at 10:15 a.m. Our theme this year is Food from Around the World, and our pupils will give thanks for the abundance of food available to us.

As usual, we will be collecting non-perishable donations of food. These might include dried pasta, rice, food in jars or tins, such as soups, sauces or jams, tea, coffee, or biscuits. Any contribution, big or small, is thankfully received.

Mr Mike Beames, from The Well, will be attending the service and receive our gifts. The Well is a

community group providing a drop-in support centre to help individuals who are isolated, vulnerable, or disadvantaged. They offer an array of services including: 2 free meals a week, counselling, signposting to services, plus social activities, and trips.

**Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word. There will be tea and coffee available in St Lawrence's Centre from 8:30 a.m.**

## Coffee and Chat - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

I will be holding a Coffee and Chat session on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, at 9:00 am. If you have any questions or queries about whole school issues or something related to your child's class, please do come along for an opportunity to discuss. I am in the process of reviewing our Health and Relationships policy and would love to have some parent/carer input into this. I will have some information available during the Coffee and Chat session; if you would like to be involved but can not make this date, please let me know.

Enjoy the weekend – the weather forecast is good!

Mrs Lake

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Unfortunately, Pupil Asset is not allowing parents to book appointments for the parent teacher meetings on 16/17/18<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not already booked/requested an appointment, please email the office or class email to request one stating the date you would prefer, and we will book a time for you.



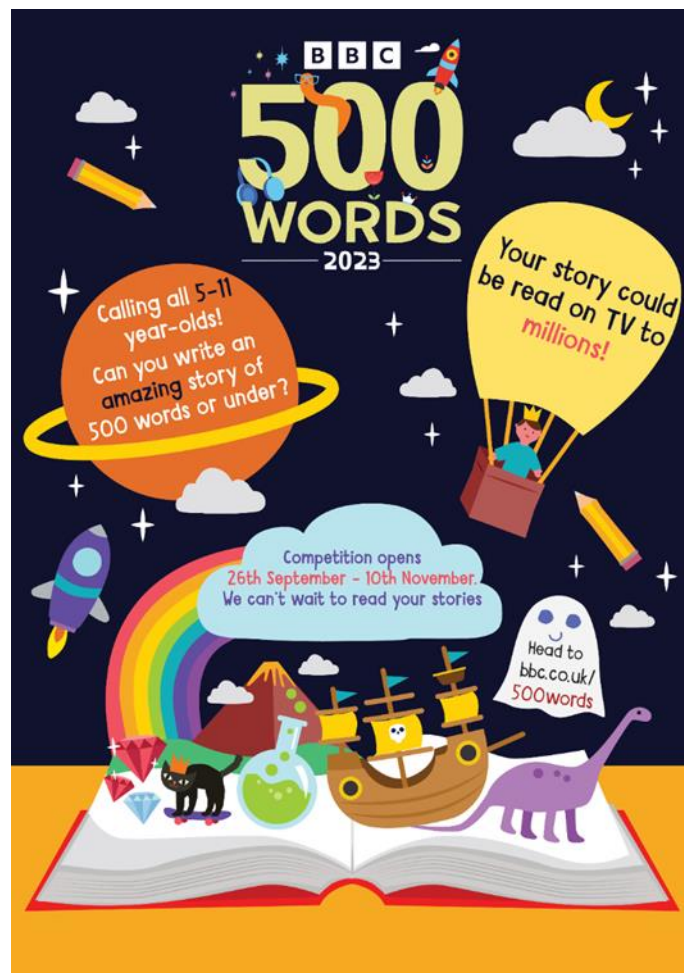


<https://trockstars.com/>

Pupils in Chestnut, Beech and Oak Class have been issued with their Times Tables Rock Star login details. They should also have brought home a welcome letter with the login details. Please keep these letters for future reference.

Once your child has logged in to the app or webpage, they can play online question-based games, which will help them recall their times tables in record speed. Class teachers will set appropriate times-tables games for the children to play. The children can log on using any device via the app or website browser and play anytime, anywhere. Engaging in gamification and motivating rewards means it is never difficult to entice children to play. Please be aware that the platform automatically adapts to each child's unique learning needs. **So please do not be tempted to help or play for them because this could cause the programme to get difficult too quickly or become too easy – depending on your own times tables ability!**

To celebrate the launch of this new learning platform, we will be holding a special Rock Stars Assembly, led by Joe from Rock Steady, at the end of the day on Tuesday, 10th October, and children will be able to come to school in **non-uniform on Wednesday, 11th October**. They may dress as rock stars if they wish, but please do not buy anything new just for this. During the morning on Wednesday, each class will explore the Times Tables Rock Star website and play multiplication and division games.



Does your child enjoy writing stories? Maybe they would like to write a story for the BBC's 500-word competition. The competition is open to any child between 5 and 11 of any writing ability who resides in the UK. (Children must be of the relevant age by Friday 10th November). The competition is a celebration of children's creativity, so stories will not be marked on spelling, grammar, or punctuation.

This year, we will introduce the BBC's 500-word competition to the children in school. We'll use some resources available through the official website and give them a little time in school to get started. If your child decides to enter, we would love to hear their finished stories. If they bring their story back to school, they will be able to read their stories in class, and we will display their story for everyone to enjoy. Mr Jones, one of our regular volunteers, has offered to listen to the children reading their stories, and we would be happy to help any child upload their entry.

There is lots of information and resources about the competition on the 500 words website - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



**Chestnut Class** have been enjoying their design and technology lessons over the past two weeks. They have spent lots of time learning about the benefits of eating vegetables, sampling vegetables prepared in different ways and practicing their culinary skills. They have tasted vegetable dips including beetroot pesto, pico de gallo and pea & mint. They have chopped, sliced, grated and peeled their own vegetables to make pitta pockets, and have explored the pane cooking technique of covering vegetables in breadcrumbs. A fun and delicious two weeks it has been!



### **Friends of Fairhaven**

On Monday night, the Friends of Fairhaven Primary School held their AGM. Many thanks for all those that attended. Over the course of the year, the Friends have organised an incredible number of events; some just for fun and others with the intention of fund

raising. Here is the list of the events from last academic year.

- Autumn term Monster Ball
- Secret Santa Room & Father Christmas
- Spring term Disco and Disney Bingo
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Cake Sales
- Organisation of King Charles III Coronation Fete
- Village Coronation Plaques Competition
- Coronation Bake-Off
- Summer Term Tuck Shop
- Welcome Back to School Party in late August

All these take a lot of time, effort, and organisation. The school governors, school team and I are incredibly grateful to all those who play an active part either as committee members or helpers. Equally many thanks to every parent/carer who supports these events. Every piece of cake or disco ticket bought has helped to raise money for those extras that the school budget cannot afford.

The money raised has been spent in the following ways:

- Class Christmas Presents - £120
- Easter Eggs for all pupils - £107
- King Charles III Coronation Coins for all pupils - £103
- Support for the New Entrance Re-modelling - £1,000
- Chestnut Class Mini-Monsters Creepy Crawley Roadshow - £100
- Beech Class Castle Trip - £174
- Oak Class (Year 6) Leavers Tubing Trip - £100
- Sycamore Class furniture - £675

These financial contributions really make a difference to the school experience all the children have, so thank you once again. I know the committee already has plans for the coming year. They will be supporting our traditional calendar of events. Our fundraising focus will be on purchasing a new play equipment shed for the playground and supporting the school with the purchase of reading books for class and library use.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Last week we celebrated –

#### **Sycamore Class**

George Shreeve was nominated



Mrs Fleet was really pleased with how well George had done with learning the new sounds and for practising to write the letters in his Letters & Sounds Book at home

#### **Chestnut Class**

Elliott said, *"Mollie is always kind and helpful. She is a good listener and always answers questions. She has been really good at her reading."*

Mollie always listens carefully but has shown this particularly well in D&T this week by recalling and explain key facts that she has learnt about the benefits of eating vegetables. Mollie has also thought carefully about her designs and ingredients when making her own vegetable pitta pocket.

This week Mollie has felt proud of her work in literacy - particularly her thoughtful conversations and drawings about memories of people that are special to her.

#### **Beech Class**

Nominated by Mr Branch and Harry

Harry said, *'Riley is really nice, kind, thoughtful and helpful! He is also very good at maths and sports, often raising his hand to answer questions!'*

Mr Branch said, *'Riley is yet another 'STAR' Learner who always listens exceptionally well in lessons. He consistently begins his work quickly and has particularly enjoyed working on his maths where he shows confidence in his own ability. His work is super neat and he should be proud of his efforts so far this term!'*

Mrs Lake said, *'Riley is always really fair when on the playground or when participating in sports, making sure everyone is enjoying themselves rather than always going for a victory!'*

Mrs Brocklehurst said, *'Riley has made an exceptional effort in his first few saxophone lessons. It takes a lot of hard work to make the first few sounds on the saxophone, and Riley has persevered spectacularly. He has also been extremely patient as he wanted to start saxophone lessons two years ago but he wasn't tall enough. He waited patiently and is now ready to start working towards his goals.'*

Riley said, *'I am really proud of my maths because I feel confident in what we have done so far and like to put my hand up to answer questions.'*

#### **Oak Class**

I have nominated Oscar because in maths we took turns to answer questions and he has been improving his handwriting very quickly.

I think that Oscar tries hard in every subject; is a supportive maths partner and a very good friend.

This Week we celebrated –

#### **Sycamore Class**

Imogen was nominated

Sycamore Class said Imogen was kind and caring, helps people and shares with others.

Mrs Fleet said Imogen is always really focused in our lessons and has contributed lots in our structured story time this week.

#### **Chestnut Class**

Oscar said, *"Jack is good at football. When people get hurt he helps them. He is good at writing."*

Jack shows a good level of general knowledge and is always keen to share his understanding with the class. He speaks confidently and explains his ideas clearly. Jack also makes a great effort to use his existing knowledge to try to understand new vocabulary and make careful guesses about what these words might mean.

Jack has been proud of his maths work this week when using the symbols for greater than, less than, and equal to, to compare numbers. Jack even challenged himself with some of the Year 2 questions!

#### **Beech Class**

Nominated by Mr Branch and Bradley

Bradley said, *'Andy is my best bud and is very kind! He is very good at maths and quick at working answers out.'*

Mr Branch said, *'Andy has shown real confidence within all lessons, not only this week but every week since starting in Beech Class. He is a regular contributor to lessons and ably justifies any opinions he shares. He also has a wonderful sense of humour which again highlights how he feels in class.'*

Andy said, *'I am really proud of my work in RE as I had my hand up a lot and shared my ideas about the story with the class.'*

#### **Oak Class**

Ella has nominated Talia because she has tried so hard in all subjects and is very kind on the



playground. She helps her peers and is just a great friend and student.

I have noticed that Talia has become far more confident this year. She is working very hard in my lessons and with all of the other teachers.



Luke Cooper Sophia Harris  
Toby Robbie Hester  
Isla G Libby

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**1<sup>st</sup> ACLE SCOUT GROUP**



**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION - 2023**



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10-4pm**

**At the Acle Methodist Church,  
Bridewell Lane, Acle**

*Everyone welcome to come along  
& refreshments are available*

