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NEWSLETTER

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1066 and all that!

We were really pleased to take part in the activities to mark the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings on 14th October. Badgers class having made shields marched across the fields from Crowhurst to Battle Abbey and joined with about 600 other students to form the grand procession. Whilst at the abbey the children learned a little about the battle and even made their own shield wall, squaring up to the Normans, in the form of fellow

students from Netherfield CE School. The procession itself was a real spectacle with an incredible atmosphere. It was good to see lots of families along the route cheering us on! We are very grateful to all those who helped with making the costumes including chainmail balaclavas and to the Friends for paying for them! We hope the day will hold special memories for the children and be something to remember in years to come, maybe even in 2066...



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Appeal...

If anyone has toy cars (matchbox type) that are now no longer required we could make good use of them in our playtime equipment boxes! If you have any going spare please drop them into the office. Thank you!

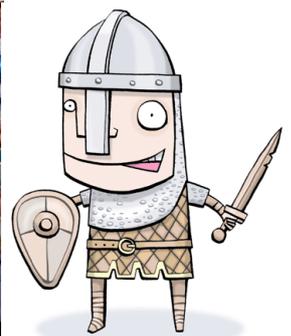


1066 and all that!



We were thrilled that some of our pupils were able to take part in a special service in St. George's church earlier in the term to make the connection between King Harold and

Crowhurst village. The children wore some of their costumes and were introduced to the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex. Thank you to Fr Michael for inviting the children.



Have you ever heard maths compared to eating cabbage? Well it has been said that Maths is like a cabbage in that you either love it or hate it and a lot depends on how it was served up at school! Here at Crowhurst we believe that all children have the potential to enjoy and do well at Maths.

Currently we are working hard to raise the profile of Maths in every day life and encourage the children to have fun while thinking mathematically. We have introduced Maths challenges for the children to have a go at while at home and also on the playground.

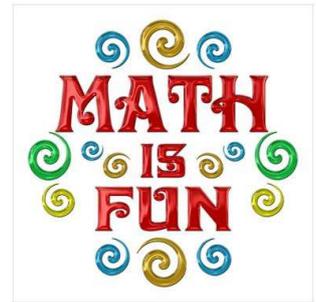
I wonder if you can think of 10 ways you have used maths skills already today? Maybe the challenge will be to limit it to just 10!

Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Jervis met this week with members of the Crowhurst Neighbourhood plan group to discuss how the school can contribute to the plan and the life of the village in general. As a result the school council will be meeting with the representatives between now and Christmas to talk about what they like about Crowhurst and how they'd

I have heard parents say of their maths experience 'I never got on with maths' almost predicting their child wont either.

We know that this need not be the case and we will give each child every opportunity to succeed. This includes helping parents get better at Maths too! So, if there are aspects of Maths that you are struggling with, perhaps homework you've not been able to help with please let Mrs Llamas know. In the near future we will be putting on parent workshops for Maths and it would be great to target them at areas that would be most helpful.



like to see it develop from a child's perspective.

The Neighbourhood Plan representatives are also keen to meet with parents so in the new year will hold feedback meetings for parents where you can see what the children suggested and add your own views.

We have been pleased to see so many children choosing to enjoy school lunches provided by our caterers. The menu for this is carefully planned to ensure it meets the healthy eating guidance set by the government. Packed lunches of course are more flexible but we would recommend they are based around the following guidelines from the NHS:

A healthier lunchbox should:

- be based on starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such

- as beans and pulses, eggs, fish, meat, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly
- include a drink such as water, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks

Please remember that no nuts can be brought into school and we do not allow children to have sweets or chocolate bars in their lunchboxes. Only fruit should be brought in for playtime

Magic Values—Erasmus+

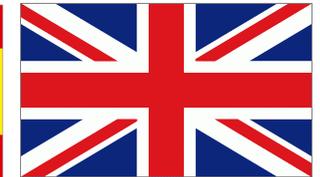


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Mr Jervis and Mrs Wastell will be attending the planning and preparation meeting for our Erasmus project this week. They will be joining two representatives from each of the other schools to put together the detailed plans for what children across the schools will be doing during the two year project.



Thursday and Sunday will be spent travelling to / from Terni in Umbria while Friday and Saturday will be spent on the nuts and bolts of the plan. Our partner schools in Spain, Italy and Croatia are very excited about getting involved and I know the children here are keen to find out more including how they can take part.



Parent Focus Group

As a school we are committed to working with parents to make sure our school is as good as it can be. With this in mind Mr Jervis will be restarting his 'meet the head' meetings but under a slightly different guise.

We want to provide an opportunity to consult with parents on key issues or new ideas. This is not intended to undermine the role of parent governors who represent the parent community on the Governing Body and assist in the leadership and

management of the school. Rather, it is intended to compliment it by providing informal opportunity for parents to provide feedback.

If you think you'd like to take part in the parent focus group please let Mr Jervis know. The meetings will only last about half an hour either at the beginning or end of the school day to tie in with pick up and drop off. They will of course include refreshments! The first of these meetings will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 2:30pm.



We were pleased to welcome Steve Hempsen-Jones to school on Wednesday 9th November as part of the Rotary Club campaign to free the world of polio. He spoke with eight of our Foxes pupils and helped them plant approximately 600 purple crocus bulbs on the school field. The bulbs are purple as this is the colour little fingers are painted as part of the

immunisation of children. When they bloom in February we hope they will remind us of this great cause. It only costs 40p to immunise a child and it is hoped polio will soon be eradicated from Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria, the only countries where it remains endemic. For more information please visit www.rotarycrocus.com



With the onset of winter, now is a really good time to be reminded of things that can be done to keep everyone healthy at school and home. During the winter flu season it's especially important to keep an eye out for temperatures and flu-like symptoms. Please don't send children into school if they are suffering from these. As a general rule if a child is unable to cope with a normal school

day without the help of calpol etc then they should be home resting to prevent cross infection and to speed recovery. Please do complete the necessary paperwork if you would like your child to receive the flu nasal vaccine (Yr 1,2 and 3) from the school nurse team which is being offered this term. With sickness and diarrhoea children must stay off for 48 hours after the last episode.

We will remember

We marked Remembrance / Armistice day by conducting our own act of remembrance culminating in a two minute silence at 11am. Members of Badgers Class read the poem 'In

Flanders Fields' and said prayers which were planted in our reflection garden. It was good to come together as a whole school community to mark this special time.



The Friends have been very busy over the past few weeks with a second hand uniform sale and disco just before half term followed up by a skate and scoot on the

MUGA last week. We hope you managed to grab some bargains and stocked up for the winter! The children certainly enjoyed the opportunity to scoot around on the nice smooth

MUGA tarmac and slurp on delicious hot chocolate with marshmallows. Next up is our annual Christmas Fayre on 2nd December—make sure it's in your diary!



ATTENDANCE

We've made a great start to the term in terms of attendance. Well done to Foxes Class who have won the attendance cup for the past two weeks!

Class	% attendance
Hedgehogs	95.3
Squirrels	97.0
Foxes	98.3
Badgers	96.4
Overall	96.9

Can you help?

We welcome offers of help, regularly or occasionally...

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Crowhurst Parish Council

Would be keen to hear from any parent who would consider being co-opted onto the parish council. For more information please contact either Keith Robertson, Clerk to the Parish Council on 830331 or Tracey Hoad on 830020. Please also let Mr Jervis know if you might be interested and he can always pass a message on.

Newsletters are published roughly once a fortnight and can be received by email or paper copy. They are also available on the school website

A little bird told me...

The children sent to Mr Jervis with good work since the last newsletter are:

Reggie, Martha, Amelia Ford, Rebecca, Scarlet, Luc, Lander, Arthur, Erin-Mae, Poppy Ray, Maddie, Eleanor, Willow, Zack, William West.



The children's names are recorded in a special book which can be found in the entrance area.

Diary Dates



15/11 Prospective parent tours—Reception 2017	8/12 School council meeting re Neighbourhood Plan	7/2 Badgers Maths at St. Richards
17/11 Children in need events in school	12/12 Neighbourhood plan parent drop ins / coffee morning / afternoon tea	10/2 End of term 3
17-20/11 Erasmus transnational planning meeting	13/12 School Christmas Lunch	20/2 Term 4 starts
17/11 Deadline for school photos	15/12 Infant Nativities 9.15am / 2pm	24/3 Red Nose Day
18/11 INSET day 3	19/12 Infant Christmas party	31/3 End of term 4
24/11 School council meeting re Neighbourhood Plan	20/12 Junior Christmas party	18/4 Term 5 starts
21/11 Road safety week	21/12 School carol service 2pm	1/5 May day
2/12 Friends Christmas Fayre	21/12 End of term 2	15/5 Bikeability week
6/12 Badgers Maths at St. Richards	3/1 INSET day 4	26/5 Sports day TBC
6/12 Parent focus group 2.30pm	15/1 Closing date for new Reception admissions	26/5 End of term 5
	17/1 Badgers Maths @ De La Warr Pavilion	5/6 Term 6 begins
		9/6 Sports day reserve date TBC
		20/7 End of term 6 for pupils
		21/7 INSET day 5