

Head Teacher: Miss Melanie Scull

Tuesday, October 28th 2025

Week 8,

I completely convinced myself that I sent this on Thursday, but it would appear that I wrote it and forgot to send it!

Thank you to everyone who came to thank Mrs. Hammond or present her with cards, flowers, chocolates or other gifts, she was really excited about the afternoon Tea that FOCS provided her with. It was lovely to see the outpouring of kindness and gratitude towards her and although it was a day of many tears, she did really appreciate all of your kind thoughts and as we kept telling her it was see you soon not good bye!

A huge thank you to all of you who attended the Parent Consultations. I'm sure that you all received constructive feedback from your children's Class Teacher and have some targets to work on moving forward! It was great to see so many of our school community here to see how their children have settled in their new year groups.

Thank you to everyone who bought books from the book fair, your purchases meant that we raised £255 in commission which we can use to buy more books for the school.

This week we launched teaching the children British Sign Language (BSL), the children were so excited to meet Tina and Debbie (from the deaf unit at the Ivy Trust) in a special assembly, they quickly taught us the signs for colours and seasons so that we could all attempt to sign a season's song within just 20 minutes!

Looking ahead to after the Half Term holiday, we have a Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Phonics meeting on Wednesday 5th November at 9.10am. This will provide you with useful information about how you can support your child to develop their phonics skills.

On Monday 3rd November we start the new Winter Menu, please make sure that you book your child's lunch with them before Sunday evening.

Lots of dates coming up quickly once we return from half term:

- Wednesday 5th November Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Phonics Meeting 9.10am
- Thursday 13th November Reading Café Year 1 – Y6 9/10am
- Friday 14th November Children in Need (Wear Pajamas Day)
- Friday 21st November FOCS Rainbow Day (see attached sheet for item requests)
- Friday 21st November Year 5 Assembly 9.10am
- Friday 28th November FOCS Christmas Fair 3.15 – 5pm

When we return from the holiday, all Year 6 children (attending clubs) who usually walk home alone must be collected by an adult.

Holtwhites Sports and Social Club (who allow use to use their grounds for our Sports Day free of charge) are having a Fireworks Night, please see the attached flyer for more information.

I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Half Term holiday; stay safe and look after yourselves.

Stronger Together,

Miss Scull