



17th July 2020

This week has been a busy, and eagerly awaited, week for the Year 2 children who we welcomed back to spend their last few days at Swing Gate with their classmates and teachers. They thoroughly enjoyed their time and it was wonderful to see how they have all settled back in so well. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck in the next stage of their educational life.

We also welcomed the new Reception children this week, who had time with their new teachers and classmates. Some of the children have been in Voles but we also had some children who are new to our school. All the children settled well and had a great time.

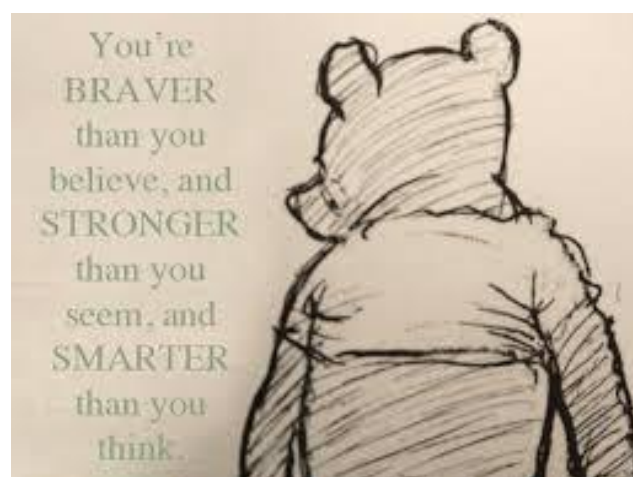
Little Deers and Nursery staff were also present to say hello to their current Nursery children and help them settle into their new Reception Classes.

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. This year has been one that will stay in our memories for a long time. The latter part has been hard and testing for many but we would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support and also to wish you a very happy, restful and safe summer break. We can't wait to see those of you returning in September.

A little reminder that the Government has announced that schools will be closed over the summer to all children including key worker children. More information about this can be found on the Department for Education website.

The autumn term starts for the children on Thursday 3rd September and there will be a soft start to the day, so your children are welcome to start the day between 08:30 and 09:00. A letter with more details was sent out today.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT



What am I?

*I am a seed with three letters in my name.
Take away the last two and I still sound the same. What am I?*

Answer: A pea.

Home learning

The teachers will be uploading summer home learning activities onto the website this weekend. There is no expectation for you to complete these with your children, but if you choose to we hope that you find them useful.



Mental Wellbeing

If you are feeling flexible and need some time to relax why not try some alphabet yoga with your child. It's great exercise and also a great way of developing familiarity with capital letters.



All you need for the Alphabet Yoga challenge is a small space, your body and your imagination!

- Can you hold your body in a pose to look like each, capital, letter of the alphabet?
- Start with A and then B, C, D and so on. Try and hold each shape for five seconds before going onto the next letter.
- Can you complete the alphabet?

INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY

- Can you transition smoothly between each letter shape?

Nutritional Wellbeing

If you are looking for something thirst quenching, simple and delicious to make over the summer holidays during those hot, sunny days we are hoping for. Why not try making these very fruity ice lollies.

Ingredients:

- 3 oranges
- 3 pears, peeled and cored.

Method

- Finely grate ¼ tsp zest from one of the oranges.
- Then peel them.
- Roughly chop the flesh and put in a bowl (or food processor) with the zest and pears.
- Blitz until as smooth as you can get it.
- Then pour into lolly containers.
- Poke in sticks and freeze until solid.



And finally...

I hope you and your families continue to be well. Stay safe! Have a lovely summer.

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher



FoSG Summer update

A big thank you from FoSG to all the children, parents, volunteers and staff for your support this year. We've really enjoyed running events and hope you have enjoyed them too. A special thank you to all the Year 2 children and their families who are leaving at the end of term. Good luck for your new adventures next year!

This year we have raised £5,710 including an incredible £1,967 of donations received at the virtual spring fair in May and £1,197 from the Aviva Community Fund scheme.

The money raised this year has supported online learning through the Bug Club and White Rose mathematics subscriptions which we have also renewed for the coming year. Other purchases include materials for the Talk for Writing Project, a set of balance bikes for EYFS, the Christmas Panto performance, and some additional outdoor furniture for the EYFS playground. We're also excited to see the new playground lines which were finished and ready to welcome the Year 2's on their last two days with us.



We're working with Mrs Gallagher on other projects we can support including IT equipment and further improvements to the playground.

Planning for next year is underway, and although things will look a bit different due to social distancing, we're working on lots of ideas for some events and activities that will

be fun and also help us raise money for the school.



Many of our current committee will be stepping down at the end of this term. Thank you to all of them for the hard work and dedication, especially to our Co-Chairs Claire and Emma, Treasurer Nicola, Vice Chair Lara and Trustee Paula. We will miss you!

If you are interested getting involved or would consider one of the committee roles and would like to find out more, please get in touch with Emma at ejbedlow@hotmail.com.

Have a safe and happy summer break and see you in September.

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