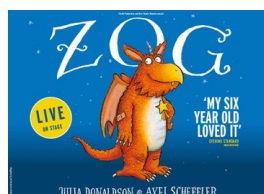




FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you



Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of our latest whole school learning experience which we are really enjoying! We are using this opportunity to revisit some of the areas of our School Development Plan that we have been working hard on this year:

- using modelling to support the development of children's writing, particularly key grammar and punctuation skills
- writing for purpose, thinking carefully about our audience



The children have been commissioned by the Chichester Observer newspaper to become theatre critics (**HOOK!**) and will be using their experiences at the theatre to write a review that will be published on the Chichester Observer website (**END GOAL**) in the coming weeks. We have been working on developing our audience and purpose for writing... it's lovely for the children to have such a public platform for which to write!

On Monday the children received a commissioning email from Phil Hewett, Group Arts Editor, in which he offered some advice:

A good review always make it very clear whether you like the show or not straight away. Always give reasons further down in the review. I always think it should be clear in the first line whether you thought the show was great or awful or somewhere inbetween. Then in the second and third paragraphs you should say what the story is all about. After that, in your review, you should say what you thought of the show and why you thought what you thought. I think it is also remembering a few things....

- * Always be constructive... even if you don't actually like it. Remember lots of people have worked very hard on the show and we should always respect hard work (even if we aren't quite sure about the results!)
- * Never be personal! Always try to keep a professional distance, for example, don't say "I didn't like that actor with the big nose!"
- * Remember this is a great chance to show off all the different words you know! Words like good and bad are boring. Show how big your vocabulary is!

As with all our learning experiences, we started with a baseline and identified personalised steps of learning for each child. Then the children were immersed in a range of different reviews and critiques, including film reviews, restaurant critic reports, book reviews and even looking at our Ofsted report in some classrooms: all presented in a range of different of formats. The children looked at WAGOLL's (What A Good One Looks Like) and discussed the purpose and audience of their chosen style of review, looking at the effect they were trying to have on their readers! Other steps included: collecting vocabulary for this style of writing; modelling evaluative sentence construction; having a go for themselves; paired and shared writing opportunities and so much more!



The children were incredibly fortunate on Wednesday to have the opportunity to meet and work alongside a theatre critic who used to review for The Observer newspaper. Kate Bassett is a journalist, columnist and literary advisor for Chichester Festival Theatre. Kate worked with all the children in school, giving them a unique insight into the way she approaches reviewing a play. It

was absolutely fascinating to hear Kate speaking about her experiences and some of the advice she offered the children: *'Always open with a punchy sentence!'*

Write lots, watch lots and read lots! Be brave and fearless. Look for great acting talent and a good story line. Keep an open mind! The children had a super time asking her questions and finding out how she works. Panda class were even brave enough to invite Kate to come and watch their performance of Mary Poppins later this term and write a critique (Mr Servant was listening intently and taking a great number of notes!). My huge thanks to Kate for joining us on Wednesday afternoon, it was such a privilege to have her in school! Thanks also to Chichester Festival Theatre, particularly Richard Knowles, Education Project Manager, at the theatre for facilitating this visit. We are always lucky to find people so willing to help make our children's learning irresistible and who offer our school their resounding support! It reminds me of the African proverb about it taking a village to raise a child... meaning that it takes an entire community of different people interacting with children in order for children to experience and grow in a safe environment.



With all these steps of learning well underway, we were ready to go to the theatre. The excitement built during the course of the week and a great deal of organisation took place behind the scenes to make sure everyone was safely delivered to and from their shows! Our Reception and Year 1 children went off to see Zog in Worthing, while the older children went to the Mayflower to see Matilda. For many of our children it was the very first time they had been to the theatre and expectations were high! The atmosphere was electric and the children's reactions to both Zog and Matilda were magical.



Learning Walls are up in the hall which are being added to every day by all year groups - do pop in if you have a moment to see the steps of learning that are leading up to writing our end goals (these steps of course look slightly different for every year group). They are bursting with the exciting opportunities that the children have had over the fortnight. Look out on the Chichester Observer website in the coming weeks to see some of our reviews published for a much wider audience. All learning journals will come home at the end of the experience so you can see your child's review and see their steps of learning.

This learning experience has been fabulous and it is so lovely to have the opportunity to work collaboratively throughout school on a shared End Goal. Huge thanks, as ever, go to our team of talented staff for their hard work and drive to create bespoke learning experiences for the children at Fishbourne!

Staffing for next year:

At this time of year, families are always keen to know about arrangements for the next year and we are now in a position to be able to share these with you. Please see below the teams of adults who will make up each classroom:

YearGroup	Team
R	Mrs Goodman Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Akehurst (am), Mrs Gregory (pm)
Year 1 Elephants	Mrs Allen (Mon and Tue) and Mrs Harris (Wed-Fri) Mrs Ball
Year 2 Penguins	Mrs Williams Mrs Dumitriu and Miss Taylor
Year 3 Koalas	Mrs Rinaldi (Mon- Wed) and Mrs Treagust (Wed-Fri) Mrs Brown, Mrs Huxtable
Year 4 Panthers	Mrs Woolnough Mrs Brown, Mrs Gregory (am)
Year 5 Tigers	Mrs Buchan (Mon, Tue, Fri) and Mrs Potter (Wed, Thu) Mrs Oldfield
Year 6 Meerkats	Mr Cutting Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Carter

Our 'Meet the Teacher' morning on 3rd July is designed for your child to spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher, getting to know one another a little better. The morning often involves playing games, team building, a getting-to-know you task, taking photographs and much more! The children are always really excited about the morning and we know there are great benefits for everyone involved. At Fishbourne, we recognise that 'relationships' are an essential part of being able to personalise children's learning effectively. This year, the children will also enjoy daily story time with their new class teacher during July- this will initially be in their current classroom but will also include visits to their new classrooms! We hope this shared enjoyment of a really good story will really help the children to get to know their new class teacher and the teaching team ahead of the summer break.

A new face you will see around school in September is Miss Jenny Taylor who joins our talented team of LSA's. She will be based in Year 2 with the Penguin Class and we hope she will be very happy as a member of our team.

I am also delighted to let you know that Rebecca Webb from the University of Chichester will be continuing to work with us next year. We met today to discuss some exciting plans relating to building a community of readers at Fishbourne, developing children with a genuine enjoyment of reading. I'm also pleased that Victoria Jones, our Families Matter teacher will continue to work with families at Fishbourne next year. We are currently planning a new programme that will be accessible to all and delivered at some point during the next academic year.



Learning Review Meetings

A little reminder that Learning Review Meetings are coming up and this is a great opportunity to hear about the progress your child has made since the mid-year report came home to you. If you haven't done so already, please do sign up! At this meeting, we will also let you know whether your child has met the expectations for the end of the academic year and be able to give

you valuable advice about how to support your child's learning at home. There will be a film in the hall for children to watch while you attend the meeting. If you would like an opportunity to meet with me during the evening, please do email ahead so we can book an appointment for you.

What's happening between now and the end of term?

There's so much to look forward to for children and adults alike! The fete takes place tomorrow and we would love to see as many families there as possible. A huge thank you goes to Mike Lewis from the church who is our 'behind the scenes hero' as well as the team who support him in making it happen. I am sure it will be a super day, the weather is looking good... we just need YOU to come along and help make it a day to remember. There are many other events to look forward to between now and the end of term which we hope you will enjoy. Please do support us in these. If you have any feedback (the good as well as the not so good!) please do let us know.

Please do check the dates at the end of the newsletter for all upcoming events. We very much look forward to you joining us!

Kindest regards,
Naomi Day and the Fishbourne Team



Sat 22nd June - Church and School Fete

Mon 24th June - Bags4Schools

Tue 2nd July - Leavers' Service at the Cathedral
(Y6 and parents) 1.15pm

Friday 5th July - Bingo and Beetle Drive FOFS event (buy your tickets on parentmail found under Payment—Shop)

Wed 3rd July and Wed 10th July 3.30-6pm -
Learning review meetings

Thu 11th July - Sports Day (1pm)

Tue 16th and Wed 17th July - Summer Production (Y5 and Y6)
6pm

Tue 23rd July - Leavers' assembly 9am

Tue 23rd July - Break up for the summer holidays

INSET Days for 2019/20

Provisional INSET days for next year are as follows:

Monday 2nd September

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July

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