

# Fair Oak Junior School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Fair Oak



Dear Parents and Carers,

It continues to be a busy and exciting week in school, and I am delighted to share some updates with you.



Firstly, I would like to offer a huge well done to all the children who have applied for our Pupil Voice roles. We had a particularly high number of applications and the quality of speeches was truly inspiring. The effort and creativity shown in writing their speeches has been outstanding and it has been wonderful to see so many children speaking with such confidence and enthusiasm. Today the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 found out who had been nominated for each role, while our Year 3 cohort will discover the results during Monday's Celebration Assembly. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the children's badges in the post so they can wear

them with pride. Once the badges have been distributed, the next stage will be for the new teams to meet with the staff members who are leading each area across school to discuss their ideas and begin to plan the actions they would like to take this year. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to make a real difference in our school.

I also want to say a thank you to all Parents and Carers who attended our recent Meet the Teacher events. These sessions are designed to give families an insight into what their child will be learning and experiencing throughout the year, as well as a chance to ask questions and meet the staff who will be working with them. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking part and showing your support. If you were unable to attend this time, please don't worry – the next opportunity to meet your child's teacher in person will be at Parents' Evening after half term, where we will be able to share progress and talk in more detail about your child's learning.

*Thank you!*

We have also been celebrating the achievements of our sporting heroes who have proudly represented the school at a range of events this term so far. Their dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship have been inspiring to watch and we are incredibly proud of the way they have represented our school in the wider community. Mr Stredwick and Mrs Cove have prepared highlights of these achievements which you will be able to see below and we hope you will join us in congratulating the children on their hard work and success.

This week Mrs Smith, Mrs Cooper, Miss Coxhead and I have also been carrying out a Reading Review to support the ongoing development of our reading curriculum. This involved visiting classrooms, speaking to staff and children and reviewing the ways we teach and encourage reading across the school. The review has given us some reflective ideas and insights which we will be using to strengthen our provision even further.





Finally, we are looking forward to marking World Mental Health Day in school next week. Mrs Downer has planned an assembly and activities to help the children understand the importance of looking after their mental health and well-being and understand that mental health is just as important as physical health.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

## September Sports News!

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

A Year 5 dodgeball team was entered into a festival held at Wildern School. Sixteen teams from local schools participated in the event which gave all of the pupils an opportunity to improve their skills in the sport. Fair Oak played really well in their fixtures and thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Well done to all of those who took part and represented our school superbly!

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

It was the turn of the Year 3 and 4s to take part in a dodgeball festival at Wildern School. For many of the pupils, it was their first time representing our school in a sports fixture and they did so with huge smiles on their faces. It was great to see them working in their teams, discussing tactics and having lots of fun in the Autumn sunshine. We are very proud of all pupils who have represented the school in sport over these first few weeks of term.

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Our girls football team began their season with a Hampshire Cup game at home to Bursledon. In a very tight game, it was the visitors who took the lead through a free kick mid way through the first half. Despite lots of territorial dominance from Fair Oak, our girls could not create a clear cut chance and the game ended in narrow defeat for our side. All of the girls who participated should feel proud of themselves – they represented our school superbly!

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Our lower school cross country runners were entered into the South Eastleigh and Winchester cross country race held today at Swanmore College. The standard of competition was extremely high and all of our athletes performed brilliantly. Individually, five of our fifteen runners finished in the top ten of their races which is a fantastic achievement. The overall results were as follows (the lower the points total the better):

- Year 3 boys team finished third with 66 points. One of our team finished in the top ten.
- Year 3 girls team finished fourth with 81 points. One of our team finished in the top ten.

- Year 4 boys team finished with 96 points.

- Year 4 girls team finished first with 28 points. Three of our team finished in the top ten.

Well done to all of our athletes. What a lot of cross country talent for the future we have in our school!