

Newsletter



Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank goodness that the water issues did not escalate. I am really pleased that we didn't end up having to close the school in only my second week at Fair Oak. The Water company are planning to do the repair work at the week end which helps us because we won't have to turn off the water during school time. We are hoping that it will be done by Monday. I was impressed with the children for coping with changes to routines which have been a consequence of this. For example, there was a period on Wednesday afternoon when some children had to use different toilets because the cisterns were taking so long to fill up. On Wednesday evening we purchased a significant amount of bottled water so that we were prepared in case children needed their water bottles replenishing or the kitchen ran out of water, but in the end they weren't needed.

Remaining on the theme of water, we have had quite a lot of rain this term. We try to get the children outside whenever possible - that includes when it is raining lightly. Please can you ensure that children come to school with their raincoats. One last water-related item: This week has seen the start of swimming in year 4. It has been super to see the children so excited to go. Thank you for being organised by ensuring that you send them in to school with everything that they need.

My year group of the week is year 6. I have been impressed with their personal versions of Greek Myths which have been word processed and look great on the wall. I also enjoyed seeing how excited they have been about the play auditions that took place this week. I have also received praise from the Infant school about how the year 6 play leaders are helping out over there. Well done year 6. Special mention also to year 4. They had fun this week making famous European landmark buildings out of drinking straws.

Best wishes
Jim Hartley
Interim Headteacher

