

# Fordwater School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2015



## Welcome to the Summer Term Newsletter.

As always the academic year has suddenly raced towards the end, culminating in a very busy few weeks. We started the term with our secondary department residential at Cobnor Activity Centre, where great fun was had by all during sessions of archery, sailing, climbing and kayaking. The sixth form students had a busy few days camping on the school field with trips out during the day, in addition the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme group completed their three day expedition kayaking for 12 miles – some achievement. Due to the current building works on site we held our three sports afternoons at Chichester University, a very positive experience for everyone involved. The School Prom was a great success with everyone looking so smart, followed by the Presentation Evening – the one evening of the year guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes. We've also had 'Foreign Language' week to keep us all busy.

The building works are progressing well and we should have a new nursery classroom and meeting room ready for the start of the new academic year. I'd like to apologise to everyone who has been affected by the building work – in particular the impact on parking which I know has been difficult for staff, parents and residents – thank you all for bearing with us, it is a much needed resource. We have commissioned a new secondary playground which will include a wheelchair swing, sensory path and climbing frame, we hope this will be installed before term starts again.

We are saying goodbye to Kate Shimmel who is moving to take up a role at 'The Bourne School'. We have three new teachers joining us in September: Ellie Whitehead who will take Pandas class; Kate Wardlaw who will take Butterflies class and Jake Meegan who will take a new class 'Caterpillars'. Congratulations to Kristie Inglethorpe and her husband who had a daughter Elsie Laine born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Jonathan Satherley and his wife who had a son Jonah Matthew born on 8th June.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaires, really positive responses from the vast majority of parents. Several parents said they would like a mid-year parents evening with individual appointments with class teachers – so we will give that a go in the spring term. Can I remind all parents and carers that if you have any concerns or worries please talk to us - either your class teacher, Head of Department or myself - and we will do our best to address any issues or concerns.

Again, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our staff for their dedication and commitment; their enduring hard work means that we can be sure that our pupils experience the very best provision here at Fordwater.

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# Bollywood



On 21st May Fordwater School had a Bollywood dance day. Kalpesh from 'Kz Dance' ran a day of Bollywood dance workshops, primarily for the Primary aged pupils, Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed it, learning new dance moves and listening and moving to Bollywood style music. It was great for students to learn about a different culture, linked to the British Values area of the New National Curriculum. At the end of the day, all of the students involved in the workshops assembled in the hall and performed a short routine all together, which was great! Natalie

