



Please could you ensure that products containing nuts are avoided for school packed lunches and snacks. Although we strive to be 'nut-free' in school, it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises, so extra care in this respect would be greatly appreciated. Could you also remind your child that they should not share packed lunches or snacks with other children. Thank you.

If you would be interested in joining our team of talented Teaching Assistants please contact the office.



The children have been enthused and excited by our new concept of 'libraries without walls'. Overnight, shelves appeared all over both sites with a range of books enticing the children with their colourful covers proudly on display. We always welcome parents and grandparents to the school to support children with their reading. If you are able to spare any time please contact the office.



**Road Safety** We regularly talk to the children about keeping themselves safe, especially when crossing roads and walking to and from school. We would ask that you reinforce this message at home. In addition, South Farnham is a thriving community and Menin Way / School Lane can be an extremely busy areas with our own schools, The Abbey School, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and local residents. We do appreciate the difficulties in parking but request that you refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags, paths / pavements / grass verges and parking across driveways and entrances. This would enhance the children's safety and help to promote the positive relationships that exist with our neighbours.



We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful libraries at the school and the children delight in the opportunities they have to read a wide variety of fiction and non fiction. Currently we have lots of over due books showing. Please could you take a few moments over half term to



check for any library books that your child may have brought home that need to be returned to school so that other children have the opportunity to enjoy them.

**The PFA (Juniors) and PTA (Infants)** Don't forget, we are always delighted to welcome new members to join our PFA and PTA! At the Juniors we are in desperate need of additional support, especially for the Summer Fair. These valuable teams do so much good for the children but some of our events are in danger of being cancelled if we can not galvanise additional support from our wonderful parents. Please volunteer; even just a small amount of your time could make a huge difference.

#### **School Uniform, PE Kit and other belongings**

Please ensure that everything your child brings to school, such as, uniform/PE kit/coat/water bottle etc., is clearly labelled so that in the event of losing items, they can be returned to their owners more easily.



Congratulations to all involved in the primary maths challenge at Alton School.



We are delighted to announce the birth of Hugh (Hughie) Nicholas Richard Morant, born 4.50 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



Year Four enjoyed a fantastic trip to Winchester where they visited Winchester Science Museum and explored our galaxy in the planetarium. Children especially enjoyed participating in workshops to create their very own slime using chemical reactions. They were also able to dress up as a spaceman as well as experimenting with the airflow machine. It was a fun day had by all.



We were delighted to welcome a real Anglo Saxon warrior to Year Four recently. Children learnt how Anglo Saxons dressed in this period of time and how their clothes reflected their rank in society. As soldiers in battle the warrior unveiled the steel coat of armour which protected soldiers from short range harm and various weapons. Everyone was amazed that soldiers ran and fought in such a heavy item of clothing, while carrying spears and shields. Battle tactics were also discussed and children had the exciting experience of defending themselves using shields against spears and swords!



Engineering Club had a visit from a mechanical engineer from QinetiQ who told them all about his work with drones. He also helped them craft their ideas for their very own inventions to solve problems in the world around them.

