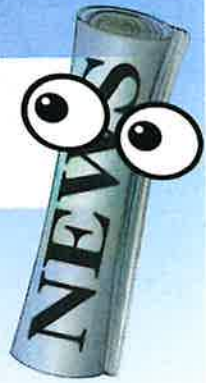


Autumn Term 2017

# THE SFS HERALD

*Inside: Trips, sports, reviews, quizzes and more...*



## A supercalifragilisticexpialidocious performance!

Many congratulations to all pupils who once again contributed to making this year's Christmas show a huge success, in every way. The perfect nanny, Mary Poppins, swept her way into South Farnham School sprinkling a fair amount of glitter and tinsel in her path. The musical included popular songs such as *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Let's go Fly a Kite* and *Chim Chim Cher-ee* with all sixteen classes ensuring they stepped in time to their elaborately choreographed dance routines.

Both of the talented Lower School and Upper School casts have worked incredibly hard and put on professional performances of which they can all be proud.

Thank you to all staff, parents and of course the children who made the show so memorable.



## Meet the Newspaper Club team!



For the past eight weeks, the members of newspaper club have been working hard on the Autumn edition of The SFS Herald.

The club of Year 5 and Year 6 children meet with Miss Hewett every Monday to create reports about recent school trips, write reviews

and make up some Christmas quizzes for you to enjoy over the festive period. We also have reports from guest journalists in Year 3 and Year 4.

We hope that you enjoy reading our first edition of The SFS Herald!

*The SFS Herald Newspaper Team*



# AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL TRIPS



## Year 3—Butser Ancient Farm

This term, Year Three visited Butser Ancient Farm and learnt all about the Stone Age. Here, pupils made a 'Wattle fence' by weaving long sticks together and saw an animal skin drying in order to make a door. Last but not least, the children became archaeologists, carefully digging for clues from the past.

Imogen from 3B commented, 'We found lots of brilliant bones, magnificent metals and horseshoes!' The children had an amazing day and the trip brought their learning about Prehistoric ages to life.



## Year 4—Fishbourne Roman Palace

Year Four pupils enjoyed discovering what the Romans have done for us at Fishbourne Palace. The palace dates back to 75 AD and is the largest residential Roman building discovered in Britain. Not only does it contain the largest collection of mosaics in Europe, the site's Roman gardens are the earliest gardens found anywhere in the country!

Tilda from 4R explained, "There are mosaics of all shapes and sizes." Children were able to write their names in Latin as well as create their own mosaics. Tilda added that, "Fishbourne is an amazing, educational trip for children."

## Year 5—The Mary Rose Museum

On 4th and 5th October, Year Five classes were lucky enough to visit the Mary Rose museum in Portsmouth. The wreck of the *Mary Rose*, a Tudor ship built in 1510, sank in 1545. It was rediscovered in 1971 and raised by the Mary Rose Trust in 1982.

Phoebe and Miranda commented that, "All Year Fives thoroughly enjoyed this fascinating trip, as there were many fun activities such as: loading a cannon, looking at artefacts, plotting attacks as well as seeing the ship itself!"



## Year 6—The Natural History Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum

This term, Year Six went to both the Natural History Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum. On arrival, they saw the recently installed skeleton of the blue whale, 'Hope'. Children visited the volcanoes and earthquake section which brought their learning in Geography to life. Charlie from 6W commented, "I loved the earthquake simulator so much that I am going back on my birthday!"

Pupils have been learning about Islam in History and R.E. and enjoyed visiting the Islamic Art exhibition across the road. In the afternoon, children visited the dinosaur section whereas others dared to enter the creepy crawlies zone.





# Term Highlights

## The Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the dust was brushed off many a Christmas jumper in readiness for an outing to this year's Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to every child and parent who donated sweetie jars, bottles and of course those who purchased raffle tickets. Children and adults alike enjoyed the various stands and stalls including: Tombola, Santa's Grotto complete with snow and the Silent Auction. Altogether, over ten thousand pounds was raised with all money going to the school in order to purchase items to aid and enhance the learning of all pupils. A huge thank you to all adults involved in the smooth running of the event!



## Fabulous Fencing Fun

Year Six were lucky enough to take part in a fencing workshop. Throughout the session they learnt a number of moves including: parry, lunge and en garde. They tried on the costumes and were allowed to go into battle for two matches using the foil (the sword). No-one was hurt but after wearing the suit everyone was as red as a tomato! Adam from 6W, commented, 'it was a fantastic workshop and Year Fives should look forward to it'.



## Primary Maths Challenge

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, a selection of upper school children took part in a Primary Maths Challenge. They competed with many children across England and Wales who were also answering the same test which consisted of 25 questions. Alexis (6H), Zoe Dumville (6W) and Sophie Humphries (6T) each received a gold award. Congratulations to all children who took part.

## RAF Odiham

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November a number of Year Six pupils visited RAF Odiham to perform a song they had created for Remembrance. The children took part in a ceremony to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and represented the school admirably. After this, the pupils engaged in a number of hands-on experiences in the hangar including sitting in a Chinook



## Speak out and stay safe

All children were lucky to receive a visit from the NSPCC who reminded them that they should 'Speak out' and 'Stay safe'. They were able to think about the kinds of worries a child might face and how it could be exhausting to carry around this 'bag of worries'. Pupils were introduced to 'Buddy' the NSPCC mascot who encourages children to speak to a trusted adult, or to Childline, if anything makes them worried or upset. Importantly, through interactive workshops, videos and discussion, the children were able to confidently state what kind of scenarios are 'OK' or 'Not OK'.



# LEST WE FORGET

Pupils at South Farnham School paid their respects for all those who have lost their lives fighting for our country by observing a two minutes silence during our thought-provoking Remembrance Assembly. Additionally, Mrs Wagner took three Year 6 children, Annabelle, Zac and Kieran to the War Memorial in Gostrey Meadow to read poetry and lay wreaths on behalf of the Infants and Juniors.

Children took part in a poetry competition inspired by events of the First World War entitled 'Never Such Innocence'. Below are some excerpts from the entries.

## **The Trenches—Alandra, 5S**

As the poppies lay side by side, I now remember the greatest pride,

As I crouch on my hands and knees, I pray to God to help me please.

I know this is a brutal war, but I bless my heart I will not fall,  
As the heartless soldiers fight, I hope for the best with all my might.

I stumble upon my grated leg in the field that I oh so dread.  
I drop upon the deep red field as my friend defends me like a shield.

Suddenly, I hear a shot - it was my friend—but cry I cannot.  
A tear falls down my soft pink cheek, I hear a loud, unsteady shriek.

It's from the other dying soldiers and that's why I should be much bolder.

I take in my family's dearest love and pray and pray to above'  
That at least they will be full of joy and strong will stay my little boy.

## **A Field of Crimson Red**

**Emilia, 5L**

No need to say goodbye  
Now that would be a lie  
For though this is the worst war  
Thou will survive  
And never relive the moments  
As God is by your side  
On a field of crimson red

## **In the Seeds— Dylan, 5D**

You must end what we started, what we started will die.

It will die in an inferno, in an inferno at eleven o'clock.

At eleven o'clock on the eleventh day.

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month,

We gave our lives so that you might have freedom.





# Please Mrs Butler...

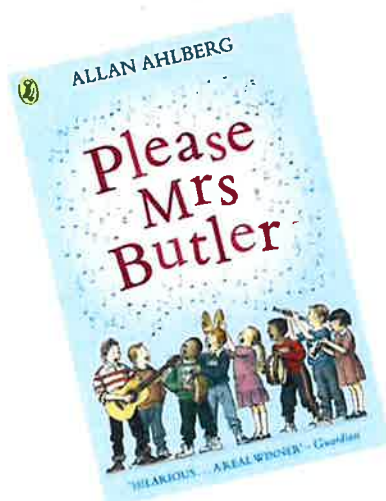
Our November author of the month was Allan Ahlberg. It is safe to say that we have all read at least one of his books or poems at some point. Allan Ahlberg has published over 150 children's books to date, the majority in collaboration with his late wife Jane.

Allan always dreamed of being a writer but tried his hand at many other jobs before he achieved his ambition. He was a postman, grave-digger, plumber's mate and teacher – it was teaching that gave him such sharp insights into the minds of children, and enabled him to write his perfectly observed poetry about primary school life.

We have reviewed some of his most famous works below.



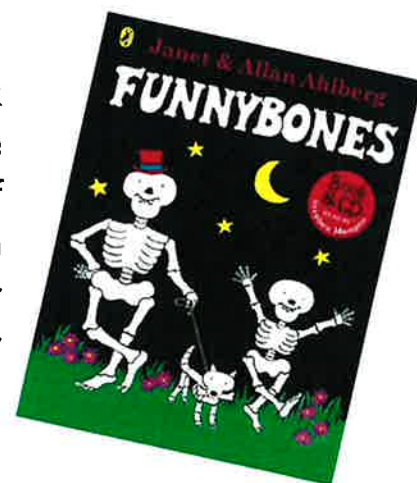
## Please Mrs Butler



*Please Mrs Butler* was voted the most important twentieth-century children's poetry book in a *Books for Keeps* poll.

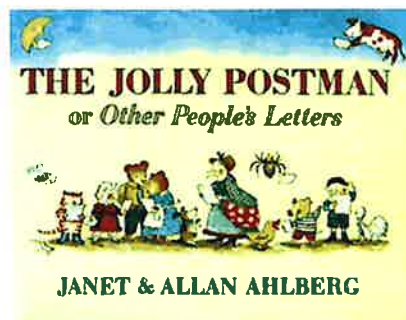
## Funnybones

'On a dark, dark hill, there was a dark, dark town. In the dark, dark town, there was a dark, dark street.' This is probably one of the most recognisable openings to any children's book! The story of two skeletons and their skeleton dog on an adventure through their town at night is charming and funny. They are looking for someone to scare, but find nobody and resort to giving each other a fright instead!



## The Jolly Postman

Join the Jolly Postman as he goes on his rounds via bicycle, delivering mail to



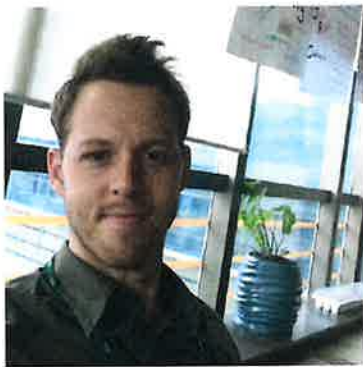
Goldilocks, Cinderella, Jack's Giant, and other fairy-tale characters.

Tucked into envelopes are actual letters for readers to pull out. Humorous and engaging, this book is an absolute classic!

# Around The World: INDIA



Most of you will remember Mr Baker who was a Year Four teacher at South Farnham School last year. Mr Baker made the move to Mumbai, India during the Summer and now teaches in the American International School. Newspaper Club have been in touch with him to find out about life in India and how schools in India compare to those in the UK.



## 1) How does the school routine in India differ?

It's very similar, but starts earlier (at 7.30am or 8am) and finishes earlier (3pm).

## 2) How do pupils travel to school?

Most children get a bus to school.

## 3) How many children are there in each class?

It varies. Local state schools have around forty. International schools (like where I am) have twenty.

## 4) What do pupils eat for lunch?

Some bring their own food from home, but hot meals are also on offer from the school with; chicken, rice, pasta, fruit and yogurt.

## 5) Which sports do you play in school?

Cricket is very popular, but so is football nowadays. Most schools also have a wrestling team and a club for a sport called Kabbadi - look it up!

## 6) What is the weather like?

It's hot! There are three main seasons: a monsoon from June to October (still hot, but with lots of rain and many thunderstorms) followed by cooler weather (still at least 20 degrees) from November to February then a summer where it gets very hot (up to 40 degrees) between March and May.

## Did you know...?

- ⇒ About 1.2 billion people live in India.
- ⇒ The capital of India is New Delhi, but the largest city is Mumbai.
- ⇒ The currency in India is the rupee.
- ⇒ The main religion in India is Hinduism.
- ⇒ Hindi is the main language in India, and most people speak English as well.

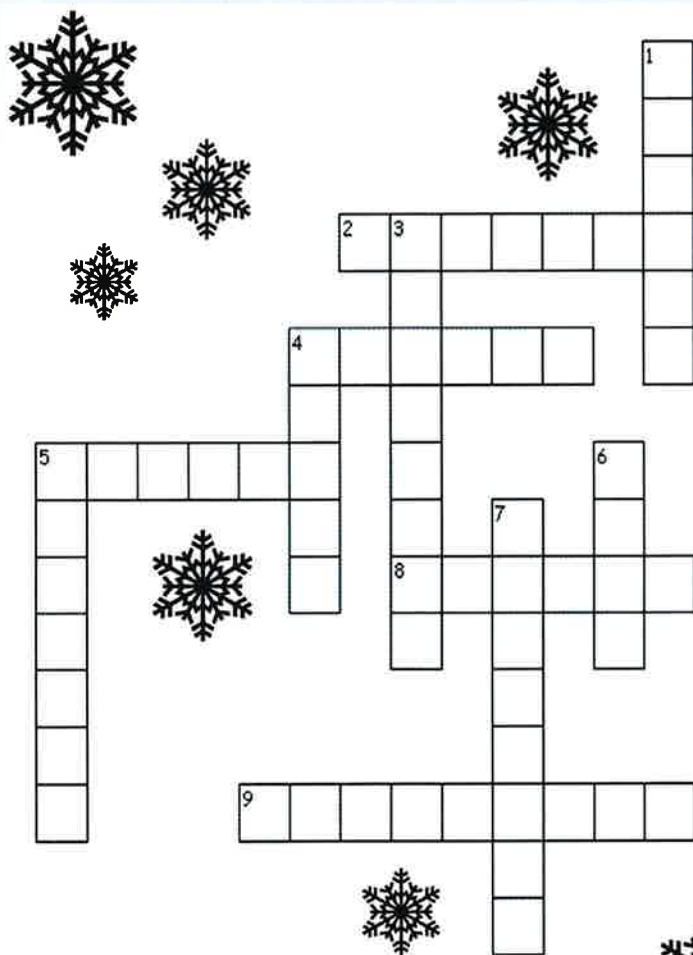




# QUIZ PAGE

TEST YOUR BRAIN WITH OUR  
CHRISTMAS-THEMED PUZZLES!

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



### Across

2. Eat your greens
4. Mode of transport
5. Pull yourself together
8. You can't have Christmas dinner without it
9. Find your true love

### Down

1. Sparkly!
3. Fun in a box
4. Be a good boy/girl
5. ----- the red nosed reindeer
6. Plastic or real?
7. Start it with a bang

## ANAGRAMS

Unscramble these Christmas words:

lcoar  
ntilse  
treiwn  
ewarth  
tniatyiv  
lohpdur

## CHRISTMAS CRACKER CLASSICS



Below are a selection of our favourite Christmas cracker jokes. How many more do you know?

What do you get if you cross Father Christmas with a duck?

*A Christmas Quacker!*

What says Oh Oh Oh?

*Santa walking backwards!*

What do elves eat for breakfast?

*Frosted Flakes!*

What did Santa ask Rudolph about the weather?

*Is it going to rain dear?*

What's green, covered in tinsel and goes 'ribbet ribbet'?

*A Mistle-toad!*

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

*He got 25 days!*

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

*A mince spy!*



# SFS Sporting News

## **Shooting for the stars!**

Due to the continuing success in netball this season following seven matches, South Farnham School have qualified for the Year Six netball finals which will take place in the Spring Term. If you are still interested in participating in matches, please attend netball squad on a Thursday lunchtime with Miss Tagg and Miss Whitbourn.

## **It's a goal!**

Our football squad have had yet another successful term. In September, players competed in the annual Salesian 5-aside football tournament; last year we were runners up and this year we managed to go one better and win the trophy! The boys played with great determination, skill and sportsmanship which was fabulous to see.

We have also been competing in the league where we are currently unbeaten. So far we have had at least thirty children who have represented the school in football matches. Well done to all the children involved.



## **Keep running...**

October saw our cross-country runners compete against several other schools in the Surrey Schools Bi-annual Cross Country event at Farnham Park. Pupils had been training in the mornings before the big day.



This dedication paid off with the girls' team winning their race and the boys performing well against strong competition making the school overall winner. A wonderful achievement! It was brilliant to see so many Year 3 and 4 runners taking part this year.

## **Karate Kid**

Congratulations to Jack Purdy (6E) who competed in the World Martial Arts Championship at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Jack achieved a gold medal in the Karate Kata (a sequence of moves) and a bronze medal in the Team Kata. He then won his second bronze medal competing in the Kumite. Jack explained, "I went home feeling happy as they were



## **Do you want to get involved in sport next term?**

Why not join one of the following clubs next term?

- Netball
- Football
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Bench ball
- Super Circuits
- Urban and Commercial Dance

