



1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Yoxford and Peasenhall School Sections



21st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Newsletter

Our Cubs and Beavers members have had a very positive start to the new term and have been working hard towards their new badges. The change of structure to afternoon is working well, and giving them more time to fully understand and use the knowledge and skills they are gaining.

It is lovely to see so many of the members wearing the uniform jumpers, with now well over half of our sections in the uniform. Thank you for the positive response we have had to the loan system – there are still lots more jumper available for those that want them. The jumpers can be paid for via School Comms and Julie will send the relevant size home as straight away.

We are also now up to date with all the badges and once we have completed this half term's badges we will be making more awards. If you are not sure where to sew them onto the uniform, then please check the scout website for a handy guide.



We have recruited two new members to our groups. Bubbles, the Beavers, has proven very popular with the Beavers, and each weekend he goes home with a different member. He returns each Monday with a diary of what he has been up to.

The Cubs felt they needed a friend too, so Tony-Strom arrived, and whilst some of the older children are not so keen on the diary part, he does go home with a different member each weekend. You might be wondering where the name Tony came from – well, one of the builders working on the swimming pool bought the children some new footballs and so the children wanted to name the wolf cub after him; this really showed thought and respect for others – a fundamental principle of scouting.

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We have needed to postpone the investiture of new members from Friday 9th October to **Friday 23rd October**, and we are all hoping that the neckers will have arrived by then. During the investiture, all the new cubs and beavers will be welcomed to their pack, or colony, and to the wider scout family, and they will make their Scout promise.



The Scout Association, like many British institutions, has Christianity embedded in its structure, however it is also inclusive and welcomes members of all faiths and none. The Scout 'promise' has many variations and these will be discussed with the children in the weeks prior to this, giving children the option whether or not to swear allegiance to God.

As our pupil numbers are growing, we would really like to split both the Cubs and Beavers sections into 2 smaller groups, however, this would require more people to be involved at a Leader level. If you are interested in becoming a scout leader, or know a local person who you think would be very interested in getting involved, please speak to one of the adults and we can support you with that. If you want to get involved but don't want to take on a leadership role, then we would still welcome your contribution. Please get in touch.



Best wishes

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