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"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

NEWSLETTER 30
Friday 20th May 2016

Dismissing Children

Please can parents notify the school if someone other than a parent will be collecting their child/ren from school. We will not release children at the end of the day to anyone else unless we have prior knowledge of who is picking up. Please complete and return the slip attached if there are special arrangements you would like to make us aware of, particularly long-standing arrangements. Please fill this out even if you think the class teacher is already aware. Alternatively, a quick call to the school office is sufficient on the day if there are last-minute arrangements.

Eco Helpers

The Eco Helpers have moved all the saplings donated by The Woodland Trust this week. They are now planted to the edge of the field with the rest of the bark chippings around them.



Nut Allergies

We would like to remind parents that no nut based products should be included in lunch boxes at school.

In September, one of our new pupils joining Oak class has a severe peanut allergy.



Menu Change

Please be aware that next Wednesday, 25th May, there will be a menu change. Instead of roast dinner, fish and chips or cheesy picnic plate will be offered.



Federation Governor Profile

This week we introduce....

Emma Webb



For those who don't yet know me, my name is Emma Webb. I live locally on a farm in Golden Cross with my partner of fifteen years, our two beautiful girls and three year old Labrador. Chloe and Katie are both thriving at Chiddingly School, so when asked by parents if I would become the Parent Governor I agreed and became elected in November 2015.

I have a BTEC in Early Years, an NVQ3 for Teaching Assistants and worked at Blackboys Primary School for five years... School life is part of me, whether it's sweeping the school hall after a Christmas meal or working in my new role as Nursery Assistant at East Hoathly! I am yet to turn down the opportunity to be involved in any way at both our Pioneer Schools. They are unique and the energy within them is infectious.

I am a calm and creative person; I enjoy swimming, yoga, walking, art, music, food and socialising. These are all easy passions to share with the children through volunteering my time. I have enjoyed reading with them, supporting PFCS events, and helping to create their wonderful surroundings. My future Governor training sessions will involve looking more closely at the Special Educational Needs of our pupils, to which I have first-hand experience of children with Downs Syndrome and autism.

The reason for our governing body is our children, and securing their education and welfare during this crucial stage of life. Our Governing body has a variety of strengths, those who understand the finances, those who understand the endless tables of statistics and others like me, a mother and a child care worker who notices the smaller pieces of the puzzle. Please remember I am representing all the parents, alongside Paul Jeary and Alex Rattray from East Hoathly and will always listen to your thoughts and comments.



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When in Rome...

Willow Class enjoyed a really exciting Roman day on Friday! We all came in dressed up in Roman costume and spent the first part of the morning doing role play with the shields we had made in history lessons.

We learnt Latin marching commands and practiced getting into different army formations. If the children didn't obey the commands - they had to do laps around the playground!

Then we spent the rest of the day going around three different activities. One of these was wreath making where we made our own wreath out of leaves. The second was a sugar cube challenge and the children had to independently create a structure out of sugar cubes and glue! The children were incredibly creative with their designs!

The final activity was making salt-dough and designing coins or jewellery to bake and paint on Monday. During lunch time, we had a picnic in the classroom and tried some Roman food like goat's cheese, dates, olives, and, of course, grapes!

A huge thank you to all the parents who came in to help us today - we couldn't have done it without you! Well done Willow class for such fantastic behaviour and imagination!



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Chiddingly Stars of the Week are:



Michael (Oak) - for writing five sentences for instructions for planting magic beans.

Cameron (Oak) - for writing a story about Batman and Superman independently.

Olivia (Oak) - for writing a story about Ariel independently.

Jimmy (Oak) - for writing a story about superheroes.

Chloe (Oak) - for writing a fantastic story about her Purple Pet Shop cat.

Casey and Blake (Beech) - for being chosen as the stars of the week for excellent learning behaviour.

Chanelle, Ruby and Kayley (Willow) - for a fantastic Romans poster.

Georg (Sycamore) - for his superb joined-up writing in his newspaper article.

Lottie and Kerry (Sycamore) - for their amazing writing about discrimination.

Well done everyone!



Beech Class Trip

Beech class went to Ashburnham Place on Thursday to be explorers out in the forest. They built dens, made fires, toasted marshmallows and walked quite a long way around the beautiful Sussex countryside!

"I liked making the fires and building the dens. We had to put lots of sticks on and then camouflaged our den with ferns. We even used some wood and leaves." (*Isobel*)

We made a 'hash-tag' out of sticks and added cotton wool and used a fire steel to make sparks to light the fire, adding birch twigs on top." (*Harvey*)



Top Table winner:

PORTUGAL (15 points)

Edward Champion
Amy-Ann Barnett
Henry Champion
Violet Searle
Haydn Jeary
Ria Dowling

Diner of the Week:

Nicole Parsons



Dates for your diary 2016

May

- 24th Awe & Wonder Celebration, 3.00pm
26th Sponsored Walk, 10.30am
26th End of Term 5
27th INSET DAY

June

- 6th Start of Term 6
10th Celebration of the Queen's 90th
Birthday
14th Parent Forum Meeting, 9 - 9.25am
23rd Beech Class - Multiskills, Framfield

July

- 7th Sports Day
8th Table Tennis Tournament at East
Hoathly
8th School Reports sent out to Parents
12th Parent Consultation Meetings to
discuss reports only, 4-6pm
14th Summer Production, 2pm & 6.30pm
17th Uckfield Grand Prix
21st Leaver's Service, 2pm and End of
Term 6
22nd INSET DAY
24th Ground Force Day, 10am - 2pm



Any amendments or additions to the diary
are in *italics*.

This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 164



London Eye 138



Buckingham Palace 140

This week's winner is:

Big Ben!



Forest School

Forest School this week

Willow Class went pond dipping for the first time this week! We spent some time using the nets to clear away some of the duck weed on the surface so we could see under the water. We spotted a frog lurking under the weeds but he soon disappeared when we put the nets in! Edward and Megan both caught newts which we put in a jar to have a closer look at. We learnt that pond dipping needs a lot of patience and that your hands will get messy!

We also created some natural mobiles from things we found around the field, and used some string to tie it together.



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Collection of Children Arrangements

I give consent for my child/ren:

to be collected by:

(relationship to child/ren)

on occasion from Chiddingly school.

..... (parent signature) (date)

Please return completed slip to the School Office, thank you.