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

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Parent Forum

The following was discussed at this week's parent forum meeting:

- 2015-16 School Development Plan Evaluation
- Five year vision (specifically 2016/17 key priorities)
- Possible future partnerships and multi-academy trusts (MATS)

Parking

As a trial, staff will be able to park on the field when the weather permits. This will free up space in the school car park so more parents will be able to use the car park. We hope that this trial will help alleviate some of our school parking issues and thank you for your cooperation during this time.



Eco Helpers

The Eco helpers have been busy weeding this week. The flowers and trees are growing really well and adding some colour to the trim trail.



The pond area has now been re-fenced and decked and will be incorporated into Forest School learning and the eco group. We plan to develop the wildlife aspect of the pond to include a variety of different pond life.



Federation Governor Profile

This week we introduce....

Mandy Watson



As a previous teacher and Headteacher in Sussex and overseas in Botswana, I gained so much pleasure from seeing children excited by and enjoying their learning, while achieving the very best they can. Sharing the new experiences of my grandchildren as they move through their schools in East Sussex confirms my belief that the key to successful lifelong education is children's primary school foundation in strong basic skills, independence, self-confidence and high expectations of what they can achieve. As Chair of Governors for the Pioneer Federation, I am delighted to see this happening for the children in our federation and to be part of the terrific team and 'whole schools family' that will build on our achievements and ensure a secure future for our schools.

I became a governor in 2008 at another successful village school, then Chair of Governors at East Hoathly in 2013 and at

Chiddingly in 2014. We were extremely pleased to see the hard work and achievement in each school recognised by very successful Ofsted.

As the senior primary improvement adviser for Greenwich Local Authority, I work with a large number of schools and their governors in developing and evaluating their school improvement strategies and plans. I bring the skills of coaching, mentoring, challenging and supporting senior leaders and the analysis of school improvement data to my role as governor.

My particular focus within The Pioneer Federation is leadership and management growth and strong team development. I also monitor the outstanding practice in the Early Years Foundation classes and the exciting changes in the Nursery, which are such crucial times in children's development. We are greatly encouraged by our great parent support and involvement and hope there will be more opportunities for you to meet governors, as we welcome your views and comments.

My favourite places in the schools are the book areas in our classrooms and the huge variety of reading materials available to our children. As a 'marathon' reader myself, there is something really satisfying about 'sharing' a book and seeing the joy children can experience in the world of books!

Mind you, the outside area in the Nursery takes some beating - it makes me want to start school all over again. There is something very special about being a governor!

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Oak Class's Trip to Plumpton College

Tuesday was an exciting day for Reception as they visited Plumpton College Farm. They joined the children from East Hoathly on the coach and travelled to the farm spotting plenty of interesting sights on the way. When they arrived they were met by Deborah who showed them into the education centre and then showed them around the farm. Whilst there, the children were looking at different animals as part of their topic on new life and were lucky enough to see some lambs being born! The children then were given the opportunity to hold a 1 day old lamb and later created their own craft lamb using real sheep wool!

It was a fantastic day and the children learnt lots about the names of mother and father animals and how long it takes for animals to grow and develop.



Chiddingly Stars of the Week are:



Helbert, Megan, Jocelyn, Amy, Joshua and Ruby (Willow) - for their fantastic writing about their Easter holiday.

Summer (Willow) - for her amazing ICT and helping others.

Simon (Willow) - for his great improvement in handwriting.

Kai (Willow) - for speedy, neat writing. Kai wrote very clear instructions for ball games.

Cassidy (Willow) - for her amazing homework diary writing of the Easter holidays.

Jorin, Lilian and Mia-Rose (Sycamore) - for their great Bear Grylls fact file!

Quinn, Tommy and Allannah (Sycamore) - for their Signs of Spring poems.

Lottie (Sycamore) - for an excellent home learning project and for her Signs of Spring poem.

Jack (Sycamore) - for solving 11 word Maths problems.

Alfie, Kye and Tommy (Sycamore) - for showing exemplary behaviour and for excellent instruction writing.

Danny (Sycamore) - for his fantastic instruction writing all about fair game play.

Jessica, Lottie, Kye, Haydn, Joshua, Quinn, Matty, Alfie (Sycamore) - for going above and beyond in a mathematical challenge to do with fractions.

Well done everyone!



Top Table winner:

PORTUGAL (19 points)

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

The runner up this week is Greece
with 15 points

Diner of the Week:

Carmel Wheatley



Dates for your diary 2016

April

- 28th Bags2School Collection
- 29th Federation Choir, White Rock Theatre in Hastings

May

- 25th Awe & Wonder Celebration, 2.30pm
- 26th End of Term 5
- 27th INSET DAY

June

- 6th Start of Term 6
- 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
- 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*.

Learning Powers Certificate

On **Friday 29th April** in our celebration assembly at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Oak - Hope Banfield-Giggs

Beech - Jasmine Sowden

Willow - Amy Farrell

Sycamore - Naomi Oakley



Bag2School Collecion

The collection date for Bag2School is next Thursday 28th April. Please bring in any filled bags before this date. Thank you!



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This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 183



London Eye 190



Buckingham Palace 229

This week's winner is:

Buckingham Palace!

Missing Plimsol

Please can you check that you haven't accidentally picked up one of Ashleigh's plimsols? It has her name in it. Thank you so much.



Forest School this week

Beech class used slabs of clay to imprint natural things found in the forest such as leaves, bark and wood.



The children also used some clay to make faces on tree trunks and used twigs, leaves and other natural materials to add features to the faces!

Community Corner

Chiddingly/Lachelle Link presents:

La Cage aux Folles (Cert. 15)

Saturday 23rd April

Bar opens 7pm, films starts 7.30pm
Tickets £5 in advance or £7 on the door
available from Chiddingly village shop
or Rhoda Buchan at Golden Cross Antiques

Lachelle Link

Visit to France, 27th - 29th May

Contact Sarah Leighton for further
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