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

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Pond Re-launch

The revamped pond area was officially opened by Mr Herdman last week and has already been put to good use!



Eco Helpers

The Eco Helpers have been busy all week with the opening of the pond creating new areas for development. They have created a bug hotel and wildlife area in the pond grounds. Having finished this, they will be moving onto the massive pile of bark chippings sourced by Mrs Champion which will top up the areas around the garden area in the trim trail.



Baguette Menu

Chartwells are introducing a new baguette menu from Wednesday 4th May. Children may now select a filled baguette for lunch in addition to the usual hot meals menu. Please see the attached menu for baguette options.



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Federation Governor Profile

This week we introduce....

Alan Brundle



For those of you that don't know me, I live in Hailsham, I am married (to a teacher) and have one son. I am a Civil Servant and work in London. After the joys of commuting, I relax by playing, umpiring and coaching hockey for Hailsham. I also have an allotment, though I am struggling to find enough daylight hours to do it justice.

I am a Local Authority Governor. This means that I am appointed by a local authority committee for a four year term of office to this school and now federation. Sounds grand but nothing could be further from the truth.....forms and references etc!

I started as a Governor of Chiddingly School over 15 years ago when my son was a pupil (he is now 21!!). During that time, I have also served as Chair for approximately 11 years and I have seen many changes (and Head teachers come to that!!). It is a very rewarding role while at the same time being sometimes quite challenging. As Governors, you are responsible for influencing the strategic direction of the schools, but have to avoid the temptation to get involved in the day to day management of the school.

The latter is very much the domain of your Headteacher and their senior team, and Governors should be there to support and challenge. We are responsible, with the senior leadership team, for the school/federations performance and direction, but have to get the balance right so that we allow the senior leadership team to manage the schools/federation on a day to day basis without interfering. We have to learn to fulfil the "critical friend" role.

I have seen many ups and downs over the 15 years but the most exciting is the move to the Federation. I have not seen either school move forward as fast as they have over the last two years. The results and the Ofsted judgements have been so good to see. The benefits of schools and professionals working together cannot be underestimated and I think the evidence speaks for itself. There is of course still work to be done but I think the foundations have been laid and we have, in the Pioneer Federation, a really good team of professionals who will drive us all forward for the most important aspect, which is of course the children.

Why have I stayed for 15 years? Well there is no substitute for seeing the excitement on the children's faces and hearing their chatter as they grow and develop. They are always so willing to share what is important to them. Seeing the schools move forward and develop is just so rewarding. I often get into school either on formal governor visits, to interview for staff or just to look round the classrooms and chat with the staff and the children. It just puts the day job into perspective! The governors normally have their badges on when they are in school so if you see any of us, by all means stop us for a chat.

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Chiddingly Stars of the Week are:



Michael (Oak) - for sounding out and writing describing words for The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Sebastian (Oak) - for fantastic writing about the Hungry Caterpillar.

Austin and Violet (Beech) - for consistently outstanding behaviour in class and around the school.

Floyd (Beech) - for writing a fantastic story and trying to use finger spaces.

Lottie (Beech) - for writing a five sentence story in about 10 minutes with great use of adjectives and commas.

Harrison (Beech) - for managing his own feelings and behaviour and making excellent choices.

Verity (Beech) - for consistently excellent behaviour and making excellent choices.

Rhys (Willow) - for amazingly neat writing about fossils. Keep this up and you will get your pen licence!

Helbert (Willow) - for an insightful home learning project about Romans.

Jocelyn, Ria and Mason (Willow) - for their super home learning projects all about the river system.

Finley (Willow) - for adding and subtracting fractions.

Amy, Jocelyn, Chanelle (Willow) - for their fantastic fractions work.

Rhys, Carmel, Jack, Edward and Joshua (Willow) - for their excellent diary writing.

Matty and Oliver (Sycamore) - for exceeding Year 6 writing.

Lottie (Sycamore) - for exceeding Year 5 writing.

Well done everyone!



Top Table winner:

PORTUGAL (23 points)

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

The runner up this week is France
with 13 points

Diner of the Week:

Kerry Matthews



Dates for your diary 2016

April

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
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*.

Uckfield Grand Prix

East Hoathly and Chiddingly schools will be taking part in the Uckfield Grand Prix event this year on Sunday 17th July. This event is an annual electric car grand prix which involves Year 5 and 6 children building and decorating their own 24 volt Greenpower Goblin kit car and then working as teams to compete in heats and races. A letter and further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Puppets and Figures Wanted!

Mrs Lawrence would welcome any donations of glove puppets or figures under 17cm tall (McDonald's toys are ideal) in any condition for her social and emotional development group teaching.



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This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 288



London Eye 245



Buckingham Palace 264

This week's winner is:

Big Ben!

Missing Jumper

Please can you check that you haven't accidentally picked up one of Jack Cleaver's jumpers which has gone missing. Thank you so much.

Learning Powers Certificate

On Friday 6th May in our celebration assembly at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Oak - Callum Ottaway

Beech - Isobel Fisher

Willow - Ashten Greenwood

Sycamore - Kerry Matthews



Community Corner

Chiddingly WI Quiz Night



Saturday 14th May
Village Hall, 7.30pm

Teams of 6 - £4 per person

Please ring Elaine to book your table on
01323 846795

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Forest School this week

Oak class enjoyed their first visit to the woods this week. They loved walking over the little bridges and looking for signs of things that were growing.

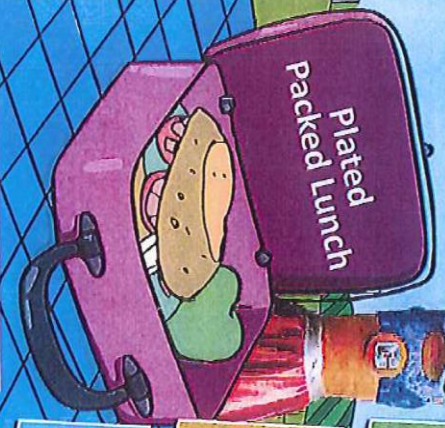
"We saw loads of bluebells all over the place. They smelled so nice." (*Sienna Rose*)

"We saw some 'white bells' too but there was not so many." (*Sebastian*)

"We sat on the tree trunks and there was squishy mud and I got my foot stuck!" (*Michael*)



Food Super Heroes



Week one

02/05 23/05 20/06 11/07 05/09 26/09 17/10

Monday
Choose from...
 Egg Mayonnaise & Tomato Roll (V)
 or
 Cheese Salad roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Tufft Fruit Yoghurt, or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday
Choose from...
 Farm Assured Pork Sausage in a Roll or Egg Mayonnaise & Tomato Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Fruit in Jelly, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday
Choose from...
 Roast Turkey in a roll or Soft Cheese & Cucumber Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Brownie, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday
Choose from...
 Ham Salad Wrap or Houmous, Cucumber & Carrot Wrap (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Oate Cookie, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday
Choose from...
 Fish Finger Roll or Cheese & Tomato Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Fruity Flapjack, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Week two

09/05 06/06 27/06 18/07 12/09 03/10

Monday
Choose from...
 Egg Mayonnaise Wrap or Cheese & Spring Onion Wrap (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Lemon Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday
Choose from...
 Ham Salad Roll or Veggie Banger in a roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Peardy Crumble Crunch & Custard, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday
Choose from...
 Roast Pork in a roll or Cheddar & Cream Cheese Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Cheese & Cacker, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday
Choose from...
 Chicken & Mayonnaise Roll or Egg Mayonnaise & Tomato Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Fruity Ginger Cake, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday
Choose from...
 Tuna & Cucumber Wrap or Houmous, Cucumber & Carrot Wrap (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Oate Cookie, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Week three

16/05 13/06 04/07 19/09 10/10

Monday
Choose from...
 Egg Mayonnaise & Tomato Roll (V) or Cheese Salad roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Italian Biscuit, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday
Choose from...
 Ham Salad Wrap or Houmous, Cucumber & Carrot Wrap (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Sultana Flapjack

Wednesday
Choose from...
 Roast Chicken in a Roll or Cheddar & Cream Cheese Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Ice Cream Pot, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday
Choose from...
 Tuna & Cucumber Wrap or Egg Mayonnaise & Salad Wrap (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Brownie, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday
Choose from...
 Fish Finger Roll or Veggie Banger in a Roll (V)
On the side...
 Fresh Salad or Vegetables of the Day
For Dessert...
 Banana & Sticky Toffee Pudding, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Meat Free Mondays
 We offer a vegetarian (V) option every day
 Available daily in addition to the hot meal
 We use only wholemeal rolls
 No confectionery, snacks or fizzy drinks are offered



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