



NEWSLETTER 27

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

### Chiddingly Ground Force Day

There will be a mid-year Ground Force day on Sunday 29th April from 10.00am until 1.00pm. We would like to complete the following tasks:

- ◆ Paint the Forest School shed
- ◆ Paint the playground fence panels
- ◆ Paint the Oak Class undercover area

Many hands make light work so we really need lots of volunteers! Please let us know if you can help. If anyone can bring extra dustsheets and paint brushes that would also be very useful. Hope to see you there!



### Healthy Treats

We are aiming to ensure that the school is a healthy place for all the children. With this in mind, please can you consider the treats being brought in when it is your child's birthday. With up to 30 children in a class, this can equate to a great deal of sugary snacks being consumed within a school year. We would encourage you to consider healthy alternatives to cakes and sweets, such as berries, fruit kebabs or other healthy snacks. We will not prevent sugary treats being shared, but would like to encourage alternatives.

Any treats brought in will be shared by the child and their parent on the playground after school, giving parents the choice as to whether they would like their child to have the treat.

### INTERESTING, USEFUL AND UNUSUAL WORDS

Definition of rambunctious (adjective) in English: Uncontrollably boisterous. Loud and Noisy.

**rambunctious**



## Learning Powers Certificate

On Friday 4th May at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Oak - Maxwell Fisher

Beech - Sebastian Markwick

Willow - Tommy Tame

Sycamore - Helbert Stevens

## Federation News

You should have received a copy of the Parent Governor letter and nomination form in your child's book bag. Please also find it attached to this newsletter.



## New Car Park Gate

A big thank you to Mr Forsey for organising and fitting the new car park gate. You may have noticed that there is now a gate at the front of the car park and hopefully from next week we will start using it. It will be open whilst staff are present in school, but will be locked every evening for security reasons.



## British Values Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is:

**Kayley O'Neill**

For being a fair and considerate Prime Minister of Sycamore this week!



## Diner of the Week:

**Hollie Henigan**

For being kind and volunteering to help in the dining room and following all our golden rules!



## Growth Mindset

### Tough Turtle of the Week

**Amelie Collins**

For always persevering with all of the learning challenges in class.

*If you've never failed, you've never tried anything new*



## Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum is on Thursday 3rd May at 9.00 – 9.20am.

### Thrive Review

The Thrive Practitioner in the school (Alison Lawrence) will be sharing how Thrive is used to support individual children, as well as how we have adopted a whole school approach to Thrive.

### Golden Mile Review

Mr Lawrence will be sharing information about the Golden Mile - what it is, why we do it and the impact it has had on the children.

### Attendance

Miss Lewis will be sharing some strategies being implemented to support the work being done on attendance, including written confirmation of absence and displays of attendance around the school

## This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 221



London Eye 146



Buckingham  
Palace 149

This week's winners are:

Big Ben

## Top Table winners:

Algeria (18 points)

Archie P

Kalian

Casey

Chloe C

Lottie

Jasmine

The runner up is England with 15 points.

## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is **95.4%**.

This week's attendance: **97.8%**

Oak - **100%**

Beech - **96.4%**

Willow - **97.7%**

Sycamore - **98.1%**

Well done to **Oak class** for having the highest attendance this week!

We publish the weekly attendance figure for each class using a colour coded "traffic light" system:

**100% - gold**

**96.5 to 99.9% - green**

**95 to 96.4% - amber**

**Less than 94.9% - red**

## Forest School

On Wednesday, Beech class had their second Forest School session of the year. It was beautifully sunny but there was a chilly wind. The children were lucky enough to have enough adults to go pond dipping for the first time and were very successful! They caught loads of newts - some of them quite huge - and lots of dragon-fly larvae which the children were not so sure on!

While they weren't pond dipping, the children made some amazing dens using the tarpaulin. A new favourite game was tug-of-war on the field which they got very competitive over.

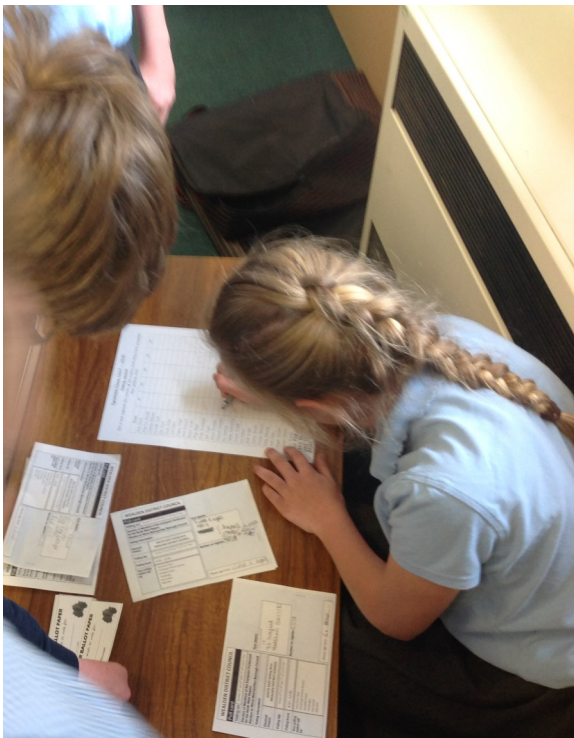
Well done, Beech Class, your behaviour was amazing and it was a really fun afternoon. Next week, we are hoping to have a fire so any extra pairs of hands would be lovely.



## Sycamore's Topic

Sycamore's topic of 'Parliament and Power' is now in full flow with the election of our first Prime Minister - Kayley O'Neill! The children spent all last week writing manifestos and gave their speeches to the class on Monday afternoon. After handing in their Poll cards and receiving a ballot paper, they went into the polling station and voted for who they thought would be best for the class this week.

Feel free to come into Sycamore class and read our manifestos which are displayed above the piano - they are very impressive and we definitely have some budding MPs in the class!



## St Mary's Visit

On Thursday 26th April, Kai and Edward went with Mr Procter and two students from East Hoathly to St Mary's School, to teach the children how to play four square.



## Dates for your diary 2017/2018

### April 2018

29th — Ground Force Day at 10.00am—  
1.00pm

### May 2018

1st — Parent Forum at 9.00am to  
9.25am

4th — Reception class vision and  
hearing tests

7th— May Bank Holiday

21st — Enterprise week

23rd — Awe & Wonder Day and  
celebration at 2.30pm

25th — Last day of term

### June 2018

4th — INSET day

5th — Term 6 begins

13th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to  
9.25am

29th — Table Tennis Tournament at  
12.30pm at East Hoathly

30th — *Big Family Fun Day*

### July 2018

3rd — Sports Day at 9.30am & picnic at  
12.00pm with parents

6th — Reports home to parents  
at 2.00pm

9th — Parent Consultation  
Meetings (4-6pm) to  
discuss reports only

9th — Summer Production dress  
rehearsal

11th — Summer Production at 2.00pm  
and 6.30pm

12th — *School Disco*

19th — Last day of term and Leavers  
Service at 2.00pm

20th — INSET day

21st — Ground Force Day in afternoon

## JAM - After School Club

JAM stands for 'Jesus and Me' and is a new club that started in February. It is run by volunteers from Chiddingly Church and takes place on Wednesdays from 3.15 to 4.20 in the school hall.

There are lots of fun activities including games, art and crafts, a Bible story, singing and drama. The club is open to all children from Chiddingly School.

The next club will be on the 2nd May. If your child would like to come, please pick up a registration form from school reception and return it before your child attends.





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24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

There are 2 vacancies for parent governor appointments for the new Pioneer Federation Governing Body. If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form on the reverse of this letter and return to the school office by 9.00am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 together with the signed Declaration of Eligibility Form (as attached).

Parent governors play a very important role in keeping the governing body aware of the views of parents and the local community. They are a vital part of our team and we hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role. The ideal candidate will be passionate about the Federation schools and the community and will be highly committed to working as a governor to support the vision and strategic direction of the Federation.

Please be aware of the following:

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2003 a person is disqualified from election as a parent governor if:

- they work at the school for more than 500 hours in any school year ( ie for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent);
- they are an elected member of the Local Authority.

If three or more nominations are received, we shall arrange for parents to receive ballot papers which will include the candidates' election statements.

If you are interested in this opportunity to become a member of the Governing Body, you might find it helpful to talk to James Procter, Executive Headteacher. Alternatively you can view East Sussex County Council's website about Governors and their roles at:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolgovernors/becoming/default.htm>

Yours sincerely,

James Procter

Executive Headteacher

Mandy Watson

East Hoathly & Chiddingly Chair of Governors

PP Andy Parkin (Vice Chair)

Lorna Simms

St Mary's Chair of Governors

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# Pioneer Federation

## Parent Governor Nomination

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) of  
(full address) \_\_\_\_\_

(preferred contact telephone number) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name)

I wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor of the Pioneer Federation. The following two parents or legal guardians of children attending the school support my nomination:

Signature	Address
1. _____ (Name) _____	_____ _____ _____
2. _____ (Name) _____	_____ _____ _____

**Brief election statement (no more than 100 words):**

I have read and understood the eligibility for school governors.

Signature of Candidate: .....

Date: .....



## SCHOOL GOVERNORS QUALIFICATION

### DECLARATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school

I declare that I am not disqualified from serving as a school governor or associate member and that:

- I am aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment;
- I am not liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- I am not a bankrupt or subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- I have not been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- I am not disqualified from working with children;
- I am not included in the list (List 99) of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people
- I am not disqualified from being the proprietor of any independent school or for being a teacher or other employee in any school;
- I have not, in the previous five years, or since becoming a governor, been sentenced to three months or more in prison, suspended or otherwise, without the option of a fine;
- I have not received a prison sentence of 2 1/2 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- I have not, at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- I have not been fined, in the five years prior to, or since, becoming a governor, for causing a nuisance or disturbance on education premises;
- I am not subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- I will not refuse to an application being made to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate should it be required.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BIG FAMILY FUN DAY**

Dear Parent/Carer

The PFCS will be holding a Big Family Fun Day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of June. We will have a BBQ, bar, stalls, games, inflatable, music, face painting, raffle and more to be added.

This will be a big event and we hope to see you all there. Family and friends are also welcome. This will start from 11:30am and hopefully carry on for the day.

Tickets will be on sale beforehand and also on the day, prices are as follows:

If bought before they will be £5 each - this includes either a soft or alcoholic drink and a burger or hotdog. This also includes inflatables which will be available all day.

Children younger than 3 who will not be eating the BBQ will be able to purchase tickets at £2.50 and that will include one soft drink plus the inflatables.

If you buy tickets on the day they will be £7 each or £3 for under 3s.

Under 1's will be free.

Please let all your friends, family and neighbours know. They are also welcome to purchase tickets in advance.

This will be run by the PFCS and any help would be appreciated, there will be a sheet in the office, if you can help please put your name down and what time would be best (there will be 30 minute slots).

Many Thanks  
PFCS

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## School Disco 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The PFCS are running an End of Term School Disco, to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July after school until 5:00pm. There will be a cost of £3 per child to include a drink and a hotdog. Please let us know of any allergies or diet requirements. Year 6 children tickets are £1.

For this disco, we will be splitting the year group, as feedback from the last disco was that it was too crowded for the younger ones.

Reception and KS1: 3:30-4:15pm disco - 4:15-4:30pm eating.

KS2: 4:00pm-4:15pm eating - 4:15pm - 5:00pm disco. (They can stay with us from school if you wish)

If you have siblings split across the years they are welcome to stay on until the older one finishes.

Please confirm by returning the below slip to the office by the **6<sup>th</sup> of July with payment** so numbers can be confirmed and food ordered.

We will not be able to accept tickets after this time or at the door so please make sure you get your reply slips with money in promptly!!

We are always looking for helpers for events like this and this can only be run with as many helpers as possible, so if you can help please let us know on the reply slip. We encourage reception age children to have a parent/carer there in case they want to go home.

Many Thanks  
PFCS

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Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I will/will not be attending the school disco (Delete as required)

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please include £3 cash or cheques to be made payable to "Chiddingly School Association"

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ can/cannot help at this event.

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand this is being run by PFCS and not school staff.

Emergency contact name and number \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROYAL WEDDING

Dear parent/carer

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of May, Prince Harry will marry Meghan Markle. Tying in with British Values, we will be having a non-uniform day to celebrate the wedding. The children are welcome to come dressed in the following colours - RED, White and/or BLUE.

Please bring in £1 to school on the day - a member of the PFCS will be near the gate collecting this.

After school we will be holding a cake sale. We are kindly asking for donations. These can have a British theme if you wish.

If you are able to help with the cake sale please either let a member of the PFCS know or you may let us know on the Facebook page. This will not take up too much time.

Thank you for the continued support for the PFCS and the school.

Many Thanks  
PFCS