



NEWSLETTER 7 Term 2

Friday 16th December 2022

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

Dear Chiddingly families,

What a fantastic term! We ended the term with Oak & Beech's wonderful nativity and our delicious Christmas dinner. A big thank you to the chefs and all the staff who celebrated together, and made the event so special. We were lucky to have a visit from a local pantomime group, who performed Dick Whittington, which really raised the Christmas spirits! So another massive thank you to the PFCS for arranging this for us. We have had a wonderful term, and want to thank all of you for your support along the way, and wish you all a restful and happy Christmas and New Year! We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Miss Taylor & Chiddingly staff



**Skills Builders (Next Two Weeks)**

You are welcome to join us in our celebration assemblies on Fridays at 9.15am.

The following children will be celebrating their Skills Builders in the next two weeks:

**Friday 6th January**

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| Oak—Teddy      | Beech—Max       |
| Willow—Poppy F | Sycamore— Pixie |

**Friday 13th January**

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| Oak—Theo H  | Beech—Sophia   |
| Willow—Lyla | Sycamore—Jesse |

**Skills Builders**

Congratulations to these children who had their Skills Builders celebrated in the last two weeks.



 Positivity Board 



Beautiful  
advent door  
display from Miss B  
& craft club  
♡



Thank you  
PFCS  
-the panto  
was fantastic!  
We all loved it!



Brilliant singing  
and acting in the  
Nativity - well done  
Oak and Beech pupils  
and staff!



Great  
dancing by  
all at the  
Christmas lunch!

→ and  
yummy  
dinner



great  
crackers  
too! ☺

What a wonderful term -  
thank you to the pupils, families  
and staff for all of your support.  
We hope you enjoy the festive  
break & look forward to seeing you  
in the new year!



## Mince Pie Race

Mr Procter and Mrs Fry ran the Mince Pie 🥧 10 mile race last weekend. It was really cold but they used their growth mindset to get through it! Well done to both of them. They would love other Pioneer staff and parents to join them next year to raise funds for each Pioneer school initiatives.



## Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to Jen and Henrietta for a lovely Christmas lunch on Wednesday! It was delicious!



## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the parent questionnaire. It's so useful to hear your feedback.

Below are some follow-up points:

- The cost of breakfast club feedback has been passed on to the provider.
- The range of books available to borrow from the library bands are updated regularly. However if you have any books at home that you've finished with we would love to give them a home in the school library!
- Thank you for all the club suggestions - we will look into them and be in touch when we find something.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child(ren)'s class teacher. They are available most days on the playground before and after school or you can contact the office to organise a meeting.

Dear parents

CLASS + are holding a coffee morning at Park Mead Primary on Wednesday 11th January between 9am and 10.30am covering the topic 'Autism and demand avoidance'. I will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits - so if this is of interest please do come along. I hope to see some of you there.

Sian Leahy (Inclusion Manager)



## Panto

A massive thank you to the PFCS for paying for the Shooting Stars company to come out and perform the Dick Wittington pantomime. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the all the children!



## Forest School

There will be no Forest School in Term 3. Forest School will resume in Term 4 as normal and we will let you know which class will be taking part by the end of Term 3.



## Nativity

What a fantastic job Oak and Beech Class did at their nativity on Tuesday. It was lovely to finally be able to invite parents in to see the nativity this year. What a brilliant performance it was!



## Christmas Fair

Thank you to Lizzie Gurr and all the volunteers at the PFCS for putting on a lovely Christmas Fair this year. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication and want to say a big thank you for all your support and the fundraising you do for our school.



## Forest School

Willow Class have had an amazing term of Forest School sessions. Last week they went on a field trip and studied the local area: creating maps and walking through jubilee field to study what is in our local area. This week they played games in the hall, made Christmas trees with pine ones, toasted marshmallows on tea lights and had hot chocolate and biscuits.

As always thank you to our Forest School volunteers and Miss Waterman for some brilliant sessions this term.



## Class Updates

### Oak

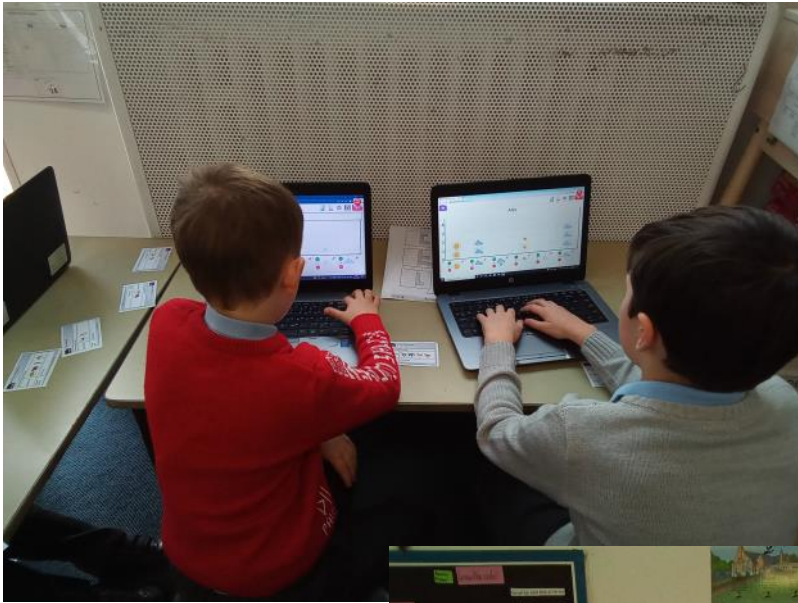
Oak and Beech class had an amazing time making lots of different Christmas crafts in our round robin Christmas carousel. They made reindeer, reindeer food, melted snowman biscuits, snowman artwork and their own snow globes. They worked so hard and were very focused all afternoon.





## Beech

In Beech we have been using Purple Mash to collect data about the weather for science. We have had some exciting weather to report on!



## Willow

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the children and staff for helping me through my first Autumn term! I am so grateful and have had an amazing time. These last two weeks have been very busy in Willow, where we've been investigating climate change and the effect this will have on our planet and the local area, and have worked really hard to make some informative eco-friendly fact-files. Our knowledge of the local area, the wider world, the range of habitats and the things that live there has filled these greatly! We have also had some lovely treats along the way, with '12 Days of Classmas'. Well deserved, Willow!



## Sycamore

Sycamore Class recently found out about Charles Darwin's study of adaptation. He found that finches on the Galapagos Islands had different shaped beaks, depending on the food source found on that island. To investigate further we explored different 'beaks' (tweezers and tongs) and 'different foods' (sweets and chocolate) to see which 'finch' would survive the best.





**THANK YOU!**

**£419.00**

A massive **well done** and **thank you** to all the children, parents, carers and staff who made such an amazing day run smoothly for our World Cup Fun Run.

With all your amazing support and generosity we managed to raise an incredible **£419.00**

This will put towards giving the children an amazing sporting workshop that will be organised in the new year. This will be outsourced to either a company coming in to provide this unique experience or we will look to travel to a venue to host this.

# Dates For Your Diary!

## December 2022

16th—Term 2 ends

24th—Crib Service at 3pm at Chiddingly Church on Christmas Eve.

25th—Christmas Service at 10am at Chiddingly Church when the children can bring along a present to show everyone.



## January 2023

3rd—INSET DAY

4th—Term 3 starts

11th—CLASS+ Coffee morning at Park Mead at 9am

12th—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at St Mary's

24th— Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at Park Mead

## February 2023

10th—Term 3 ends

20th—Term 4 starts

## March 2023

3rd—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at Chiddingly

21st—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at Park Mead

31st— Term 4 ends

## April 2023

17th—Term 5 starts

25th—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at St Mary's

## May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday

8th—Bank Holiday

16th—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at Park Mead

26th—Term 5 ends

## June 2023

6th—Term 6 starts

15th—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at St Mary's

## July 2023

4th—Parent & Carer Coffee Morning at Park Mead

20th—Term 6 ends



# Welcome

## PARENTS AND CARERS

### PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!

**CONTACT**  
No booking required.  
Any questions, please email:  
Mrs Leahy  
[sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11/10/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Understanding anxiety
- 15/11/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - East Sussex School Health
- 17/11/22 - St Mary's - 9.05 to 10.05 - The Thrive Approach
- 1/12/22 - East Hoathly - 9.15 to 10.15 - The Thrive Approach
- 12/1/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 24/1/23 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 3/3/23 - Chiddingly - 2.15 to 3.15
- 21/3/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 25/4/23 - St Marys - 2 to 3pm - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 16/5/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Adult Mental Health Week
- 15/6/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 4/7/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Enjoying the summer holidays



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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for one **parent governor appointment** for the **Pioneer Federation Governing Body** and are looking for volunteers/nominations to be put forward for the role.

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 your school office by **9.00am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023** 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 **all** 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 ( i.e. for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent);
- they are an elected member of the Local Authority.

If two 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:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/support-for-teachers/school-governors/governors>

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James Procter in black ink.

James Procter  
Executive Headteacher

Handwritten signature of Alan Brundle in black ink.

Alan Brundle  
Pioneer Chair of Governors