

Dear Chiddingly families,

Welcome to term 5! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break with your families and friends. The children have come back refreshed and ready to tackle the summer term. We had a skipping workshop this week, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and have not stopped skipping since. There has also been an amazing school disco where everyone danced their socks off... a big 'thank you' to all those who helped make that possible from the PFCS. We have lots of things to look forward to this term within our learning and school activities and we are hopeful that all this will take place in some sunshine!

Also a reminder that it is a bank holiday on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May so the school is not open on those two days.

Mrs Wilkinson

#### **Skills Builders**

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





























#### **Beech Class Request**

Large outdoor plant pots! If anyone has any spare pots that they don't need anymore let Mrs Mack or Mrs Wilkinson know, we would love some for our outdoor area!



#### Skills Builders (Next Two Weeks)

There will be no assembly on Friday 12th May because of SATs week.

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

#### Friday 5th May

Oak— Grayson Beech— Alicia

Willow—Scarlett Sycamore— Poppy

Friday 19th May

Oak— Harry Beech— Henry

Willow—Elsa Sycamore—Maxwell

#### **Positivity Board**



#### **Attendance**

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Whole school this week: 94.48% Whole school this year: 94.53%

Oak: 86.67%

Beech: 95%

Willow: 93.87%

Sycamore: 98.62%

Well done, Sycamore!



#### **Class Updates**

#### Oak

In Oak class we have been getting stuck into our new topic all about growing. Last week we planted sunflowers, sweet peas and we planted potatoes with a Year 1 buddy. This week the sunflowers and sweet peas have started to grow. We can just see the little green shoots popping out of the soil in some of the pots. This week we have also started planting lettuce and spring onions so fingers crossed in the next couple of weeks we will see those starting to grow. We have also noticed lots of buds on our blackcurrant bush and we are looking forward to finding out if the flowers in our bee and butterfly garden grow!











#### <u>Beech</u>

Beech Class started with a lovely walk through the bluebells looking for different types of wildflowers. They have enjoyed dying flowers in the start of a science experiment, creating their own maps of the journey and of our school and will continue this theme throughout the term. They have also been looking at different types of relationships in PSHE and descriptive writing in English.





#### Beech Trip to the Farm

We went to Barn Farm to find out about farming in our local community. We learnt lots of facts about where our food comes from, how to look after the animals and how the land and fields are used. We even got to feed the lambs, stroke the pig, see the cows and have a cuddle with a lamb. We then walked back to school and made a map of the route we walked and found out about our local area.











#### **Willow**

A wonderful start to Term 5 in Willow, with our class absolutely loving the sports workshops this week - aiming high to improve their fitness skills and personal bests. In class we have been looking at life in ancient Greece, and how this impacted their way of life and development as a civilization. We finished off by writing our own extensions to the classic Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.













#### **Sycamore**

On the last Thursday of Term 4, Sycamore Class enjoyed a 'Great Exhibition' day together. Many dressed up in Victorian costume to learn more about the events and innovations at the 1851 Great Exhibition and the children brought their own inventions into school to demonstrate to others. There was also opportunities for cooking with Miss Webb (Queen Drop Biscuits) and a dance/ drama based on the Industrial Revolution. The day ended with an Old Music Hall performance of songs and talent to Willow Class.











#### Forest School

Willow Class have Forest School this term and had their first session this week. They cleared the pond from duck weed and found water spiders, tadpoles, snails and dragonfly larvae. They also made swings and a camp called 'ugg house' and worked so well in teams! They then planted snap peas in the garden area. They finished the session with toasting marshmallows and making smores.















Eco Team
The Eco Team have been watering the garden and litter picking. Well done team!







#### Thank You

A big thank you to the PFCS for purchasing all the equipment below.



### **Dates For Your Diary!**

#### May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday

2nd—Willow Class Hands on History

8th—Bank Holiday

16th—Parent & Carer Coffee afternoon at Park Mead

18th—Sycamore Class Trip to Bexhill Museum

26th—Term 5 ends

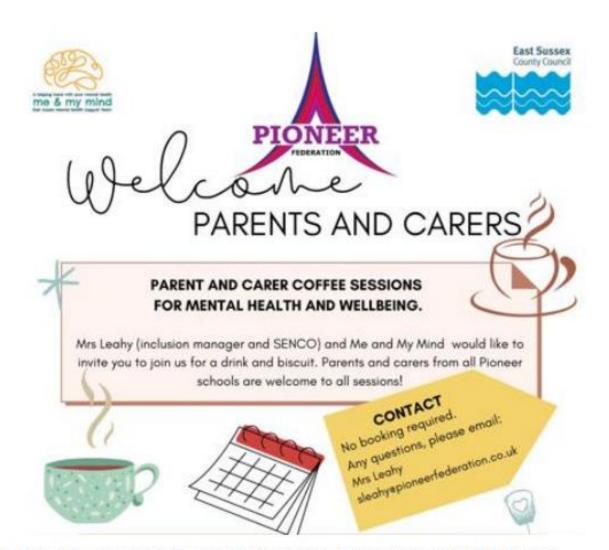
#### June 2023

6th—Term 6 starts

#### **July 2023**

4th—Parent & Carer Coffee afternoon at Park Mead

20th—Term 6 ends



#### Introduction to our new Parent carer Practioner Vickie Pelling who works with Park Mead

Would you like to know how to help your child more with their fears & worries? or maybe you'd like help with something else like getting them to go to sleep or to go to school? Vickie one of the parenting practitioner's from the 'Me & My Mind Team' would like to set up some sessions at the school to help parents & carers with supporting their child's emotional wellbeing, but

Please click this link to complete a short survey.

Vickie Pelling Parent & Carer Practitioner for Park Mead Primary, Mental Health Support Teams

#### Updated dates for Spring and Summer 2023:

3/3/23 'The Thrive Approach and Zones of Regulation' 2-3pm at Chiddingly School

first would like to know what would be most valuable for you and your child just now".

25/4/23 Topic to be confirmed. Let Mrs Leahy know of any requests. 2.3pm at St Marys

16/5/23 'Supporting Adult Mental Health in Adult Mental Health Week' 2-3pm at Park Mead

4/7/23 'Transitions - between classes and between schools' 2-3pm at Park Mead



# SIDES Carrot and Cucumber Batons

DESSERTS
Victoria Sponge Cake
or
Fresh Fruit

Also Available

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans



## Nearly New Sale

**@Chiddingly School - Sunday 14th May 2023** 

Stall Holders £10 per table, with set-up from 8:15am Email ChiddinglyBonfire@hotmail.com to book your table!

Refreshments available

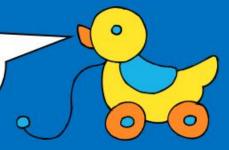
Entrance to the Public from 9am 'til 12.30pm

Grown-Ups £1 Minimum Donation Entry Fee

Kids Go Free!



Come and sell your children's pre-loved clothing and toys!





Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents to talk about all things Autism. This is a great opportunity to listen, share questions, ideas and experience with other parents. This session is designed to support parents/ carers who have an autistic child or are on the Autism pathway.

#### **SPRING DATES**

27 April, 9am to 10:30am, Iford and Kingston CE Primary School

28 April, 9:30am to 11:30am, St Leonards Children Centre Clyde Road

4 May, 10am to 11:30am, Forest Row Library

17 May, 9:15am to 10:45am, Plumpton School Lewes

24 May, 1:15pm to 2:45pm, Allsaints CE Primary School Bexhill

20 June, 9am to 10:30am, Hellingly Primary School