



Chiddingly Primary School Newsletter



NEWSLETTER 5 Term 2
Friday 24th November 2023

Email: chiddinglyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk

“Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life”

Dear Chiddingly Families,

Another busy few weeks at school: KS1 are in full swing preparing for their nativity, and the Christmas spirit has (already!) spread to KS2 as they practice their Christmas songs during their Music sessions! Across the school we have celebrated Diwali, planted bulbs and explored where different things grow, written poems and made self portraits.

Miss Taylor

Reminders

- The Festive Menu has now been uploaded onto ParentPay for Wednesday 13th December. Please make sure you log on and book your child’s lunch by **Monday 4th December**.
- If you need more raffle tickets, please come to the school office as we have lots more to sell!



Skills Builders (Last Two Weeks)

Congratulations to the children below!



Skills Builders (Next Two Weeks)

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

Friday 1st December

Oak— Roanne	Beech— Reu
Willow— Penny	Sycamore— Emily

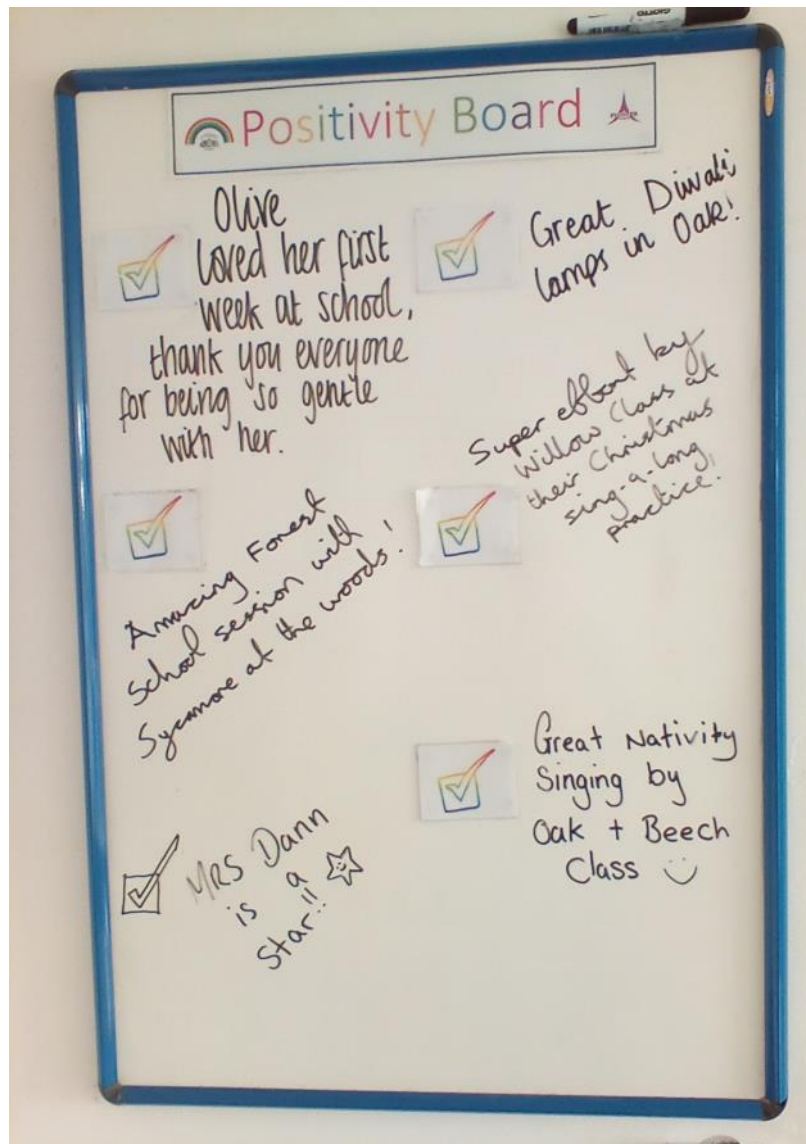
Friday 8th December

Oak— Amelia	Beech— Winnie
Willow— Bertie	Sycamore— Maxwell



If you need the newsletter or other school letters to be in a different format, please speak to Mrs Dann in the school office. If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Dann.

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: 93.51%

Whole school this year: 94%

Oak: 96.3%

Beech: 97.04%

Willow: 95.7%

Sycamore: 87.1%

Well done, Beech!



Class Updates

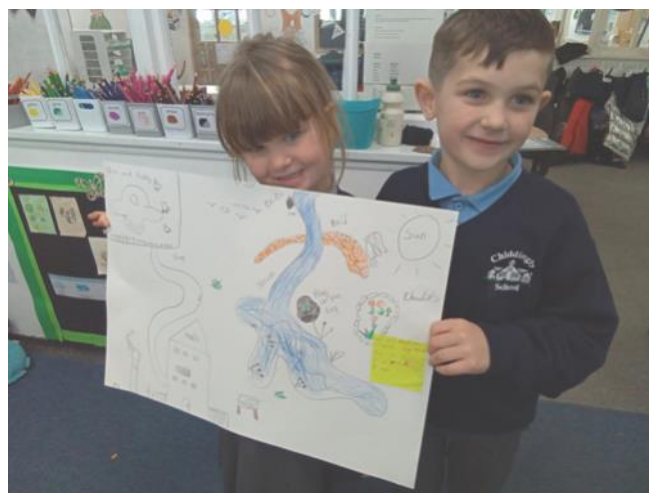
Oak

We have been learning about the celebrations of Diwali, the festival of light. We have explored light and dark through the story of Rama and Sita, understanding that good shines over evil. We have also been busy creating diya lamps, mehndi hand designs, shadow puppets, rangoli patterns and exploring how this festival is celebrated in different places around the world, comparing it to our own celebrations. We have used torches to discover hidden tricky words, as well as to create our own 'light up' Diwali dance. As a class, we have also written our own story book of Rama and Sita and some instructions to make your own Diya lamp!



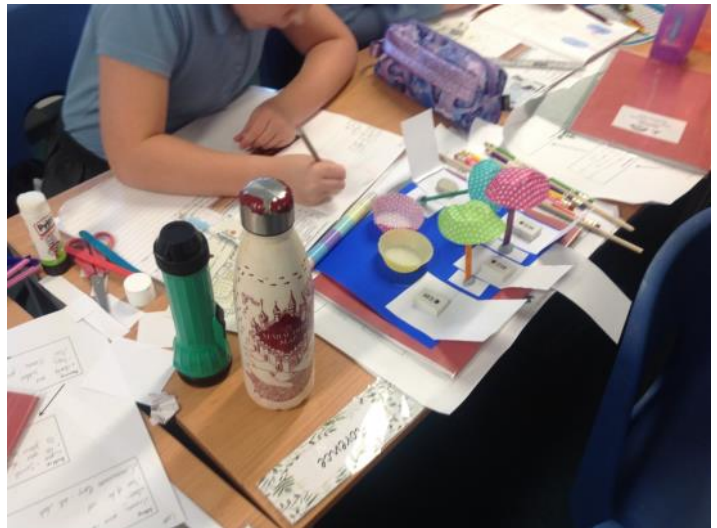
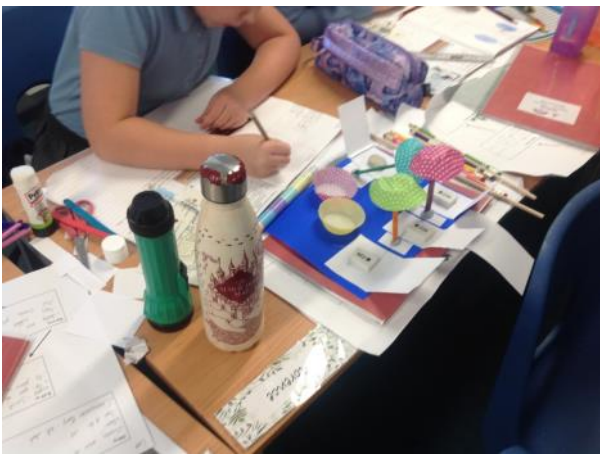
Beech

Beech Class have been busy planting bulbs around our school. They went for a walk around the school to find the best place, drew maps of the school and then labelled them. They even advised 'Beegu' the story alien about how to plant a garden on his planet. Amazing learning this week Beech!



Sycamore

Sycamore Class have been having lots of fun investigating in Science recently. They have been experimenting with light and shadows and even designing their own investigations, testing shade needed for a holiday sunbed by the pool!



Olive

Olive has enjoyed her first week visiting us. She has been so calm and settled straight away. She even has her very own Chiddingly cardigan! Thank you to all the children for being so gentle with her.



Forest School

This week, Sycamore went to the woods and made dens (they also pretended to go into air raid shelters), climbed trees, pretended they were in the trenches and made their own garden areas.



Dates For Your Diary

November 2023

28th—Sycamore Class swimming

30th—Willow trip to Hever

December 2023

1st— KS2 Christmas carols at the village shop

12th—KS1 Nativity at 9.30am and 2pm

13th—Christmas lunch

15th — Term 2 Ends

January 2024

2nd—INSET Day

3rd — Term 3 Starts

February 2024

9th — Term 3 Ends

19th — Term 4 Starts

March 2024

28th — Term 4 Ends

April 2024

15th — Term 5 Starts

May 2024

6th — Bank Holiday Monday

24th — Term 5 Ends

June 2024

3rd—INSET Day

4th — Term 6 Starts

July 2024

22nd — Term 6 Ends

23rd—INSET Day

PFCS events & dates

Thursday 30th November
Wreath Making

Friday 8th December
School Xmas Fair
After school

January
Date TBC with 6 Bells - PFCS Quiz



YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO THE

FESTIVE FUN RUN

Active Education Sussex invites you to sponsor your child to complete 16 laps of our Active Mile track wearing some festive headwear. Our Active Mile fun runs have helped raise over £6,500 for our schools in the last couple of years, of which every penny goes back into the schools to help fund some amazing projects. We would love to get your support and try and raise as much money as possible for Chiddingly and all their amazing projects.

**5th
DECEMBER
2023**

**ParentPay
DONATIONS**

**CHIDDINGLY
PRIMARY**



Club Flyer

Type of Club:

Christmas Holiday Camp

Activity:

A fun filled day with a variety of sports, competitions, dance, arts & crafts, movies, and festive fun!

Where:

Park Mead Primary School
BN27 3QP

Date:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
18th, 19th, and 20th December 2023
3 Days

Time:

Breakfast Club: 07:45-08:45
Main Camp Day: 08:45-15:15
After Camp Club: 15:15-16:15

Year Group:

Reception - Year 6
Children from any primary
school welcome

Price:

Breakfast Club: £5
Main Camp Day: £15
After Camp Club: £5
Hot Chocolate Treat: £1



How to book →

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CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY

CAMP

**18th, 19th & 20th
December 2023**

**Park Mead Primary
School, BN27 3QP**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME
FROM ANY SCHOOL!**

BREAKFAST CLUB £5

07:45-08:45

MAIN DAY £15

08:45-15:15

AFTER CAMP CLUB £5

15:15-16:15

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 8th December
Chiddingly School

3.30PM
TO
5.30PM



Visit Father Christmas – Grand Raffle Draw
Fun festive games – Refreshments
Independent market stalls
Cakes and lots more!



Chiddingly Church

Please come and enjoy our family *Christingle Service* at Chiddingly Church on the 3rd December at 4.30pm led by Fr. James and followed by light refreshments. This is a very special service and a donation will be given to The Children's Society. We look forward to seeing you there.



THE TRAVELLING CRIB - Mary and Joseph will be travelling around Chiddingly and the surrounding area. A list of the homes they will be staying in will be in the school office, if you need to check any details. We warmly invite everyone (not just those that have taken part) to come along to the Live Crib service at Chiddingly Church on Christmas Eve at 3pm. We look forward to seeing the children in their tea-towels, crowns and wings. There will be light refreshments served afterwards. Sending you love, joy and peace this Christmas from Chiddingly Church

All are warmly invited to Chiddingly
Parish Church for our:
Christingle Service
Sunday the 3rd of December
4.30pm.

Start Christmas early!!





CLASS+

Coffee & Chat Sessions

Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session.

There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of *Sensory Difference*.

7 November, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30am

8 November, Sidley Family Hub, 9:30am to 11:00am

9 November, Silverdale Perth Road, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

14 November, East Hoathly Church, 9:00am to 10:30am

16 November, Chailey Saint Peter's, 9:00am to 10:30am

29 November, St Mary's Hartfield, 9:00am to 10:30am

30 November, Laughton, 9:00am to 10:30am

5 December, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

6 December, Breakwater High Street, 9:00am to 10:30am

7 December, Sidley Family Hub, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

No need to book just turn up



WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

- ~~19TH OCTOBER~~ ~~ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)~~
- ~~8TH NOVEMBER~~ ~~BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE~~
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)

Sussex CAMHS and Partner Organisations are offering a rolling programme of webinars for parents/carers who are supporting children and young people with their mental health

Each webinar will take place at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

SCAN
HERE



WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

CUES

Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations

Is your child experiencing feelings of anxiety? Are you looking for information on how to help them? CUES is a training course for parent/carers to support their children with feelings of anxiety they are experiencing.



If this is something you would be interested in attending, please click on the link below or use the QR code for more information and to complete a short questionnaire about where and when you can attend.

[Click here](#) to answer the questions and register your interest or use [QR code](#).

“ Supportive and safe space ”

“ Breath of fresh air ”

“ A community of parents ”

“ Helping you to deal with your child ”



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Are you a parent or carer?

Do you have any questions or want some advice, tips or ideas to help you support your child?

Come along to Park Mead for coffee, and an informal chat with Vickie who is a parent/carer practitioner from me & my mind.

~~Wednesday 8th Nov 9.15-10.45- Anxiety and Worry~~

Wednesday 13th March 9.15- 10.45- Sleep, food and mood

Wednesday 10th July 9.15 - 10.45- Transitions

For more information, please speak to Sian Leahy
SENCO