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## Newsletter 1

Welcome back after a lovely warm summer break. We hope you had the opportunity to relax and spend some quality time with your children. We would like to welcome our new families of the Reception Class children into the school.

We are all delighted how well the children have settled into their new classes and have lots of exciting activities planned. Class topic newsletters will follow soon to explain more! We are all looking forward to another great year ahead at East Hoathly!

### Thought of the week:

I am proud that Queen Elizabeth II has reigned the longest. It makes me proud to be British! Elsie Year 2



### Celebrations of the week:



#### Star Book work of the week:

Joshua Sanford (YR)

Saxon Archbold (YR)

Toby Cherry (Y2)

Matthew Sutton (Y2)

Louie Medrow (YR)



#### Diners of the week:

KS1 - Samuel Simmons

KS2 - Abigail Simmons

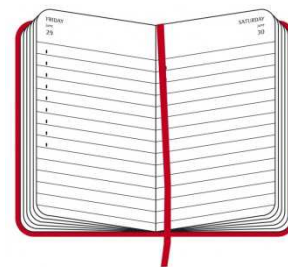
Nursery - Gracie-Mae Simmons



## Dates for your diaries:

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - KS2 Visit to Ploughing Match  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - FPTA Meeting, 2.00pm  
Tues Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Forum 9am  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct - Individual Photographs  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival, 9.25am (tbc)  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - British Values Day  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - End of Term 1 Celebration Day, 2.30pm  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Inset Day  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Remembrance Service, 10.30am  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Forum 9am  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - New Parent Tours, 1.30 - 2.30pm  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Fete in the Village Hall (full details to follow)  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - New Parent Tours, 6.00 - 7.00pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Production, 6.30pm  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle Service, 2.00pm  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Inset Day  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Maths Day  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Jan - Parent Forum 9am  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - End of Term 3 Celebration Day, 2.30pm  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Book Day  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Forum 9am  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March - End of Term 4 Celebration Day, 2.30pm  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April - Parent Forum 9am  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May - Awe and Wonder Day, 2.30pm  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May - Inset Day  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day, 9.30am and picnic afterwards with parents, 12.00pm  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - School Reports sent out to parents  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - Table Tennis Tournament with Chiddingly School, 12.30pm  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Consultation to discuss reports only, 4.00 - 6.00pm  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Production, 2.00pm and 6.30pm  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June - Parent Forum 9am  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July - Leaver's Service, 9.30am  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Inset Day  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Ground Force Day, 10.00am - 2.00pm

**Any amendments or additions to the above dates are in italics.**



It is good practice to inform parents of the school attendance figures. We will be reporting this information in our newsletters.

**Attendance**

The national target for attendance is 96.1%.

Our school target is 97.0%.

Our attendance percentages for this school year to date are:  
97.6%

**Class Attendance Figures for last week:**

Year R	-	100%
Year 1/2	-	97.3%
Year 3/4	-	98.2%
Year 5/6	-	97.0%

**Saturday 19th September Nursery Ground Force Event - 9am - 12pm**



If you have any spare time, please come and help to freshen up the Nursery Garden Area.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

**Young Writers' Competition**

In Term 5 Mrs Todd entered Year 3/4 in the Young Writers' national writing competition *Out of This World*. The children wrote some fantastic poetry inspired by many subjects from school to sports and hobbies to heroes. Congratulations to Coen, Emma, Luke W, Tilly, Benji, Holly, Harvey, Isabella, Luke C, Sky, Teah, Crystal, Demi, Fern, Sid, Leo, James, Eve, Joseph, Alex, Hannah, Alfred, Millie, Oscar and Lucinda whose poems have been chosen for publication in *Out of This World Surrey & Sussex*.

Well done!

## **CLASS TOPICS**

### **Reception:**

In Reception we have started our school journey with Marvellous Me and we will continue this throughout Term 1. In our first two weeks of our topic we will create self-portraits and will be looking at Elmer stories to help us think about being special and unique.

Our learning will continue to be enriched through different topics across the year. In reception our topics are:

- Marvellous Me
- Kings & Queens
- Super Troopers
- Magical Minibeasts
- In the Garden
- Splash

### **Year 1/2:**

We are learning about being British. Our topic is called Brilliant British Me! We are exploring the geography of the United Kingdom as well as looking at the games we play and nursery rhymes we sing. We are also learning about Dr Seuss books. We are learning about rhyming, writing character descriptions and how to write a story. Our next topic will be 'Once Upon A Time'. We will be exploring different fairy tales. The class newsletter will be coming out soon.

In Year 1/2 the topics this year will be:

- Once Upon a Time
- What Can you see?
- Dinosaurs - What is in the egg?
- Coasts and Castles

### **Year 3/4:**

We have started the term learning about British Values and our school. We are using the book 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley Spires to help us in our learning. In the story the young girl is designing a 'thing' but no matter how hard she tried it doesn't look right! We have learnt how to persevere and that the mistakes we make help us to learn! We will be designing our own 'Magnificent Thing' linked to the British Values.

Our next Topic will be Light and sound... Look out for the class topic letter to find out more and complete the class challenge!

In year 3/4 the topics are:

- British Values and the Most Magnificent Thing
- Light and Sound
- Communicate and Electrify
- Where in the world are we?
- Fantastic fossils
- The Romans and their impact on Britain



### **Year 5/6:**

**The topics this year will be:**

- British Me
- Let there be light
- The Norsemen Cometh
- Traveller Tales
- Codebreakers
- Fanimals
- Incredible Environments

### **School Dinners:**

As you are aware, last year there was a new Government initiative and we are providing free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Some children are eligible for Free School Meals throughout their school life and it is important to apply as soon as your child starts school, or if your circumstances change, as the school receives valuable extra funding that enhances the learning opportunities provided to make sure that your child gets the best start in their school life. You are eligible to apply if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

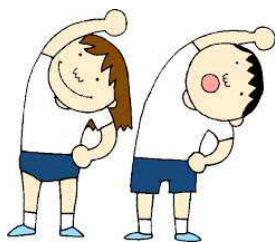


- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit**

*If you are entitled to Working Tax Credit you are not entitled to free meals.*

Key Stage 2 children are still required to pay for their school meal and a letter was sent home last term to inform all parents that the school meals had increased to £2.03 a day. A dinner menu was also sent home. Please can your child/children bring in their dinner money on the days that they are having dinner. Please can the money be brought into school in a named purse or wallet. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make this payable to Compass. Parent Pay is available if you wish to pay electronically. If any parents need their login details, please see Mrs Wicks in the school office.

### **PE Kits:**



Please can we remind you that all children require their PE Kits in school every week. PE t-shirts must be white and we would prefer them to have the school logo on the front. No jewellery can be worn during PE lessons and earrings should be removed or covered with plasters to avoid injury.

### **Scooters and Bikes:**



Please remember that scooters, bikes and skateboards should not be used on school premises. This is for the safety of the children.



### **Water Bottles:**



Remember to bring your water bottles into school daily and clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Independence:**

Now that the children have found their new pegs and settled into their classes, please encourage them to be independent and come into school on their own.

### **Chess Celebration:**



In the school summer holiday, Daniel Longley and Luke Cave attended the Academy summer championships and East Hoathly CE Primary School came 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done boys - a great result!

### **School Uniform Requirements:**

#### **Hair Bands:**

Standard elastic hairbands can be any colour. Scrunchies and Alice bands need to be red, white or black.

#### **School Jumpers:**

Sew-on logos have been ordered and should be in school very soon. They will be able to be purchased at a cost of £4.00. We do expect all school jumpers to have the logo on the front.



# Partnership British Values Statement



It is our, and every school's responsibility **“to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.”**

At East Hoathly and Chiddingly we promote these values in the following ways:

## **Democracy:**

At the beginning of each year children affirm the school's expectations and the rights and responsibilities associated with these. Every child and staff member abides by these. The children and staff actively engage with each other to create harmonious learning environments where everyone is responsible for the rules.

Both schools have a School Council to which members are voted in each year by their peers. Children write a statement to support their proposal to be their class representative and the children decide who will best represent them. Children understand that a place on the School Council comes with the responsibility of representing their peers' needs and interests.

We encourage children to be leaders throughout the school and we have a number of activities and responsibilities that are undertaken by the children. For example, pupils from Key Stage 2 are peer mediators and play leaders at lunch and play times. They have specific timeslots during which they are on duty and are responsible for encouraging all children to take part at playtime, for example by inviting them into games.

Democracy is taught during assemblies and during class-based PSHE sessions. Children regularly get opportunities to express their views in school through Pupil Voice interviews and questionnaires.

## **The Rule of Law**

Behaviour and safety at East Hoathly and Chiddingly are seen as an absolute priority by the entire school community. Children know what is expected of them, why rules are so important, and what the consequences are if they do not follow them. Children at East Hoathly and Chiddingly are well aware of what an exciting curriculum they have and their sustained excellent behaviour enables them to develop into confident and independent learners.

At East Hoathly and Chiddingly we ensure that children are acutely aware of the responsibilities that come with having rights. Children develop a thorough understanding of personal responsibility and develop independence in managing relationships and behaviour. Through our whole school approach to restorative justice, we enable children to develop the language and strategies to solve conflict and right wrongs.

At East Hoathly and Chiddingly we offer a range of exciting opportunities for children to be leaders throughout the school, and they understand that the rules they have created for their classes permeate through all activities and events. Children also understand that their behaviour and regard for the rules extends beyond the school itself, such as acting as school ambassadors while on school trips. This understanding means that teachers can organise fascinating school trips secure in the knowledge that children will get the same from them as they do from learning opportunities within school.

### **Individual Liberty**

East Hoathly and Chiddingly are safe places for children and both cultivate an atmosphere in which children can make choices about their school life in a supportive environment.

We educate our pupils to know that they have boundaries within which they may make choices safely, through the provision of a nurturing mindset and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand, and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Whether it is through choice of challenge, of how they record, or of participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities, pupils are given the freedom to make choices. From the very start of their school life children are encouraged to challenge their personal best by giving them ownership of their own learning. Children regularly have next steps shared with them, whether verbally or with written feedback in books so they know exactly what they can do to progress.

### **Mutual Respect**

The ethos of our schools nurture an understanding of mutual respect and it underpins the engaging and exciting teaching and learning that happens here. School life at East Hoathly and Chiddingly abides by our values that nurture kindness, resilience, honesty and respect. The children and all staff connected to our school understand our values and work in a manner that encourages everyone to achieve to their highest ability. Assemblies regularly cover 'Respect', and pupils have been part of discussions related to what this means and how we show it. When a child does well, their achievement is displayed for everyone to learn from their positive attitude and hard work. Learning and effort are highly respected.

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

This is achieved through enhancing pupils' understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society and by giving them opportunities to experience such diversity. We celebrate and learn about the numerous religious festivals that happen throughout the school year. Children experience influences from all over the world in their classrooms. Our core values ensure children develop respect for the person; developing strong and lasting relationships that enable the community to be strong and cohesive.





### **FPTA Meeting:**

The next FPTA meeting will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. Please come along to see what we are fundraising for!

The School Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the village hall. Full details of this event will follow later.

### **Parent Forum:**

The next Parent Forum is on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9am. The focus will be the uniform policy and the School Development Plan.

### **Breakfast and After School Club:**

As you are aware, we opened up a Breakfast (Early Birds) and After School Club (Late Birds) this term.



Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 8.50am at a cost of £5 and After School Club runs from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Breakfast (toast or cereal) is provided for the breakfast club and a snack (sandwich/cheese and crackers) is provided for the after school club at a cost of £10 per child.

If you would like your child to attend any Breakfast Club or After School Club sessions, please see Mrs Wicks in the school office.



## Term 1 Newsletter 2015

Welcome back to nursery, we hope that you had a lovely summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new children and parents.

Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Me' and 'Being British'. We would like to arrange some Autumn walks to look at the changing seasons and collect interesting things to add to our nature basket, so if anyone would like to accompany us we would welcome your help.

Please can we make sure that we have named wellies for your child at all times because the grass is very wet at this time of year.

We are happy to confirm that our new session times are 8.45am- 11.45am, Lunch club 11.45am- 12.15pm and 12.15pm- 3.15pm Monday to Friday.

We are delighted to welcome Lizzie to the team. Lizzie and Dawn will be running the Monday and Friday afternoon sessions.

Please use the new main entrance on the school building side to drop your children off in the morning until 9am. After this time please use the other entrance off the car park for all delivery and collection of your children until we have a buzzer entry on the main gate.

Finally, please help us to celebrate your child's progress by remembering to complete the 'Wow' slips when something special has happened at home. Thank you.

Kind Regards

Nursery Staff