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Friday 4th March

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Thought of the week:

"Part of wellbeing is about eating well and looking after your body."

Leo Tarry, Year 4



The School Council are creating Healthy Lunchboxes posters this term.

Celebrations of the week:



Star Book work of the week:

Sky Jackson
 Teah Jackson
 Jamie Harvey
 Jessica Cherry



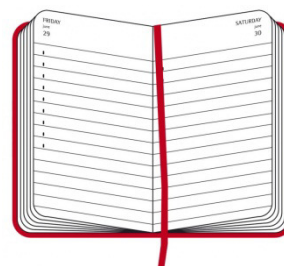
Diners of the week:

Nursery - Catherine Campbell-Stephen
 KS1 - Poppy Ray
 KS2 - Oliver Johnson



Dates for your diaries:

Thurs 10th March - Nursery and Reception Class Cake Sale
Thurs 10th March - FPTA Meeting, 2.30pm
Mon 14th March - Year 3/4 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Tues 15th March - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm (not Year 3/4)
Tues 16th March - Parent Forum 9am
Thurs 17th March - Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Tues 22nd March - Years 3 & 4 Football Tournament at Ringmer
Thurs 24th March - Church Easter Service, 2.30pm
Thurs 24th March - End of Term 4 Celebration Day, 2.30pm
Mon 11th April - Start of Term 5
Tues 19th April - Parent Forum 9am
Thurs 21st April - Years 4, 5 & 6 Netball Tournament at Firle
Fri 6th May - Years 3 & 4 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Fri 13th May - Years 3 & 4 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Fri 20th May - Years 3 & 4 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Wed 25th May - Awe and Wonder Day, 2.30pm
Thurs 26th May - End of Term 5
Fri 27th May - Inset Day
Mon 6th June - Start of Term 6
Fri 10th June - Years 3 & 4 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Tues 14th June - Parent Forum 9am
Fri 17th June - Years 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Thurs 23rd June - Years 1 & 2 Multiskills at Framfield
Fri 24th June - Years 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Wed 6th July - Sports Day, 9.30am and picnic afterwards with parents, 12.00pm
Fri 8th July - Years 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Fri 8th July - School Reports sent out to parents
Fri 8th July - Table Tennis Tournament with Chiddingly School, 12.30pm
Mon 11th July - Parent Consultation to discuss reports only, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Wed 13th July - Summer Production, 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Fri 15th July - Years 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Thurs 21st July - Leaver's Service, 9.30am - End of Term 6
Fri 22nd July - Inset Day
Sat 23rd July - Ground Force Day, 10.00am - 2.00pm



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

Parent Consultation Evenings

The sign up sheets are available outside your child's classroom. This is an extremely important part of your child's education. If you are unable to attend any these dates, please contact Mrs Wicks in the school office to make a separate appointment.

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Parent Pay

Please could parents keep their Parent Pay account topped up to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover your child's school meals. This will be much appreciated by the school cook and will assist her with her paperwork. Thank you.

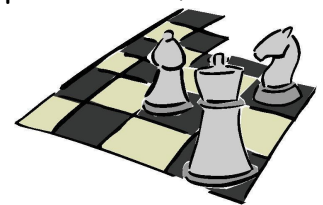


Chess Achievements

At the recent Chess Academy event held at Uckfield Community College, East Hoathly school had a team of four, with Abbie Simmons and Luke Cave both doing well. Sam Simmons took part for the first time and won his Year 2 group medal and Daniel Longley won his Year 6 group medal with a good score of 3.5/6 and coming 7th out of 20 children entered.

East Hoathly school were placed third out of the nine schools taking part overall, but were second amongst the primary schools.

Well done to the East Hoathly chess players!



Start of School

Please may we remind you that children **MUST NOT** be dropped at school before 8.35am as there is no adult supervision in the playground until this time.

Parent Forum, 16th March

The focus of this meeting will be to inform parents about the latest changes to do with SATs and there will also be a workshop to do with Grammar and Punctuation teaching.

Mothering Sunday Service, 6th March

East Hoathly Church has invited our children to be involved with their Mother's Day Service at 11am this Sunday 6th March. Children from each year group will be reading prayers written by their class, reading a passage from the Bible, assisting with the sermon and singing some songs which they have been learning.

All the children who attend will hand round gifts to all the mothers in the congregation so we do hope that as many of you can attend as possible to make this a wonderful celebration!



FPTA Meeting

The next FPTA meeting will be held in the school on Thursday 10th March at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Quiz Night

The King's Head are holding a fun Quiz Night on Thursday 17th March from 7.30pm. Teams of up to six people can be entered at the cost of £2.50 per head and food can be ordered beforehand. Please ring 01825 840238 to reserve your table and book in your team! This is a popular family-friendly event and proceeds raised will be donated to East Hoathly School.



Mental Mathematics Week 2016

We had a great maths week last week. This included the children practising their mental mathematics skills by doing lots of Numeracy Ninjas and Dinosaur Maths activities. We also had a Who Wants to Be A Millionaire style Mental Mathematics House Team Quiz which involved children from every year group. We invited parents in to share our calculation policy, which can be found on our website and Dinosaur Maths and Numeracy Ninjas.

Here are some quotes from parents:

"I think it is brilliant and would like to use it more at home! It has definitely grabbed Max's attention." Mrs Kester

"It's good and I can see how it fits in with the curriculum. It clearly inspires the children." Mrs Gibbons



Youth of East Hoathly and Halland

We are looking at setting up a club or skate park for the young people in our area. Are you a young person? Are you bored with life in the village? Would you like to make a change? Please join us for a friendly chat and tell us what you think!

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19th March, 10am - 12.30pm at The Pavilion, East Hoathly Playing Field.

You could help make a difference!





Nursery weekly news

This week we have been busy learning about different forms of transport and how it works.

We have been learning the letter sound 'e' in phonics.

The children enjoyed exploring the woods at forest school and pointed out the numbers on the trees and noticed the different sounds in the environment.



We would like to invite parents to look at their child's learning journey on Tuesday 8th March in the morning at 8:40am till 9:10am.

Don't worry if you cannot make it, there will be more coming up and there's always parents evening on Tuesday 15th March 4-6pm.

Can we please remind parents that nursery finishes at 3:15pm, so please come to nursery before picking any older siblings up from school.

Year 3 and 4 Topic work- 'Under our Feet'

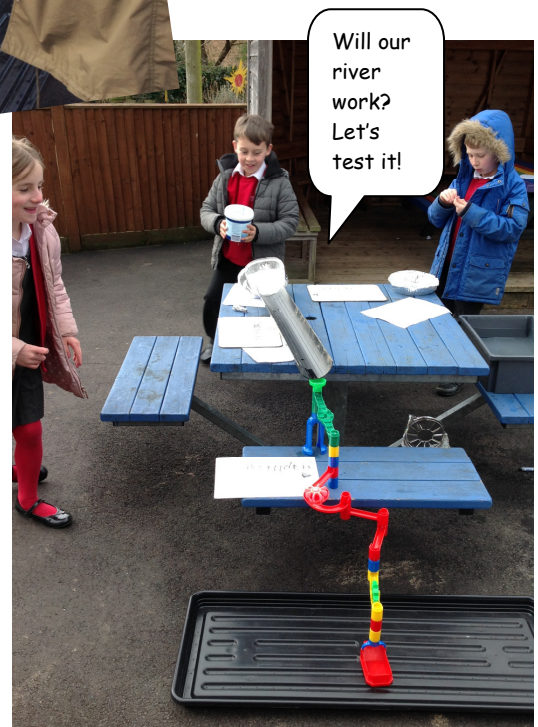


Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the Water Cycle and the different parts of a river.

They made their own water cycles in a bag so they were able to see the different processes- look at our classroom windows to find out more!



They have also been writing their own poems about precipitation (rain, snow, hail.) They were even lucky enough to see the snow on Wednesday during literacy to help them with descriptive words in their poems!



Parent Governor Vacancies

The Pioneer Federation has a vacancy for a parent governor on the Federated Governing Body.

If you wish to stand for election, please complete the enclosed nomination form, along with a declaration of eligibility, and submit to James Procter by **3pm on Friday 11th March 2016**.

Parent governors play a very important role in keeping the governing body aware of the views from the parental perspective. 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. Attached are details of what will be expected of a Governor.

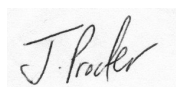
Votes will be counted at **3.30pm on Friday 11th March**. Candidates may attend the count. We shall arrange for all parents to be notified of the result.

If you are interested in being nominated and/or want further information, you might find it helpful to talk to James Procter or one of the existing Parent Governors. 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>

I have attached an extract from the regulations concerning the qualifications and disqualification connected with the office of governor. Please read them carefully.

Yours sincerely



James Procter
Acting Executive Headteacher



Mandy Watson
Chair of Governors

What qualifications do governors need?

There are no formal qualifications. Schools need volunteers with experience of life. The one essential requirement is an interest in, and commitment to, the education of children. Governors are ordinary people, drawn from many areas of society. They need to be able to devote time to getting to know the school well and be available to support and challenge it.

A governor must be a good listener, and someone who is able to read and take in information easily. A governor must be able to:

- raise questions and take part in discussion and decision-making
- be **discreet**, open minded and fair
- be a source of ideas and a good communicator
- be enthusiastic about the work of the school
- be prepared to work as part of a team.

Whilst schools are keen to welcome applications from all areas of society, there are certain criteria that have to be met before your application can be accepted. This is attached for your information.

How long do governors serve?

The usual term of office is four years. However, governors are volunteers who can leave at any time and can similarly be re-appointed or re-elected.

It is expected that the Federated Governing Body will hold 6 full governing body meetings per year. Each meeting is held at 6pm and is a maximum of 2 hours per meeting.

What kinds of help and support are available?

A great deal of professional advice and support is available to help governors with their duties and responsibilities, along with a full training programme which is run by the Local Authority.

Nomination Form for Parent Governor

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Preferred Contact Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian of (*child's name*): _____

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

1. (Name) _____

(Address) _____

2. (Name) _____

(Address) _____

Election Statement (no more than 100 words):

East Hoathly CE School and Nursery FPTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday 11th February 2016

Attendees – Leigh Greenland (Chair), Kelly Allen (Treasurer), Caroline Campbell-Stephen (Secretary), Lucy Watton (Marketing), Kati Claxon, Sarah Wright, Mr and Mrs Rattray

1. Future Events

Cake and Second Hand Uniform Stall – Nursery and Reception classes (10/03/16)

Action Point 1 – Karen to organise the sale.

Action Point 2 – Leigh to advertise the sale in the Weekly newsletter and text on the day as well as discuss/write about the event with Nursery Parents (as they may not be unaware how sale works).

Easter Hunt (24/03/16)

Action Point 3 – Committee to arrange at the following meeting.

St George's Day (29/04/16)

Action Point 4 – Committee to bring ideas for a potential event to the next committee meeting.

Musical Quiz Night Fundraiser (date to be confirmed)

This event will be fundraising for a new PA system for the School.

Action Point 5 – Miss Denney to update the Committee at the next Meeting.

Strictly Comes Dancing comes to East Hoathly (date to be confirmed)

Fundraising to cover the cost of an outdoor stage.

Richard and Kelly have postponed this Event until the end of the Summer Term.

Action Point 6 – Kelly to update the committee with a date for the event at the next meeting

Whole School - Sponsored 'Read a Thon' (date to be confirmed)

Fundraising to cover the cost of new books for each classroom and Library.

Action Point 7 – Lucy to investigate the national scheme and look at how we could adapt to suit our School and Nursery's needs. Lucy to email Leigh her ideas and recommendations.

Sports Day

Fundraising towards the cost of storage sheds.

The FPTA will again run a drinks and biscuits stall at the event alongside a small raffle.

Action Point 8 – Caroline to secure volunteers to run.

Years 3,4,5 and 6 - Sponsored Walk (April/early May - date to be confirmed)

The purpose of this event is to raise money towards the cost of the swimming lessons. Karen has taken the lead to coordinate this event and will use the route designed last year.

Action Point 9 – Karen to organise the event and discuss with Lucy any marketing materials required.

Joint Summer Fete with the Church (date to be confirmed)

Action Point 10 – Caroline to organise a meeting with the Church committee.

Christmas Fair (03/12/16)

Treasure Hunt?

Mud Run/Messy Activity Course?

Karen to feed back her ideas/findings at the next meeting.

2. Funding Bids

Over the last year the FPTA have been busy fundraising for the School and Nursery. The teachers were asked to provide a 'wish list' of items they would like to support their excellent work. We are delighted to inform you that all the funding bids have been agreed by the committee although we are going to try to source some of the items through parent's second hand donations first. Please see below a list of the items you will soon be seeing around the school to support the children's learning and enjoyment:

2 Harrod Round Heavyweight Goal Posts with nets

Welly Rack (Forest School)

5 Palm Drills (Forest School)

3 Mallets (Forest School)

3 Bow Saws (Forest School)

3 Carpenters Brace (Forest School)

2 Tarps (Forest School)

2 complete sets of Books

Spelling focus group games

Maths focus group games

Medals and Trophy's

Outdoor play equipment (Nursery)

Indoor Sensory Equipment (Nursery)

Action Point 11 – Leigh to write an article for the weekly newsletter asking if parents/carers have any unwanted preschool age bicycles and scooters they would be happy to donate to the Nursery. Any items to be given to Leigh to arrange servicing.

Action Point 12 - Leigh to write an article for the weekly newsletter asking if parents/carers have any unwanted digital cameras they would be happy to donate to the Nursery.

Action Point 13 – Karen to work with LEGO Club members to write a letter to LEGO Head Office requesting donations for the group.

Action Point 14 – Leigh to investigate the cost of 2 sheds (a large to be placed on School Grounds and a small to be placed in Nursery)

Action Point 15 – Leigh to discuss with the FPTA Carpenter contact the options/costings of building a stage with viewers benches for the children to perform (to be situated on the School Field).

Action Point 16 – Kelly to receive all the finance materials needed to make the payments for the above items.

3. Any Other Business

At the next meeting we will be holding a Christmas Fair de-brief.

Action Point 17 – Leigh to organise Rag Bag collection to fundraise towards the cost of storage sheds.

Next Meeting – Thursday 10th March at 2:00 in the School