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Thoughts of the week:

"We have been learning about truthfulness and this has taught me a lot and made me think about being honest more often at home and school".

Abbie Simmons, Year 6



Celebrations of the week:



Star Book work of the week:

Alfie Wren
 Alfred Parris
 Matilda Rushton
 Alfie Beech
 Oscar Bunney



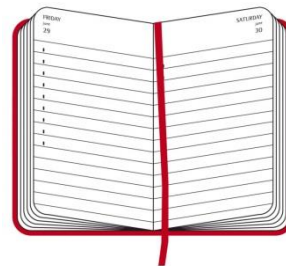
Diners of the week:

Nursery - Jake Frizzell
 KS1 - Kacie Skerritt
 KS2 - Amelia Freezer



Dates for your diaries:

Fri 22nd April - Federation E-Safety Day
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
Thurs 14th July - Leaver's Service at Worth Abbey, 10:30am. Parents invited
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.

Laughton Cricket Club - Amendment

The new season at Laughton starts on Friday 22nd April, led by Sussex County Cricket Club.

Children from Year 2 upwards can join in and practice takes place on Friday evenings at Laughton Cricket Club as follows:

Under 10 years - 5pm - 6pm (softball)
Under 12 years - 6pm - 7pm (hardball)
Under 15 years 7pm - 8.15pm

The cost is £50 for 11 sessions with a reduction of £5 for each sibling.

If you would like any further information, please contact Mark Buttifant on
07790 340931

Federation Governor Profile



Mandy Watson

As a previous teacher and Headteacher in Sussex and overseas in Botswana, I gained so much pleasure from seeing children excited by and enjoying their learning, while achieving the very best they can. Sharing the new experiences of my grandchildren as they move through their schools in East Sussex confirms my belief that the key to successful lifelong education is children's primary school foundation in strong basic skills, independence, self-confidence and high expectations of what they can achieve.

As Chair of Governors for the Pioneer Federation I am delighted to see this happening for the children in our federation and to be part of the terrific team and 'whole schools family' that will build on our achievements and ensure a secure future for our schools. I became a governor in 2008 at another successful village school, then Chair of Governors at East Hoathly in 2013 and at Chiddingly in 2014. We were extremely pleased to see the hard work and achievement in each school recognised by very successful Ofsted.

As the senior primary improvement adviser for Greenwich Local Authority, I work with a large number of schools and their governors in developing and evaluating their school improvement strategies and plans. I bring the skills of coaching, mentoring, challenging and supporting senior leaders and the analysis of school improvement data to my role as governor.

My particular focus within The Pioneer Federation is leadership and management growth and strong team development. I also monitor the outstanding practice in the Early Years Foundation classes and the exciting changes in the Nursery, which are such crucial times in children's development. We are greatly encouraged by our great parent support and involvement and hope there will be more opportunities for you to meet governors, as we welcome your views and comments.

My favourite places in the schools are the book areas in our classrooms and the huge variety of reading materials available to our children. As a 'marathon' reader myself there is something really satisfying about 'sharing' a book and seeing the joy children can experience in the world of books!

Mind you the outside area in the Nursery takes some beating-it makes me want to start school all over again. There is something very special about being a governor!

Parent Forum

The following was discussed at the recent parent forum meeting:

- Focus 2015-16 School Development Plan
- Five year vision (specifically 2016/17 key priorities)
- Possible future partnerships and multi-academy trusts (MATS)
- Large community all-weather board will be put at the front of the school. Parents requested that the following were put onto this board:
 - Weekly newsletter
 - Forthcoming events
 - Lunchtime menu
 - FPTA dates
 - Key weekly information - signposted
- Mrs Parris requested that the school provide requests from pupils about the items they would like bought from the money raised by the planned sponsored walk with Chiddingly on 26th May.



Forest School

Our Forest School days this term have changed slightly. Please let your class teacher know if you are available to help out on a:

- Monday afternoon (with Year 1 / 2 - Year 5/ 6 alternate weeks)
- Tuesday afternoon (with Reception)
- Friday morning (Nursery)
- Friday afternoon (with Year 3/4)

Thank you,
Miss Denney



Nursery weekly news

We have had a very busy week looking at trees and seeing how things grow. We have all measured ourselves to see if we have grown on our height chart.



Now that the weather is getting hotter can you please bring in a bottle of water and sun cream for your child. If you would like us to apply the cream, we have a permission form for you to sign.

Please can I remind you to bring back your books so that we can change them and give you the new letter sound.

Our focus number this week is 6 and our letter sound is i.

Can we please remind you that Nursery finishes at 3:15pm if you have siblings at school, could we please ask you pick up from nursery first.

This term we are learning about growing so if you have any seeds you would like to donate we would be very grateful. Please could we ask you to bring in any spare clear jars.

Thank you,

Nursery Staff

Reception's Trip to Plumpton College

Tuesday was an exciting day for Reception as they visited Plumpton College Farm. They joined Chiddingly on the coach and travelled to the farm spotting plenty of interesting sights on the way. When they arrived they were met by Deborah who showed them into the education centre and then showed them around the farm. Whilst there, the children were looking at different animals as part of their topic on new life and were lucky enough to see some lambs being born! The children then were given the opportunity to hold a 1 day old lamb and later created their own craft lamb using real sheep wool! It was a fantastic day and the children learnt lots about the names of mother and father animals and how long it takes for animals to grow and develop.



We are the Eco Warriors



We help look after the environment.

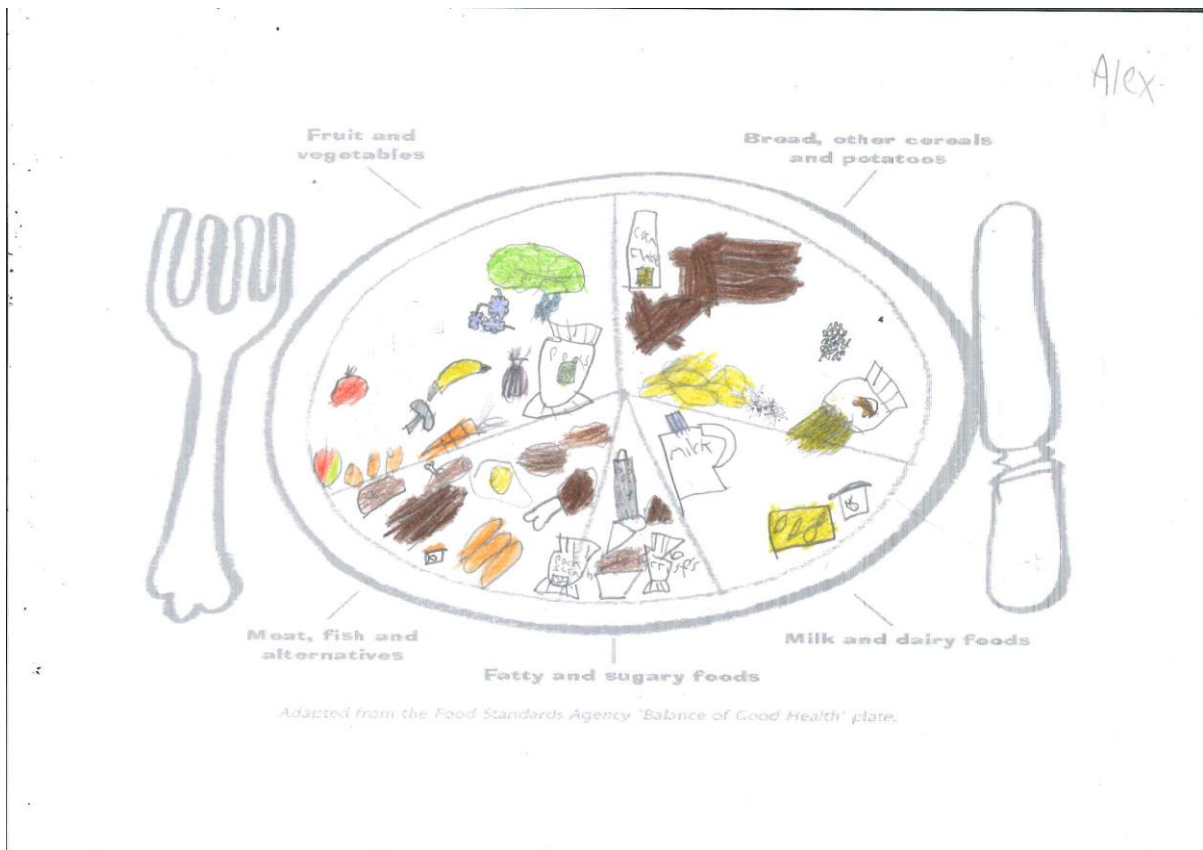
These are some of our responsibilities:

- 1) Ensuring lights get turned off when the rooms are not being used.
- 2) Making sure paper is recycled in the classrooms.
- 3) Helping to grow vegetables in the allotment area.
- 4) Helping to set up for Forest School Sessions.

Healthy Eating

The whole school has been learning about being healthy in assemblies. The School Council in particular focussed on Keeping Healthy and discussed and designed a healthy meal. This

picture is by Alex Freezer in Year 5 and shows an example of food you could choose from each area for a healthy lunch!



The Servant Queen - A Tribute

The Bible Society has produced a booklet celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, suitable for children aged 10+ and Year 5 and 6 children will receive a copy free of charge.

A larger, illustrated tribute is available for adults at £1.25 per copy. If you would like to order a copy or copies of this publication, please let us know in the school office.

