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Thoughts of the week:

"Truthfulness is saying something to someone and meaning what you say."
 "It makes me feel good when I tell the truth."



Archie Gibbons, Year 3 and James Bushell, Year 4

Celebrations of the week:



Star Book work of the week:

George House
 Emma Brooke
 Jamie Harvey
 Alfie Wren
 Darcy Allen



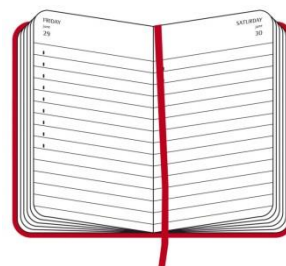
Diners of the week:

Nursery - Finlay Taylor
 KS1 - Sophia Randall
 KS2 - Saffron Gillies



Dates for your diaries:

Mon 2nd May - Bank Holiday Monday
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
Mon 23rd May - *Awe and Wonder Day*
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 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool*
Fri 10th June - *Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations - more information to follow*
Tues 14th June - Parent Forum 9am
Thurs 16th June - FPTA Mad Hair Day
Fri 17th June - Years 5 & 6 Swimming at Ringmer Pool
Thurs 23rd June - Years 1 & 2 Multiskills at Framfield
Fri 24th June - *Years 3 & 4 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.

Federation Governor Profile



For those of you that don't know me I live in Hailsham. I am married (to a teacher) and have one son. I am a Civil Servant and work in London. After the joys of commuting I relax by playing, umpiring and coaching hockey for Hailsham. I also have an allotment, though I am struggling to find enough day light hours to do it justice.

I am a Local Authority Governor. This means that I am appointed by a local authority committee for a four year term of office to this school and now federation. Sounds grand but nothing could be further from the truth.....forms and references etc!

I started as a Governor of Chiddingly School over 15 years ago when my son was a pupil. (He is now 21!!) During that time I have also served as Chair for approximately 11 years and I have seen many changes (and Head teachers come to that!!). It is a very rewarding role while at the same time being sometimes quite challenging. As Governors you are responsible for influencing the strategic direction of the schools, but have to avoid the temptation to get involved in the day to day management of the school. The latter is very much the domain of your Headteacher and their senior team and Governors should be there to support and challenge. We are responsible with the senior leadership team for the school/federations performance and direction, but have to get the balance right so that we allow the senior leadership team to manage the schools/federation on a day to day basis without interfering. We have to learn to fulfil the "critical friend" role.

I have seen many ups and downs over the 15 years but the most exciting is the move to the Federation. I have not seen either school move forward as fast as they have over the last two years. The results and the Ofsted judgements have been so good to see. The benefits of schools and professionals working together cannot be underestimated and I think the evidence speaks for itself. There is of course still work to be done but I think the foundations have been laid and we have in the Pioneer Federation a really good team of professionals who will drive us all forward for the most important aspect which is of course the children.

Why have I stayed for 15 years? Well there is no substitute for seeing the excitement on the children's faces and hearing their chatter as they grow and develop. They are always so willing to share what is important to them. Seeing the schools move forward and develop is just so rewarding. I often get into school either on formal governor visits, to interview for staff or just to look round the classrooms and chat with the staff and the children. It just puts the day job into perspective! The governors normally have their badges on when they are in school so if you see any of us by all means stop us for a chat.



Forest School

This week in Forest School Reception were looking for changes in our woodland since the holidays. We were very excited to discover that bluebells are growing all over the woods!

We then sat amongst the bluebells and carefully painted them using different shades of blue and green.



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.



“We make sure that paper is in the correct recycling bins.” Alfie W & Jamie H Year 6



Nursery weekly news

We have been looking at 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this week and are learning how to follow a pattern. We have planted our own cress and have been trying different fruits.



Our number this week is 7.

Our letter sound is p.

Don't forget we are not open on Monday 2nd May as it is a Bank Holiday so have a great weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday.

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

Come and see your child's learning journeys in the morning of Thursday 5th May and Tuesday the 10th May. You are welcome to come in at 8:40am till 9:10am.

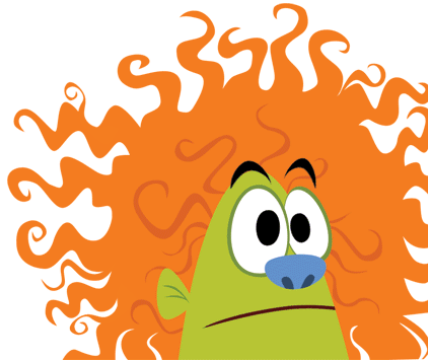
This term we are learning about growing so if you have any seeds you would like to donate we would be very grateful. Could we also ask if you have any spare clear jars to bring them in.

Thank you,

Nursery Staff



FPTA Mad Hair Day - Thursday 16th June



Please bring a bottle of any kind to donate towards the Summer Fayre.



The FPTA need your help

Can you help out for an hour or two at the summer fayre?

We need volunteers to help with various stalls.

Please keep an eye out for the stall timetable or speak to Leigh, Caroline, Karen, Sarah or Katie in the playground.

Do you have any gazebos or marquees that you could lend us for the day?

Thank you!