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Friday 9th September

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!

Collective Worship Thought of the week:

"Friendship is caring and sharing."

Emilia Year 4



Growth Mindset Quote of the week:

"Be the best you can be."

From 'Excellence' - Our School Vision



Diners of the week:

Nursery - Bella Wren

KS1 - Holly Lonsdale

KS2 - Millie Hooper



Dates for your diaries:



Please note that there has been a change to one of the Inset Days. There is NO Inset Day on 3rd January but there will be one on 20th September.

20th Sept - Inset Day
27th Sept - Parent Forum - (Focus SDP) 9am
12th Oct - Harvest Festival in the Church 9.25am
17th Oct - British Values Day/Week
20th Oct - End of term celebration 2.30pm
21st Oct - Inset Day
11th Nov - Remembrance Day Service in the Church 10.30am
14th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week
17th Nov - Open time for new parent tours 1.30pm-2.30pm
21st Nov - Parent Consultation Evening 4pm-6pm
23rd Nov - Parent Forum 9am
23rd Nov - Parent Consultation Evening 4pm-6pm
8th Dec - Open time for new parent tours 6pm-7pm
12th Dec - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Production 2pm
14th Dec - Christmas Production 2pm & 6.30pm
21st Dec - Christingle Service 2pm
18th Jan - Maths Day
24th Jan - Parent Forum 9am
9th Feb - End of term celebration 2.30pm
2nd March - Book Day
15th March - Parent Forum 9am
21st Mar - Parent Consultation Evening 4pm-6pm
23rd Mar - Parent Consultation Evening 4pm-6pm
31st Mar - Easter Service 9.25am
2nd May - Parent Forum 9am
15th May - Enterprise Week
22nd May - Awe & Wonder Day - celebration 2.30pm
5th June - Inset Day
14th June - Parent Forum 9am
29th June - Table Tennis Tournament at Chiddingly
4th July - Sports Day 9.30am & Picnic 12.00
7th July - Reports out to parents
10th July - Dress Rehearsal for Summer Production 2pm
11th July - Summer Production 2pm & 6.30pm
14th July - Parent Consultation Evening 4pm-6pm to discuss reports only
20th July - Leavers Service
21st July - Inset Day

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:
98.9%

Class Attendance Figures for last week:

Year R	-	100%
Year 1/2	-	96.3%
Year 3/4	-	100%
Year 5/6	-	100%

School Uniform

Please can we remind all parents of the school uniform policy. The uniform policy is at the end of this newsletter. Please can we remind you that children are **not allowed to wear boots or trainers** as these items are not part of the school uniform. **Shoes must be smart and plain black. Shoes should be leather or equivalent.** Hair which is longer than shoulder length is expected to be tied up, for hygiene reasons. Socks should be **plain grey or black.** If any child comes to school wearing the incorrect uniform, parents will be contacted that morning to bring their child's correct uniform or footwear into school. We are very proud of our school and the smartness of our pupils.



Volunteer Helpers

If any parents would like to volunteer in the school please see Mrs Wicks in the school office to complete the required paperwork.

We welcome volunteers to help with readers, forest school, swimming and some school trips.

ParentPay

If any parents would like to pay for their school dinners by ParentPay, please see Mrs Wicks in the school office who can issue you with a username and password.

Also, please see Mrs Wicks if any parent who already use ParentPay has forgotten their details and wish to pay for their child's dinner electronically.

The cook also accepts payments by cash or by cheque payable to Chartwells.
Cheques can only be written out on a weekly basis.

From the start of this term, the cost of a school dinner is £2.10.



If you would like to receive the school newsletter and other important information by **email** and **text message** through our ParentMail system, please complete the reply slip below and return to the school office, thank you.

Your name.....

Child/ren's name/s Class

Email address (please write clearly)

Mobile phone no

School Dinners:

As you are aware, the Government provide 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. 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.

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.

School Uniform Requirements:

Hair Bands:

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

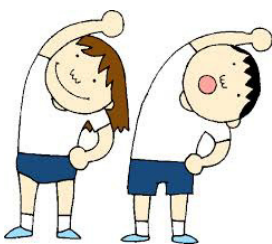
School Jumpers:

Sew-on logos can be purchased at a cost of £4.00. We do expect all school jumpers to have the logo on the front.

Reminder:

We would like to remind you that our School Uniform Policy states that no necklaces, bracelets or wrist bands should be worn in school and only stud earrings are permitted. This is to ensure the continued safety for all children in the school. Any of these items could get caught or pulled during PE or playtimes and cause injury. If a child does come to school with these items, they will be looked after by the class teacher until the end of the day.

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.

Animals:

Please can we remind all parents that NO animals are allowed inside the school gates.

GROWTH MINDSET



This academic year, we will be learning all about how our brains work and how learning occurs through the electrical connections in our brains. We will be finding out how the learning powers of resilience, curiosity and making connections in learning can help us to build and strengthen our knowledge and understanding of all different areas. We will be learning about how the language we use can help us to change from a 'fixed mindset' to a 'growth mindset'.

In assembly next week, we will learn that we have to imagine ourselves as bouncy balls and if we find something tricky, we shouldn't give up but should bounce back, just like the ball!

There will be a growth mindset day on Friday 16th September - more information to follow.



Nursery News

Our number of the week: 1 Our letter of the week: A,a

We hope that you and your children have had a good holiday, it's lovely to be back at Nursery hearing all the children's stories.

We have been concentrating on settling our new children into nursery and getting the others back into the nursery routines that they were familiar with.

This term's topic is "Marvellous Me", so in nursery we have talked about being 'me', what we like and our families. We will be developing this over the term to talk about feelings, growth, health and homes.

East Hoathly School and Nursery is **nut free**. Please can we remind you that packed lunches must be nut-free. Please look carefully on food labels for hidden nuts, especially in cereal bars and spreads brought into school.

Could your child bring something into nursery about their family or home, we would like to share this with the other children. You could bring in photographs, drawn pictures or a poster of the family, it's up to you! We have a digital photo frame so very short (up to 1 minute) home films would also be possible.

Thank you to Caroline Campbell Stevens for kindly providing us with some bedding plants for the garden (and for watering them!), the nursery children have been planting them this week.

It is still delightfully sunny so please ensure labelled hats and sun-cream come in with your child, as well as labelled spare clothes.

Could we remind parents to pick up promptly at 11.45 (end of morning session), 12.15 (end of lunch) and 3.15 (end of the day). If you also have children at school please collect from **Nursery first**.

On Friday the 16th September we will be having a Growth Mindset Day. There will be more information nearer the time.

Thank you,
Nursery Staff

Nut Allergy

Please can you try to avoid sending in snacks or packed lunches containing nuts due to children within the federation who have severe peanut allergies.

We are **trying to reduce the risk** in school.

A separate letter was sent home yesterday which listed foods to avoid. An amendment to this is rather than all biscuits to be avoided, please check the contents of all biscuits that they do not contain any nuts.

We will be sending out another letter today to clarify a few points mentioned by parents.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Forest School

Forest School this term will be Year 5 and 6 and will be starting next week on a Thursday afternoon.

Please make sure that your child has their forest school kit in school for these sessions.

If you are able to help out please let Miss Denney or Mrs King know.



East Hoathly CE Primary School Uniform Policy

Wearing school uniform is important in maintaining high standards and a sense of pride and belonging to the school. There is a formal school uniform, to which children are expected to adhere, and the co-operation of parents in maintaining the standard of dress is expected. Items not available in school can be purchased at any chain/department store, providing they meet the school's requirements. We reserve the right to forbid items of clothing, accessories and footwear that are not on the School Uniform list, or are unacceptably dangerous in School or against the interests of the children at large. **Only wrist watches and studs are permitted and hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. 'Extreme haircuts' and washable transfers or tattoos are also not permitted.**

Details of the uniform are as follows, please make sure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name – including shoes.

Compulsory uniform items available from school:

Red sweatshirt (with school logo), white PE T-shirt (with logo) and red PE shorts.

Non-compulsory items available from school:

Polo shirt with logo, school tie (optional), red fleece lined jacket, red fleece, book carrier, PE bag, summer hats.

Winter uniform is usually worn from the end of September to the beginning of April.

Summer uniform is usually worn from the end of April to the beginning of September.

For formal occasions e.g. church services we want our children to look smart, so please ensure they have a long-sleeved white shirt to wear with their school tie.

Pupils:

Winter

School sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper, polo shirt with logo, grey trousers, shorts or grey skirt/grey pinafore dress (must be knee length), white shirt, school tie (optional), grey, black, white or red socks and black school shoes.

Summer

School sweatshirt/cardigan, polo shirt with logo, short sleeve white shirt, grey trousers, shorts or red and white striped (or checked) dress, grey or black socks, and black school shoes or sandals that cover the child's toes.

Hairbands - should be plain. Scrunchies or ribbons should be white or red (non-decorative).

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.



PLEASE SEE BELOW OUR CURRENT SCHOOL 'CODE OF CONDUCT'



Parent Code of Conduct

A Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors

Rational

The Pioneer Federation has welcoming, supportive and inclusive schools and it is important that all members of the school community work together. We depend on the entire school community to help us maintain and improve our children's learning.

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of the school, through avenues such as parent forums and the FPTA/PFCS.

The purpose of this code is to provide a reminder to all parents, carer and visitors about expected conduct to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

Respect and Concern for others and their rights

Parents and carers are allowed on to school premises by permission of the school; this may be withdrawn if necessary.

We expect parents, carers and visitors to show respect and consideration for others by:

- Supporting the school ethos by setting a good example in their speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community both on and off the school premises;
- Being conscious of other parents/ children when talking on or off school premises so not to offend in any way;

- Allowing plenty of time so that children arrive ready for a punctual start of the school day, to avoid disruption to their learning and that of others;
- Respecting the school environment, including keeping the school tidy by not littering;
- Parking carefully and in good time for the safety of the children, yourself and other road users, and not parking, waiting or stopping in no-parking areas.
- Not bringing animals onto the school grounds for health and safety reasons, unless for educational purposes and with the prior permission of the school.

In order to support the ethos of the school, we will not tolerate:

- Using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper;
- Threatening, aggressive or intimidating conversations or behaviour towards another adult or child.
- Abusive, threatening or damaging emails, phone, text or social network messages relating to the schools;
- Using tobacco, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs on the school premises;
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with teaching, learning or administration of the school.

The Executive Headteacher and Federation Governors may prohibit an adult from entering the school grounds to safeguard our school community. Adverse behaviour may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Review

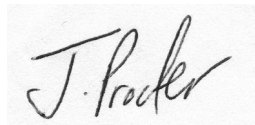
The governors review this policy every two years. The Governors may however review the policy earlier than this if the government introduces new regulations or if the Governing Body receives recommendations on how the policy could be improved.

Signed by:

Chair of Governors:



Executive Headteacher:



Date: 27th January 2016

The policy will be reviewed in January 2018.

Updating records 2016 - 2017

Please complete the forms below if they apply to your child

I, give my permission for my son /daughter

..... to be picked up by:

.....
.....

(please insert all adults that may pick up)

Signed: Date:

Permission to walk home from school

I, give my permission for my son /daughter

..... to walk home from school.

Signed: Date:



Breakfast Club:

As you are aware, we opened up a Breakfast (Early Birds) last year.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 8.50am at a cost of £5.
Breakfast (toast or cereal) is provided for the breakfast club.

If you would like your child to attend any Breakfast Club sessions please complete the form below and see Mrs Wicks in the school office.



East Hoathly Church of England Primary School Breakfast Club Term Dates and Application Form



Early Birds **Breakfast Club** £5.00 (From 7:45 am)

Child/Childrens Names _____

Term Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total £
						£

Please complete the above with a **tick** for all the days that you would like to book for the term.

If you need to change a session then this is possible,

but only if the alternative is in the same week and prior notice is given.

Payment must be made in advance by either cash, cheque (payable to East Hoathly CE Primary School)

or by childcare vouchers.

Signed Date



Le Club Français
Felicity Poirier

Fields End, Silveroaks Farm
Waldron Nr Heathfield TN21 0RS
Tel: (01435) 810135 Mobile: 07801369606
E-mail: felicitylp@gmail.com

Would you like your child to learn French?

Le Club Français offers structured, proven language courses for children aged 3-11. We run a French club at East Hoathly School for 60 minutes on Fridays after school. The club is led by Felicity Poirier. Felicity is a qualified linguist with 7 years' experience of running and teaching French clubs in Kent and East Sussex.

The cost per week for the club is £7.00 and we are running 10 sessions for the September - December term 2016. New members can attend a free trial session on Friday 16th September, if they subsequently join they will pay 9 weeks' tuition plus a one-off joining fee of £12.95 giving a total cost of £75.95 for the term. New members will receive the membership pack which includes the Club Music CD, Songbook and subscription to Babelzone, Le Club Français's on-line learning resource. Returning members pay the annual £4.95 fee plus 10 weeks' tuition so a total of £74.95. Returning members will receive handbooks and their subscription to Babelzone.

Lively games, role play, action songs and craft are just some of the activities on offer at French club. We aim to give your child the self-confidence to communicate naturally and spontaneously in French.

There will be a free trial club session open to new members on Friday 16th September.

Please do contact me with any questions or to book your child's place for the free trial on Friday 16th September either by e-mail felicitylp@gmail.com or by phoning 01435 810135 or 07801 369606

We look forward to welcoming your child to Le Club Français!

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I would like my child to attend the free trial session of
Le Club Français at East Hoathly School at 3.30pm on Friday 16th
September

Child's Name:.....

Year Group/Class:

Parent or Guardian:.....

Phone:.....

e-mail (please print clearly)

:.....



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Multi-fun... Multi-sport

Inspiring engagement and excellence through high-quality multi-sport coaching for children aged 4-11 years old

All our coaches are DBS (CRB) checked with Child Protection and Emergency Aid certification

Your club is:

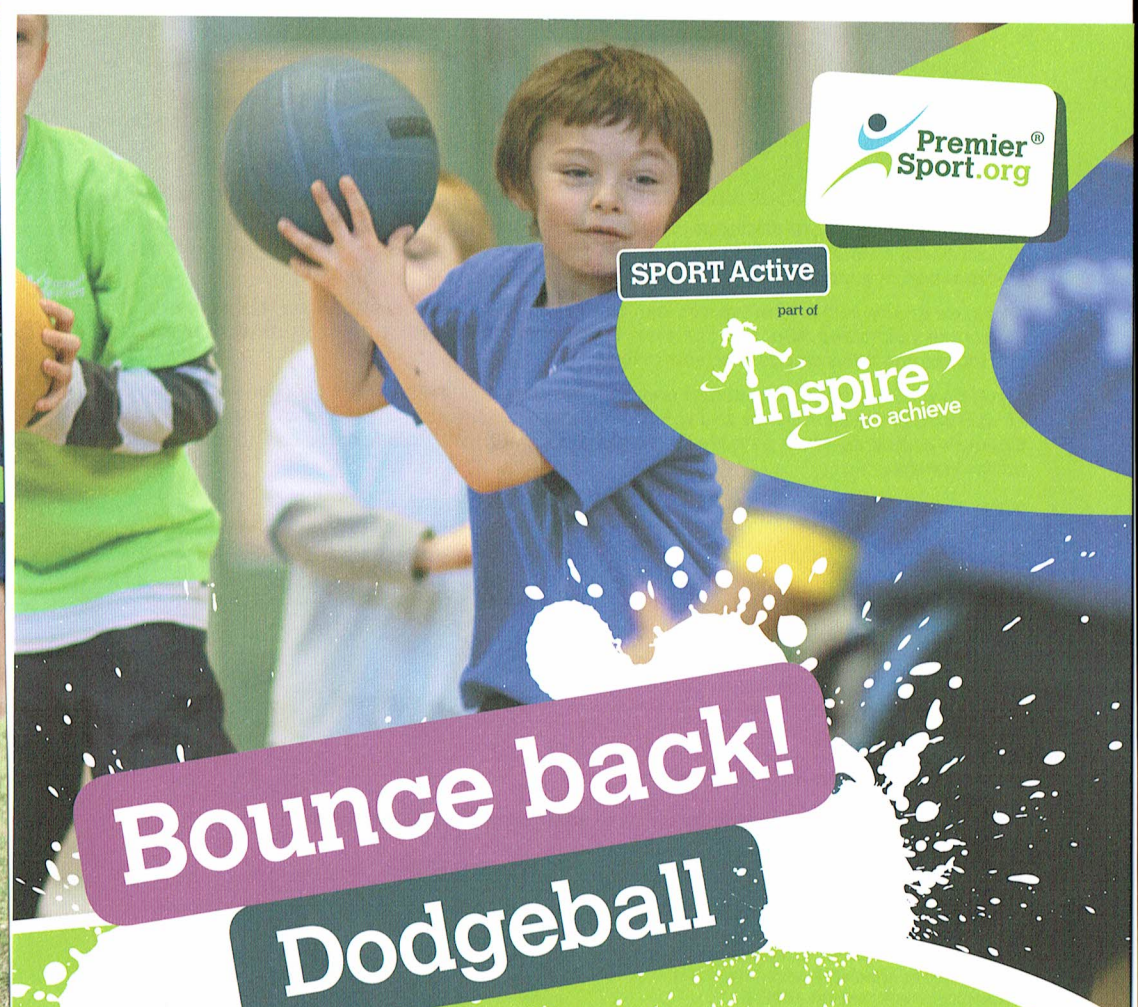
MULTISPORTS - East Hoathly School CALL: 01424 223476

First Session: Tue 21st Sept. **Last Session:** 7th Dec. (11 weeks)

Time: 15.15pm to 16.15pm **Course Cost:** £44.00
Time: 15.15pm to 17.00pm **Course Cost:** £55.00

Phone Booking: 01424 223476 **Online Booking:** www.premiersport.org
Please Note: Booking forms no longer accepted.

For course information and to book visit [premier.org](http://www.premiersport.org)



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Bounce back! Dodgeball

Inspiring engagement and excellence through high-quality dodgeball coaching for children aged 4-11 years old

All our coaches are DBS (CRB) checked with Child Protection and Emergency Aid certification

Your club is:

DODGEBALL - East Hoathly School CALL: 01424 223476

First Session: Tue 20th Sept. **Last Session:** 6th Dec. (11 weeks)

Time: 15.15pm to 16.15pm **Course Cost:** £44.00
Time: 15.15pm to 17.00pm **Course Cost:** £55.00

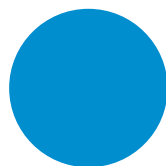
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