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**NEWSLETTER 8**

**Friday 17th November 2017**

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We would like to remind you of the structure of leadership at East Hoathly School and Nursery.

**Executive Head - Mr James Procter.**

Mr Procter leads the Pioneer Federation of East Hoathly and Chiddingly, and from September took on St Mary's, Hartfield. He spends 1.5-2 days per week in school but is contactable at the other schools when not on site.

**Deputy Head - Miss Vicky Lewis.** Miss Lewis is the Deputy Head for the Pioneer Federation of East Hoathly and Chiddingly. She spends 50% of the week at East Hoathly but is contactable at Chiddingly when not on site.

**Senior Teacher - Miss Lisa Purcell.** Miss Purcell is the Senior Teacher for East Hoathly Primary School. She teaches Year 5 and 6 alongside her other responsibilities.

**EYFS Leader - Miss Sheridan Denney.** Miss Denney leads the EYFS team at East Hoathly School and Nursery and teaches Reception class alongside her other responsibilities.

One or more members of the School Leadership Team (SLT) are always on site and out of class, leading the school. When teachers are out of class, cover is provided by staff established within the federation.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**



**Ambition**

**Definition of Ambition (noun)**

**in English:**

- 1) A strong desire to do or achieve something. *'Her ambition was to become a pilot.'*

**Christmas Fair**



Due to a clash with the 'Big Sing' event for Year 5/6 on the 8th of December, the Christmas Fair has been moved to **Friday the 15th of December.**

**Christmas Dinner**



Please ensure your Christmas Dinner orders are returned to the office by **Monday the 27th of November.**

This is to make sure the cook has enough time to complete her orders.



# Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying – Parent Forum Workshop 16.11.17

All different all equal

## What is happening within the schools for Anti-bullying week?

This week was Anti-Bullying week, with a focus on difference and equality. This week's national focus has stemmed from a rise in negativity towards difference around the world.

The focus in school has been on celebrating children all being unique, helping children feel valued within their schools, understanding that it is okay to be different and that being different is not a reason to be bullied.

## What is bullying?

A lot of children use the term bullying because they don't understand what is happening.

Falling out with friends and friendships is a normal part of growing up, it can often happen due to a minor incident, and it is about dealing with this appropriately.

When children are older, this can often be put onto social media.

What is bullying? - 4 KEY WORDS - REPETITIVE, HURTFUL, INTENTIONAL, POWER

Definition - 'the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power'. This definition should be thought about when deciding if an issue is bullying or if it is a friendship issue and it can then be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

In school, we have had various activities for all year groups across the week looking at anti-bullying and the importance of our key statement, 'Lend a hand, make a stand, say NO to bullying'. Each class have created posters and the winners were announced in the Anti-Bullying assembly on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## Bullying online and online safety

There is a vast difference between parental and child knowledge, awareness and worries when it comes to online safety.

Parents worry about appropriate content, stranger interaction and grooming, whereas children worry about cyber bullying and violent or sexual content.

Children also know how to use more features of apps and sites than parents do. It is important to inform children that anything they post or share online and virtually will be there forever and could impact their future lives, examples of this are happening in the media at the moment.

An important message – ***Treat others as you would like to be treated. Don't say anything online that you wouldn't say to someone face to face.***

## What can you do as parents?

All apps and online sites have guidance on the appropriate ages for use, it is important to discuss these with your children and the possibilities or incidences that may occur when using them. It is also important to discuss what is appropriate use and what is not.

Guidance for ages:

**13 years old** - Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest, twitter

**16 years old** – WhatsApp

**17 years old** – Tinder, Vine

**18 years old** – YouTube, Kik, Flickr, Keek.

It is also important that, as parents, you monitor the amount of time spent online and what the children are going on.

As parents, there are ways that you can filter content when online and when your children are using games and streaming sites. This can be done through your browser setting, parental controls. You can also contact your internet or broadband provider directly and they can put filters in place using the connection line.

### Interesting and thought provoking statistics

- \* 15% of parents will build an online presence of a child before they are even born, e.g. sharing scan pictures, baby gender reveals, photos of growing bumps.
- \* By the time a child is 5 there is an average of 1000 pictures of them shared online by parents and family members.
- \* In a lifetime there is upwards of 25,000 photos of a person online.
- \* 1 in 5 young people believe everything they read online.

### Apps

Below is a list of apps to be aware of, some of these apps open up the risk of cyber bullying and lowering self-esteem of our children.



**Musical.ly** This is a music app that allows children to record videos of themselves singing and upload them. This opens up public commenting.



**Say.at.me** This app encourages users to create a poll or vote. This can lead to lowering self-esteem, rude or offensive comments, and is public.



**Yellow** This has been called 'tinder for teens' it is a friendship app that you swipe left and right on. This can impact on wellbeing, self-esteem and open up a forum to talk with strangers.

There are parent support apps which can be used to monitor your child's activity online and on phones, however it is important to think about the impact these may have on the trust between you and your child.

MM Guardian

Funamo Parent Control

APP Lock



### Anti-Bullying Poster Winners

All of the children put in a lot of effort to make great Anti-Bullying posters and it was really tricky to pick the winners, but here they are:

Reception: **Myla Bulba**

Year 1 and 2: **Makenzie Bourne**

Year 3 and 4: **Florence Mackmin**

Year 5 and 6: **Sophie Booth**



WELL DONE!

## Student Voice - Anti Bullying Week

In Reception, we talked about what bullying is and how it can make us feel. We also talked about what it means to be good friends and to be nice to each other to make us feel happy and safe in school. We made posters to show it's okay to be different. Malakai in Reception said "I like painting my hands. We are different."

In Year 1 and 2, we made a friendship wreath out of our handprints, we made individual bricks for a wall to show that we are all equal but different. We saw the effects of bullying on Bruce the Koala's heart, it showed us that bullying makes us feel sad, so we said nice things to make him feel better. Delai Ryan in Year 2 said "I liked the colouring hand activity because we got to write lovely things about other people."

In Year 3 and 4, we learnt about the four different types of bullying; verbal, physical, cyber and emotional. We learnt that we are all important and that we are individuals and that it is okay to be different and unique. We made mirrors to reflect our differences and individuality and to celebrate and encourage others to be individuals too. Lotte Rattray in Year 3 said "My favourite activity was making the mirror because I enjoyed sharing my hobbies with others."

In Year 5 and 6, we had a workshop with John Khan who was from the Anti-Bullying team in East Sussex, where we learnt about the different types of bullying. We found out that being different is good and we celebrated our individuality through our artwork. We learnt about empathy and online safety. Teddy Wren in Year 5 said "I enjoyed learning about empathy because it is a way of showing how we are all different and see things differently."



## Children In Need

On Friday the 17th of November, the children were invited to wear something spotty with their uniform and bring in a £1 donation to raise money for Children in Need. What a fantastic range of spotty garments we saw today!



Children brought in coppers to fill Pudsey the Bear and all children took part in the Spot Game. The children had to find three spots on the playground and those three spots won them a prize of three smarties.

Thank you so much for all of your donations for Children in Need today. The amount we raise will make a difference!

## Learning Ambassadors

As part of developing pupils as leaders, the staff have selected children from Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 to become Learning Ambassadors. These children will be giving tours to any visitors to the school and sharing our values, ethos and learning with others.

This week, the learning ambassadors gave tours to potential new parents for September 2018. Our parent visitors were so impressed with the children and described them as '*credit to our school*', '*incredibly knowledgeable*' and commented that it was lovely to be shown around by children.

Our learning ambassadors are: **Zach Medrow**, **Matilda Rushton**, **Sophia Watton-Hall**, **Millie Hooper**, **Leo Tarry** and **Ethan Randall**.



## Eco Helpers

As part of our Eco Schools initiative, Eco Helpers have been selected to help Mr Herdman to make our school as eco-friendly as can be. Their jobs include encouraging others to reduce their waste and recycle as much as possible, by putting paper and card into recycling bins and reminding others to turn off classroom lights and taps.

Next week, we are going to be trialling throwing our finished fruit into a compost bin to reduce our waste and use the compost in our planting area in the Spring and Summer terms. Mr Herdman will be meeting soon with the Eco Helpers to discuss their next steps.

Our Eco Helpers are: **Sam Plummer, Sophia Randall, Darcy Allen, Abigail Green, Jessica Hibbard and Tyler Crisford.**



### Diner of the Week:

Nursery - Alex Bridger

KS1 - Samuel Lonsdale

KS2 - Zach Medrow

### Champion Table

KS1 - Australia - 4 points

KS2 - Scotland - 7 points



## BIRTHDAYS!

We are going to be celebrating the children's birthdays by putting their names into the newsletter.

### Birthdays this week!

Happy Birthday to **Jake Braden** in Nursery!

Happy Birthday to **Demi Harvey** in Year 6!

Happy Birthday to **Sam Plummer** in Year 1!

Happy Birthday to **Matthew Sutton** in Year 4!

Happy Birthday to **Benjamin Wright** in Year 1!

Happy Birthday to **Lexi Smith** in Year 1!

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**



This week in Forest school we started making some Christmas craft decorations. These will take a couple of sessions to complete as there is a lot of work to do - cutting, sanding, painting and decorating. Keep an eye out for these to come home in Year 3/4 over the next few weeks.

Whilst some children were using the tools to prepare their decorations, other children were playing team games such as otter, salmon and mosquito.



Forest School will be on a Thursday. Please let Miss Denney or Miss Dutton know if you are able to help out. The children really enjoy their Forest School learning and we are so grateful to our volunteers who give up some of their time to come and help.

## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is: 95.2%

This week's attendance: 94.8%

Reception - 95.1% Year 1/2 - 97.2% Year 3/4 - 94.2% Year 5/6 - 92.5%

Well done to Year 1/2 for having the highest attendance this week!

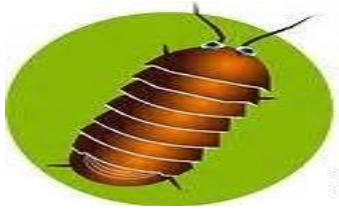
## Volunteer Helpers

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

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

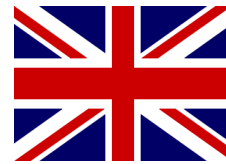
## Growth Mindset

### Tough Woodlouse of the Week



**Ethan O'Brien**

for working hard on new maths learning.



## British Values

### Citizen of the Week

**Danny Puttick**

for

being helpful to other children by helping them cut up their food at lunchtime.



## St Mary's Partnership News



Governors have been meeting regularly to discuss the progress of the partnership.

Pioneer and St Mary's Governors are meeting up together next week to talk about next steps.



## Learning Powers Certificate

On Friday 24th November there will be a celebration assembly at 9.15am, the following children will be celebrating their achievements:

Reception    Kenzie Hamill

Year 1/2    William Thatcher

Year 3/4    Austyn Magness

Year 5/6    Holly Hamilton-Andrews





## Parent Forums 2017/18

Please join us to discuss ways in which we can develop our school.

### Term 2 - 21st November 2017

Handwriting Policy, Anti-Bullying and Thrive .

### Term 3 - 24th January 2018

Independent Me Curriculum Newsletters  
Mindfulness Parent Consultation Format.

### Term 4 -13th March 2018

Homework Policy Review and Evaluation  
Attendance Review Anti-Bullying and complete Parentview SATs info for Year 2 and Year 6 parents.

### Term 5 - 2nd May 2018

Thrive Review Attendance Mindfulness Review including Golden Mile.

### Term 6 -12th June 2018

Parentview, Review SDP and plans for 2018/2019.



## Term 2: Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 21st November** - Parent Forums - Handwriting, Anti-Bullying and Thrive

**Thursday 30th November** - FPTA Wreath making evening.

**Friday 1st December** - Jolly Jumper Day

**Friday 1st December** - Uckfield Late Night Shopping Event

**Thursday 7th December** - Open Day 6-7pm

**Friday 8th December** - 2pm Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Production

**Tuesday 12th December** - Pantomime AM

**Wednesday 13th December** - Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 14th December** - Christmas Production 2pm and 6:30pm

**Friday 15th December** - Christmas Fair 3:30pm

**Wednesday 20th December** - Last Day of Term



## **Dates for your diary 2017/2018**

### **September 2017**

22nd — British Values Day

27th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

### **October 2017**

12th — *Harvest Festival at 9.25am*

16th — Country of Focus week

20th — End of term celebration at 2.30pm

### **November 2017**

10th — Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am.

13th — Anti-bullying week

13th and 15th — Parent Consultation Meetings (4.00-6.00pm)

14th — Open Day for new parents at 1.30pm-2.30pm

21st— Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

### **December 2017**

7th — Open Day for new parents at 6.00-7.00pm

8th — Christmas Production dress rehearsal at 2.00pm

13th — Christmas Dinner

14th — Christmas Production at 6.30pm

### **January 2018**

2nd — INSET day

18th — Maths Day

24th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

### **February 2018**

5th — Country of Focus week .

6th - Pupil Progress Meetings am

9th — End of term celebrations at 2.30pm

### **March 2018**

1st — Book Day

13th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

19th and 20th— Parent Consultation Meetings (4-6pm)

29th — Easter Service at 9.25am

### **May 2018**

2nd — Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

21st — Enterprise week

22nd—Pupil Progression Meeting

### **June 2018**

4th — INSET day

7th— Awe & Wonder Day and celebration at 2.30pm

13th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to 9.25am

29th — Table Tennis Tournament at 12.30pm at East Hoathly

### **July 2018**

4th — Sports Day at 9.30am & picnic at 12.00pm with parents

6th — Reports home to parents

9th — Parent Consultation Meetings (4-6pm) to discuss reports only

6th—Summer Production dress rehearsal at 2.00pm

10th — Summer Production at 2.00pm and 6.30pm

19th — Leavers Service at 9.30am