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NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 18th September 2020

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! We are all so excited to see you again and are so happy we are all back together!

The children have all settled in incredibly well and have already got stuck into their topics as a new year of learning begins!



## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please can we remind all parents to ensure that you adhere to social distancing guidance when dropping off and collecting your children, ensuring you remain 2 metres apart - particularly along the church path.

Class	Gate	Pick Up
Ducklings/Rabbits (N)	Green gate	3.05pm
Hedgehogs (R)	Black gate	3.05pm
Squirrels (Y1/2)	Church gate	3.05pm
Foxes (Y3/4)	Church gate	3.15pm
Owls (Y5/6)	Black gate	3.15pm

Please continue to bear with us as we navigate these unusual times. As always, we thank you for your support!

## Chartwells

Please note that if your child has transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 this year, you will now need to pay £2.05 for your child's school dinners.

Also, we would like to remind you, that in line with Chartwell's policy, the kitchen will be unable to provide a lunch for your child once you reach a £10.25 deficit.

Please email the office should you need further information.



## Forms to return

Please return the forms sent to you on Friday 11th September to the office before Friday 25th September.

- **A data collection sheet:** please check the details and alter any that are not correct. This form will then be used to update SIMs.
- **ParentMail form:** if you want to be subscribed to receive ParentMails, please fill the form in. If you are already subscribed to ParentMail, please complete the form so we can double check your email address is correct.
- **Medical Tracker form:** please complete the form if your child has any medical condition. A letter is attached to the form to explain more.
- **Updated images permissions:** We have updated the forms to include permission for videos of your child to be posted to the website. For example, it is unlikely we will be able to gather as we usually would for our Harvest Celebrations, we would like to be able to show you the children's performances for the Harvest Festival, by filming them and putting the classes' videos onto the website. (For more information, please email into the office).



## Collective Worship Assemblies

Worship in school has had to take a different path this term. We are not able to get together in the church to worship together, or to sing hymns together, so we have been completing our collective worship sessions in our class bubbles.

This has involved virtual sessions with other classes and grown ups, hearing and acting out Bible stories (our very own 'Open the Book'), learning songs using makaton and completing group and individual reflections in our Spiritual Journals.

On Friday, we all came together (virtually) to celebrate the week, share Learning Power certificates and reflect on our theme of 'Friendship'. We prayed together using The Lord's Prayer and shared our highlights of the week - a lot of children's highlights were purely to be back at school, learning and playing with friends.



## Our Church School

This term we are learning about the Christian Value of 'Friendship'. We had a virtual assembly welcoming everyone back to school and have added to our spiritual journals by reflecting on what makes a good friend. Some of the ideas included supportive, kind, caring, understanding, fun and helpful!



## Clubs

Please note, your child will not be able to attend any clubs unless they have returned a slip to the office.



## Secondary School Applications

The deadline for Year 6's secondary school applications is **Sunday 31st October 2020**.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter and your ParentMail for further updates and notices for Open Evenings.

There is a poster for Ringmer Academy attached to the back of the newsletter for your information.

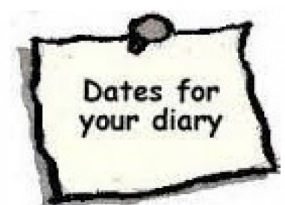


## Dates for your Diary

Please note, the dates in red are provisional. Following Government guidance, upcoming events will be continuously assessed as the pandemic continues.

As we get closer to the events, we will communicate with you about how the event will occur.

As always, we thank you for your patience and support during this time.



## Attendance

We would just like to remind parents that attendance from September 2020 is now compulsory in school.

We appreciate this is a challenging and emotionally difficult time for all. If you do have any concerns, please contact the office and we can work together to ensure your child's attendance at school.

Please see a passage from current Government guidance about attendance from September 2020 below.

*In March, when the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic was increasing, the Government made it clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.*

*Now the circumstances have changed, it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.*

*Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:*

- *parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age,*
- *schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence,*
- *the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.*

As always, we thank you for your support.



## Flu Vaccine Forms

It's that time of year again!

Children from Reception to Year 6 are being offered a flu vaccination.

Your child will be bringing home a flu vaccination consent form.

Please read the letter on top of the form and keep it for your information. **Please return the flu vaccination form by Friday 25th September** to ensure your child receives the vaccination.

Please also return the form even if you do not consent to your child receiving a vaccination.

The provisionally booked date for the vaccines in school is: **Monday 9th November 2020.**



## Yoga Class for Parents

Looking for a way to unwind after you have dropped the children off at school? Then this could be the class for you!

Melissa Corkhill teaches yoga that helps you unravel tensions, blocks and discover who you truly are.

*"I offer a variety of approaches to achieve and maintain your optimal health. Whether you are experiencing pain or simply want to improve your physical and mental wellbeing, I provide a healing environment to do so. I am a BWY trained teacher and have been practicing for over 20 years. These classes, set in the heart of Farleys Sculpture Garden will draw on the magic of nature to help you unwind and find deep peace and a sense of contentment."*

Covid-friendly: Classes are outside in small groups.

**When:** Thursday 17 and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9am-10am

**Where:** Farleys House and Gallery, Muddles Green, Chiddingly, BN8 6HW (In the garden)

Please book online: <https://www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk/product/yoga-in-farleys-garden/>

## Partnership News

From the beginning of September, the Pioneer Federation has entered into an exciting, new partnership with Park Mead Primary School.

The collaboration will initially be for the period of one year, during which we will be seeking feedback from the whole school community about the development and effectiveness of the partnership. If the year-long collaboration is successful, governors would hope to enter a more formal and permanent federation.

Every week, we will share news and events in the newsletter.

St Mary's, Chiddingly and East Hoathly primary schools look forward to seeing how this year goes!



## Eco Warriors

It's been such a long time since our last eco update! Sadly, we were unable to do as much as we hoped last year due to the pandemic.

This year will also have to be bit different. Instead of working as a group, the eco group this year will concentrate on promoting recycling and turning off lights within their bubbles. Our intrepid Eco Warriors this year are:

**Owls:** Florence, Alfie and Spencer

**Foxes:** Orlaith and Joseph

**Squirrels:** Buster and Dennis

I look forward to seeing their great work in progress!

Mr Herdman



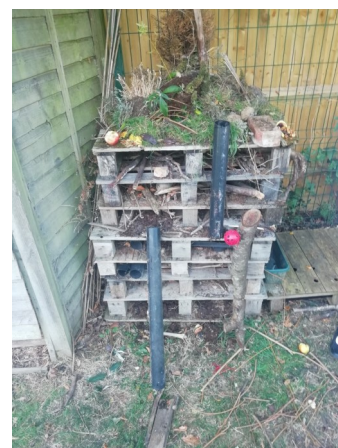
## Forest School

Owl Class took on a challenge this week in forest school. After such a long time away, our field forest school area was in need of attention.

The fire circle began its revamp and lots of old wood was repurposed into the most creative bug hotels, it was lovely to watch the sharing of ideas, creativity and team work.

We are also planning another repurposing project involving wellies. Before we get started on it, we need to be sure that we only use old wellies.

So, if you know that your child has wellies in school, please speak to their class teacher so we can ensure they don't end up as Welly planters!



## Hedgehog Class

We would like to welcome and celebrate our new Reception Class—Hedgehogs! They have had a fantastic start to school. The children have settled into school life well and are enjoying lots of different activities in the classroom and garden area.



## Squirrel Class

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the story 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. We have been acting as different characters from the story. Our favourite is Bunting the Cat, who looks after the toys and goes and looks for them when they play hide and seek.

We have also been learning about place value, we got to go to the 100 square on the playground to recall our numbers to 100! Also, we have been learning about toys so we made our own hop scotch games.



## Fox Class

Year 3 and 4 are pictured playing their times table challenge Top Trumps. They had to design and make their own cards, play them, then evaluate their game afterwards.

There has been a lot of designing going on in the Foxes class at the moment. The children have been building and designing their own inventions! Some inventions designed and made included The Walking Dress (which tidies and puts away your clothes) and Time Car 3000 (a device that transports you to where you want to go at the push of a button). Very handy indeed!



## Owl Class

Year 5 and 6 have been very busy in their first two weeks!

In science, the children have been experimenting to see which material is the best conductor of heat. In literacy, the children have been working together to build sentences with brackets.



## Lunchtime Awards

As the children are in their allocated lunch zones with the rest of their bubbles, it has been decided that for now there will be a 'Diner of the Week' selected from each bubble.

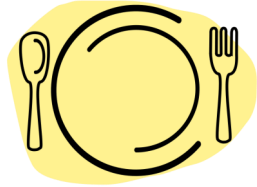
**Hedgehogs** — Awards start next week

**Squirrels** — Carmella Bunn

**Foxes** — Bella Wren

**Owls** — Hector Parris

Well done!



## Birthdays from last year

Happy Birthday to everybody that had a birthday during lockdown and the Summer holidays.

We hope you were all spoilt rotten and had a lovely day!

We are sorry we couldn't celebrate it with you!



## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is: **97.1%**

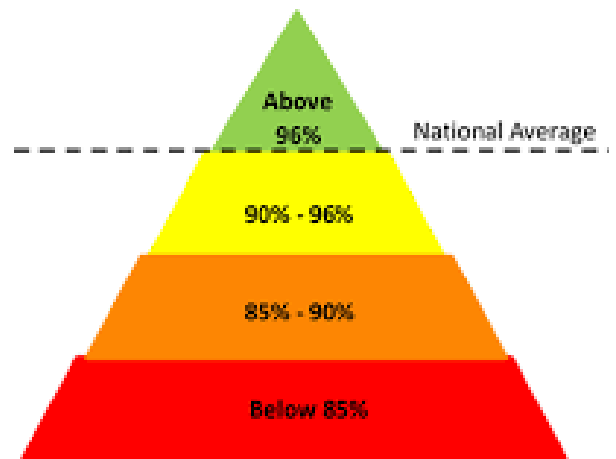
This week's attendance: **95.6%**

**Reception** - **99%**

**Year 1/2** - **98.4%**

**Year 3/4** - **95%**

**Year 5/6** - **92.2%**



## Learning Powers

This week, the learning powers went to:

**Hedgehogs:** Awards start next week

**Squirrels:** Ralph Dunn

**Foxes:** Jake Frizzell

**Owls:** Ewan Adams

Well done everyone!



## Headteacher Awards

The children are getting stuck into their new topics and are already working hard!

We look forward to awarding headteacher awards from next week!

Keep an eye out for this year's coloured badges!



## Birthdays

### Birthdays over the last two weeks:

Happy Birthday to **Malakai Sibanda** in Year 3! Happy Birthday to **Charlie Watton** in Year 3!

Happy Birthday to **Jack Thomson** in Nursery! Happy Birthday to **Daisy Callander** in Year 5!

Happy Birthday to **Catherine Campbell-Stephen** in Year 4!

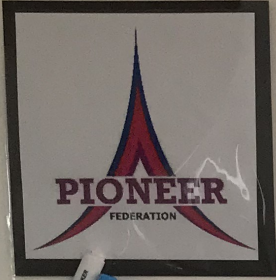
Happy Birthday to **Freddy Fry** in Year 2! Happy Birthday to **Henry Mackmin** in Nursery!

Happy Birthday to **Freya O'Sullivan** in Year 5!



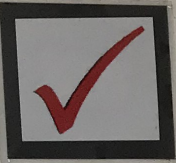
# Positivity Board

## Positivity Board



If you are a child, parent/carer, member of staff or even a visitor, please pick up a pen and write your positive comments about the school community!

The Hedgehogs (Rec) have settled in beautifully for their first week of school!



Fantastic first day back - lovely to see such happy children!

Miss Lennis

The children have worked really hard their first week back. Well done!



There are lots of new faces in Nursery!  
WELCOME!



The Foxes (Y3/4) enjoyed their first Spanish lesson!  
¡Muy bien! ★

The school looks INCREDIBLE!  
Thank you!



The Owls (Y5/6) have jumped into their Victorians topic and enjoyed watching a clip from Oliver Twist!

The Squirrels (Y1/2) created some very colourful collages in Art this week!



## Dates for your diary 2020/2021

### Sep 2020

29th—Parent Forum—9.00am

### Oct 2020

1st—Harvest Festival—9.15am

15th—Wellbeing Day

20th—FGB Meeting

23rd—End of Term 1

31st—Year 6 Secondary application deadline

### Nov 2020

2nd—First day of Term 2

11th—Remembrance Service—9.25am

12th—New parent tour—1.30

16th—Anti-Bullying Week

24th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

26th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

### Dec 2020

1st—New parent tour—6-7pm

8th—Nativity Dress rehearsals

10th—Nativity Performance- 1.30pm

10th—Nativity Performance—6.30pm

15th—FGB Meeting

18th—Christingle Service—2pm

18th—End of Term 2

### Jan 2021

4th—INSET Day

5th—First day of Term 3

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

### Feb 2021

4th—FGB Meeting

12th—International Day

12th—End of Term 3

22nd—First day of Term 4

### Mar 2021

5th—World Book Day

9th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

11th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

## Dates for your diary 2020/2021

### Mar 2021

17th—Lockdown letter out

22nd—FGB Meeting

24th—Lockdown practice

31st—Parent Forum—9.00am

### Apr 2021

1st—Easter Service—9.25am

1st—End of Term 4

19th—First day of Term 5

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

### May 2021

3rd—Bank Holiday

10th—SATs Week

11th—FGB Meeting

21st—Sports Day and Picnic

26th—Pioneer Day

28th—End of Term 5

### Jun 2021

7th—INSET Day

30th—Parent Forum

30th—Residential

### Jul 2021

1st—Residential

2nd—Residential

6th—Results Day

6th—Summer production dress rehearsal

8th—Summer production—2pm

8th—Summer production—6.30pm

14th—FGB Meeting

16th—Reports out to parents

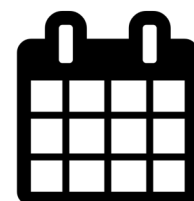
17th—Groundforce

20th—Parent Consultations—reports only

22nd—Leavers' Service—  
9.25am

22nd—End of Term 6

23rd—INSET Day







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## *In Pursuit of Excellence*



Virtual Open Evening, Thursday 1 October 2020. Principal presentations at 6.30 & 7.30pm  
Details on website. Open Mornings will run from 5 - 16 October 2020 at 9.00 & 9.50am  
To book, email [amanda.french@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:amanda.french@kingsacademies.uk) your preferred date & any questions



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