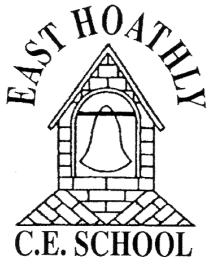
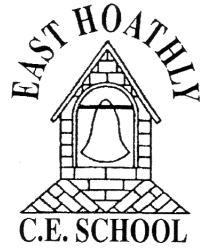


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NEWSLETTER 2

Friday 25th September 2020

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Harvest Festival Bubble Picnic

On Thursday 1st October, we invite the whole school to celebrate the Harvest Festival with us by having a picnic lunch!

Chartwells will be supplying the Hedgehogs and Squirrels with a packed lunch and a tasty autumn, harvest inspired treat!



East Sussex Health Service Visit

East Sussex Health Service will be dropping into the school on Friday 2nd October to complete 4-5 year old vision checks. If you do not wish your child to take part, please email the contact below.

kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net



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.



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 as soon as possible.

- **A data collection sheet:** please check the details and alter any that are not correct. This form will then be used to update SIMs.
- **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).
- **Flu Vaccination Letters:** Please return your flu vaccination forms—even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination—to the office ASAP. The forms are being picked up by East Sussex Health Service on Tuesday 29th September.

Thank you for your support.



Partnership News

The subject leaders across the Federation have been working together this week to create action plans for each curriculum area for the year. Lots of exciting developments are planned and we look forward to seeing them in action.

Miss Lewis visited Chiddingly this week to support Mrs Vile in their work towards the Wellbeing Award for Schools. East Hoathly achieved this award in February so there are lots of ideas to share.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Hare (Head of School at SMV) to EH next week where she will be looking at writing development across the school and sharing ideas of how to engage children (particularly boys) with writing across the curriculum



Our Church School

This week, some children in Owl Class performed in their own 'Open the Book' assembly for their class mates!

Before the pandemic, all of the children in the school looked forward to Wednesday assemblies as they were invited to watch and take part in a dramatised Bible story every week. It is lovely to see the children still taking part in acting out the stories for each other—even if the circumstances are a little different!

The children acted out the story of "A Favourite Son becomes a slave" while focussing on the theme of friendship. The children discussed who was a friend to Joseph in the story. Owl Class said "We've learnt from the story to be kind and try and be happy for people around you and support them, rather than be jealous." The children then discussed how the story could impact their lives and how the story could help them to be better friends.



Parent Forum

On Tuesday 29th September, we will be holding our first parent forum of the year.

The focus of the parent forum is to consult on the new vision and values we are currently designing for the school. The aim of the vision and values is to capture the ethos of the school and the key messages that we deliver on a daily basis.

For the parent forum, some tables will be set up along the path between the church wall and the carpark. On the tables will be large pieces of paper displaying each of our 4 new values (Love, Strength, Truth and Wisdom) and our re-phrased vision document.

During drop off, we would like parents to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the 4 values and the vision considering the following:

1. Bible links that you are aware of (stories that display the vision or values/ quotes or characters from the Bible)
2. Ideas for introducing the values and vision to pupils
3. How well you consider the vision and values support the ethos of the school
4. Any suggestions you have for the vision and values going forward.

We look forward to consulting with you on this next step of East Hoathly School's journey!

Forest School

It was a rather soggy forest school session this week but that didn't stop Owls class having fun.

Work continued on the bug hotels with Freya and Daisy creating the Woodland Ritz. Florence constructed a fabulous hedgehog house and Spencer worked tirelessly to make spider web starters. We also took a closer look at our pond and were delighted to spot some pondskaters!

Thank you to Mrs Gibbons for joining us and supervising the apple picking - the children will be enjoying school grown apples at snack time this week.

We are welcoming parent/carer volunteers at our forest school sessions, so if you are interested and available on Wednesday afternoons from 1:15pm please contact the school office.



Recommended Reads

My name is: Hugo Dunn

The book I am recommending is: 'Captain Underpants—the tenth epic novel' by Dav Pilkey.

This book is suitable for age(s):

4-5 6-7 8-9 10-11 12+

I recommend this book because:

It is really funny! There is a fliporama in the book which makes the images look like they move.



Thrive

You may have noticed our fabulous new Rainbow Room on the school field. We are so lucky to have such a calm and nurturing space within our school in which to support children's emotional development and well-being through the Thrive Approach.

The space is self contained, with a lovely water feature and outside stereo system and in order to make it perfect we need some CDs. If anyone has any mindfulness, classical music or children's story CDs that they no longer need, please send them FAO Mrs Smith.

Any donations would contribute to creating a calming and relaxing school environment beneficial to all children.



DfE Letter to Parents

Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are.

The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

Please see the letter from the DfE attached to the back of the newsletter.



**Department
for Education**

Images Permissions

Please ensure you have returned your images permission to school by Monday 28th September. Filming of the Harvest Festival celebrations for the school website will begin to take place from then.



Celebration Assembly

Collective Worship this week included a Google Meet with Reverend Phil on Monday for Owls class (Y5/6) where they explored the value of 'Friendship'. On Friday, we celebrated our week with Learning Powers, Head Teacher's Award (with our very first child receiving their new purple badge!), birthdays and 'Diner of the Bubble'. This week, Abbie in Owls class opened our worship with a response prayer while Miss Lewis lit a candle in her office. We shared our highlights of the week:

Florence said 'Forest School! I loved making a hedgehog home and getting wet in the rain!'

Myla said 'DOUBLE SCIENCE! We had so much fun doing experiments and investigations.'

Grace said 'Painting in RE! We painted a picture to show what happened on the 6th day of Creation.'

Albie said 'Playing with all the toys at school!'

We finished with a quiet moment for the Lord's Prayer.



Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is:
95.7%

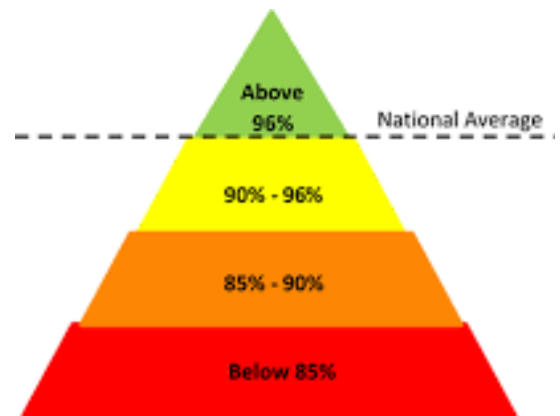
This week's attendance: **93.2%**

Reception - **97.2%**

Year 1/2 - **95.7%**

Year 3/4 - **94.5%**

Year 5/6 - **87%**



Lunchtime Awards

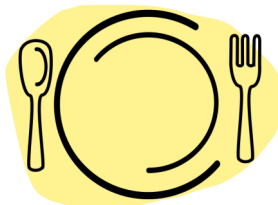
As the children are in their allocated lunch zones with the rest of their bubbles, it has been decided that for now there will be a 'Diner of the Week' selected from each bubble.

Hedgehogs — Darcy Osborn

Squirrels — Jacob Goff

Foxes — Herbie Allen

Owls — Holly Zorn



Learning Powers

This week, the learning powers went to:

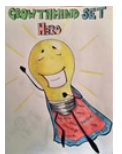
Hedgehogs: Start from next week

Squirrels: Rodrigo Freitas-Abreu

Foxes: Sara-Maria Preda

Owls: India Stark

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

Birthdays over the last week:

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

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



Headteacher Awards

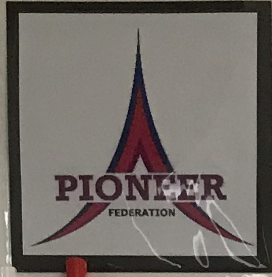
A Headteacher's Awards was awarded to:

Freddy Fry for writing a letter with super words and great handwriting.

Well done Freddy!



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!



Super first Makaton 'Singing Assembly on Monday!



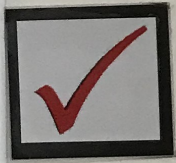
Well done Hedgehogs for managing a full week of school!



Well done Squirrel class for great computing learning!



Great handwriting from Foxes!



Beautiful handwriting from KS2



Brilliant singing from Hedgehogs & Squirrels this week.



in Spanish this week.



Owls really enjoyed Forest School 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





Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Viv Bennett CBE

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