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NEWSLETTER 8

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Reminders

Just a couple of reminders:



- Children are not to bring their phones—or other electronic devices—into school.
- Please ensure your ParentPay is cleared of any charges. Dinners are unable to be given if the outstanding amount is £10.50 or over.
- Please return your Christmas dinner letters as soon as possible.

Children in Need

Thank you to everybody who took part in Children in Need.

We are currently counting the donations received and will have a final total for you next week.

We can't wait to share the photos of what we did for Children in Need with you as well!



Virtual Cross Country

Being active and moving is more important now than ever and as a federation of schools we are working hard to ensure our pupils and community are doing this. We are also working closely with our local schools to explore different options to provide events and sporting competitions to ensure our children are still getting these experiences despite the challenging times.

This term we will be taking on the virtual cross-country challenge. Across the next two weeks, all the children in KS2 (Year 3-6) will complete either a 1k or 1.5k timed run within the school grounds (this is between 10-30 laps of school's playground).

We will then collate these times and work out the fastest boy and girl in each year at each school, across the three schools and then submit all pupils times to our local school games officer who will enter us into the Lewes and Ringmer-wide competition.

We will celebrate our year group and federation winners in the newsletter and celebration assemblies when all children have completed the challenge.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place online. A letter will be sent out with this newsletter with information of how this will be done.

Key points of the consultations are:

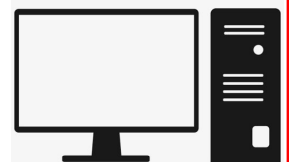
- Links to book a slot will be live from Monday 16th November.
- The dates of the consultations are Tuesday 24th November and 26th November.

Please read the information on the letter carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Lockdown

In the event we go into lockdown, we would like to ask our parents if they would need support with broadband/ internet access for online learning. If you feel that you would need support with broadband or have need for a laptop in case we did go into lockdown again, please could you contact the school office.



Poppy Appeal

On Sunday 8th November, Spencer and Mrs Thompson, along with other members of their family took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the poppy appeal. They walked 5k from the Chiddingly War memorial all the way to East Hoathly War memorial.

Spencer and his family have very strong ties to the poppy appeal, as they had family who were in the Royal British Legion—who helped raise money for the poppy appeal—and they had relatives who fought in the war.

With the current pandemic, raising money has been a challenge, however, Spencer and his family have certainly risen to the occasion. The family hoped to raise around £100, like they would have done if they were selling their poppies, but they have completely smashed their target and have raised an incredible £590 from their walk! We will be able to give a final total once the proceeds from the poppy boxes have been counted. Well done Spencer and Mrs Thompson!



Partnership News

The maths lead from Park Mead visited Chiddingly to meet with Head of School, Mrs Vile, to discuss the approach to maths throughout the Federation and over the next year.

Mr Herdman and Mr Gray, caretakers for East Hoathly/Chiddingly and St Mary's respectively, have both visited Park Mead to continue to work on small projects.

Miss Lewis and Miss Hare, Head of School at St Mary's, have been completing training with County for greater depth writing. We look forward to seeing how the different strategies are to be implemented across the Federation.



Our Church School

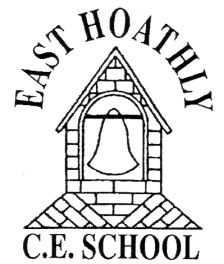
This week, the children looked into the Bible stories associated with our new school values.

Hedgehog Class learnt about the value of love through The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Squirrels learnt about the value of truth through The Annunciation—where the angel brought a 'true' message to Mary of events that would happen in the future.

Fox Class learnt about the value of wisdom through the story of Solomon asking God for wisdom.

The Owls learnt about the value of strength through the story of Ruth—who showed great strength in character when helping others.



School Vision and Values

On Thursday morning, we had some special lessons in our classrooms. We learnt all about our new school vision and values and heard some stories from the Bible which helped us to understand the values in more detail.

Nursery and Hedgehogs Classes were learning about the value of Love. They read the story of The Good Samaritan. Corey told us that in the story, God teaches us to love our neighbour and that 'neighbour' means everybody. Edith told us that 'the Good Samaritan man showed love, care and kindness' in the story.

Squirrels class were learning about Truth. They read the story of the Annunciation which is when the Angel came to visit Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby and he would be the son of God. Oscar told us that this story showed truth in action because what the Angel had said came true. We talked about how Jesus teaches about truth throughout the Bible and that his birth is the beginning of his time on Earth.

Foxes class were learning about Wisdom through the story of Solomon. Beatrice told us that Solomon's people benefitted from his wisdom as he spread joy and peace by sharing God's word. Beatrice also told us that Catherine had shown and shared her Wisdom because she had helped children in the class with their times tables.

Owls class learned about the value of Strength through the story of Ruth. They used drama to explore the story and then reflected on how they have shown strength and resilience in different areas of their own lives.

We all learnt that by using our values in different areas of our lives, we can follow the teaching of God and make good choices.

We finished our morning by coming together to share our learning and hearing our new vision song for the first time! Here are the words:

East Hoathly Vision Song

In all that we do, show respect for all.

In our community, be kind to all.

Resilient and strong, show bravery

Aim to be the best we can be.

At East Hoathly, love others, be true.

At East Hoathly, show your strength in all you do.

At East Hoathly, let your wisdom shine through.

Pray to God in all you do.

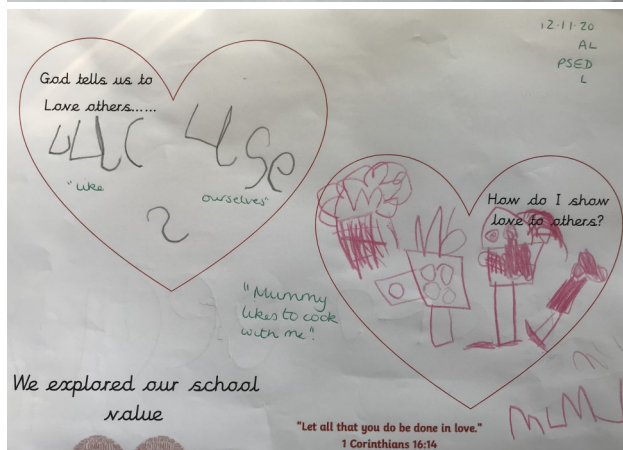
We aim high in all our learning.

Creative and fun, while enjoying.

Be honest and true, keep positive.

By God's example we live.

We are looking forward to learning to sing it over coming weeks!



Forest School

Fox class were extremely excited to begin their forest school adventure in the woods this week. Dens were built, games were played and puddles were jumped in.

Due to a very generous donation from Mrs Frizzell of 20 pairs of gloves we were able to set up a whittling station which proved very popular - with Ashton proving to have a particular flair for the craft!

It was so lovely to see the children enjoying the freedom of the woods and engaging their creative and thinking brains to solve problems and create some fabulous memories.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Gibbons, Mr Allen, Mrs Becvar and Mrs Mackmin for volunteering their time to be part of our adventures. We are still able to accept volunteers for forest school, which takes place on Wednesdays from 1:15pm. Please speak to Mrs Smith, Mr Lulham or the school office if you'd like to join us.



Fun Fridays

To bring a little bit of joy during this difficult second lockdown, we are going to introduce 'Fun Fridays' for the month of November!

Something will be different on each Friday this month (taking part is completely optional):

This week was **PJ Week**—which tied in nicely with Children in Need. Children and staff came to school in their pyjamas in exchange for a small contribution towards the charity. We had a lot of fun being in our PJs!

Once again, we thank Freya in Year 5 for her suggestion! What an amazing idea!



Friday 20th November: Wear odd socks to school to mark Anti-Bullying Week.

Friday 27th November: Wear a funky T-shirt to school to replace your school shirt/polo.

**Fantastic
FRiDay**

Lockdown Active Challenge

For each week of lockdown, we will post a personal home active lockdown challenge.

If you would like to take part, feel free to send a photo of you having a go at the activity and your scores to the office and each week, we will share these in the newsletter!

This week's challenge:

Step Ups - How many can you do in a minute? You can use stairs or an outdoor step to complete this challenge.

Ready, steady go!



Celebration Assembly

We had a lovely, Children in Need themed worship this week! We were in our PJs, raising money for a wonderful charity.

Lots to celebrate this week - 4 learning powers certificates, a Superstar award in Nursery (well done Edith), 2 pen licences (well done Orlaith and Beatrice), 3 Head Teacher's Awards (well done Sam, Jake and Daisy), a new addition to the Wonder Wall (well done Jake!) and lots of children showing values to each other:

Charlie W said 'Joseph showed me love and wisdom when he was teaching me how to play basketball'

Sophia said 'We all showed love this week by taking part in Remembrance Services and saying thank you'

Oscar said 'I showed Wisdom and Love by playing nicely with my friends'

Miss Denney said 'Year 6 and Reception have shown strength by working together with their buddies'

Reuben said 'I showed Love because my friend hurt himself and I was worried about him'

Well done for another great week!



Attendance

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

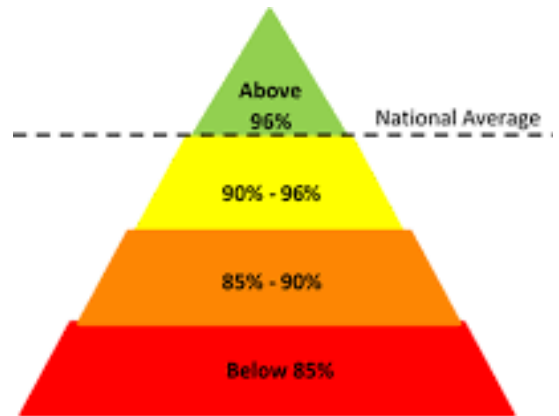
This week's attendance: **96.2%**

Hedgehogs - 96.1%

Squirrels - 94.1%

Foxes - 97.8%

Owls - 96.7%



Lunchtime Awards

The Diners of the Week will now be awarded to one child from each bubble rather than each class.

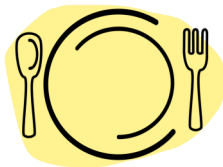
Hedgehog and Owl Bubble

Abigail Green

Squirrel and Fox Bubble

Lexi Smith

Well done!



Learning Powers

This week, the learning powers went to:

Hedgehogs:

Thady Bradley

Squirrels:

Freddy Fry

Foxes:

Malakai Sibanda

Owls:

Florence Mackmin

Well done everyone!



Headteacher Awards

This week, Headteacher's awards have been awarded to:

Daisy Callander for amazing maths work when adding and subtracting fractions!

Sam Plummer for writing a descriptive piece in Literacy and for having great handwriting!

Jake Frizzell for his incredible handwriting and descriptive sentences in Literacy!

Well done Daisy, Sam and Jake!



Birthdays over the last two

weeks:

Happy Birthday to **Stan**

Twiddy in Year 4!

Happy Birthday to **Sam**

Plummer in Year 4!



Pen Licences

This week, pen licences have been awarded to:

Orlaith O'Rourke-Jones
and **Beatrice Mackmin**.

Well done!



Nursery News - Week commencing 09/11/2020

Outdoor Learning

When we were outside the children used their imagination and decided that the crates were boats and sang 'Row, Row, Row, your Boat.'



We have also been practising our balance with the balance bikes.



Messy Play/Independent Learning Indoors

We are working hard with the children to be independent and try things for themselves. We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night.



Superstar of the Week

The superstar of the week is:

Edith

for amazing writing!



Learning for the Week

What are Nursery learning about this week?

Sound	p
Number	1
Colour	Yellow
Shape	Rectangle
Book	Brown Bear Brown Bear

Miss Lewis' Story Time

We have been looking at the story of Noah's Ark. The children have been busy making paints of the story.

The children are really enjoying learning about Noah's Ark through the stories of the Bible!



Parent Notices

Please bring back your session requirement forms so that we can get back to you with the availability and confirm your new sessions for January.



Positivity Board

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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!



Fantastic visit - lovely to see the school thriving!
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Glowing report for staff from Mandy Watson's visit - well done!



Lovely to see year 6 and their buddies playing today!



The children really enjoyed learning the Bible stories associated with our new school values ♡ ☆ ○ †



Thank you Bev for the hot dinners & treats for staff.



It is great to see lots of people taking part in Pajama Day!



Thank you for all the donations for the Poppy Appeal and Children in Need this week.



Well done Owls class for taking part in Miss Denney's 1.5km running challenge.



Foxes enjoyed their first Forest School session - thank you Mrs Smith! ☆



Well done to Mrs Thompson & Spencer for raising £590 with their sponsored walk for the Poppy Appeal.

Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Nov 2020

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

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

Dates for your diary 2020/2021

May 2021

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

Jul 2021

6th—Results Day

6th—Summer production dress rehearsal

8th—Summer production—2pm

8th—Summer production—6.30pm

12th—Residential

13th—Residential

14th—Residential

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

