

# East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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# NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

Term 2 has started full of events, visitors and great new topics!

This week Hedgehogs and Nursery visited the bonfire structure and Year 5/6 had a visit from members of the carnival society.

The community then came together to take part in the Remembrance service in the church yard. Children from Year 5/6 read the names of the fallen and all classes created their own wreaths which were laid at the memorial.

Members of our local community commented on how impressed they were with the reflectiveness and behaviour of the children who attended the service. Well done East Hoathly!

I hope those of you joining in the celebrations in the village at the weekend have a wonderful time.

Mrs Whyte,

Acting Head of School



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Mackmin in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Mackmin.

## Forest School

Foxes Class have their Forest School session next week on Weds 16th November please come into school in Forest School kits on this day and bring school uniform to change into.

## Staffing News

We are saying goodbye to Miss Hiller, who is leaving the school to begin a new career. She will be very much missed and we would like to thank her for all her work across the school. We wish her the very best of luck for the future in her new adventure.



## Key Dates

**Nov 2022**

**14/11**—Anti-Bullying Week

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## Parent Coffee

### Afternoon

Tuesday 15th November 2pm at Park Mead. Opportunity to hear from and talk generally to the School Health Team.

The School Health Team supports concern around anxiety, eating, toileting and other health issues.

Parents can self refer to this service via this link: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health-service-east-sussex/>

## Parking at School

It gets very busy outside of school at drop off and collection times.

To keep everyone safe, can we please remind you of the following:

- Please do not park on the bend by the Church
- Please do not park on the double yellow lines in the car park



When the car park is full, please use the additional parking available at the bottom of Church Marks Lane

## Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 1st December 9.15-10.15 am at East Hoathly - there will be a short presentation from Mrs Leahy (Inclusion Manager/SENCO) on how we use The Thrive Approach and Zones of Regulation in school to support behaviour and emotional regulation. Parents from all Pioneer schools are welcome.

## Anti Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti Bullying Week. Children across all classes will be taking part in activities linked to this years theme 'Reach Out'. As part of this children are invited to wear odd socks on **Monday 14th November**. Keep an eye out in our next newsletter to see what we got up to!

## PE Kits

Squirrels, Foxes and Owls are welcome to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Hedgehogs will continue to change at school as this is linked to their personal and physical development curriculum.

PE Days are:

Monday: Owls & Squirrels

Thursday: Owls & Hedgehogs

Friday: Foxes

Please ensure that PE follows our uniform policy. Children not in correct kit will be given a spare set to wear.

PE Kit is:

- Red t-shirt with school logo on
- School jumper
- black shorts or jogging trousers
- Trainers or plimsolls
- A black and red tracksuit with school logo on (optional for winter)

All school uniform can now be ordered through: <https://www.signosaurus.co.uk/east-hoathly-primary-clothing>



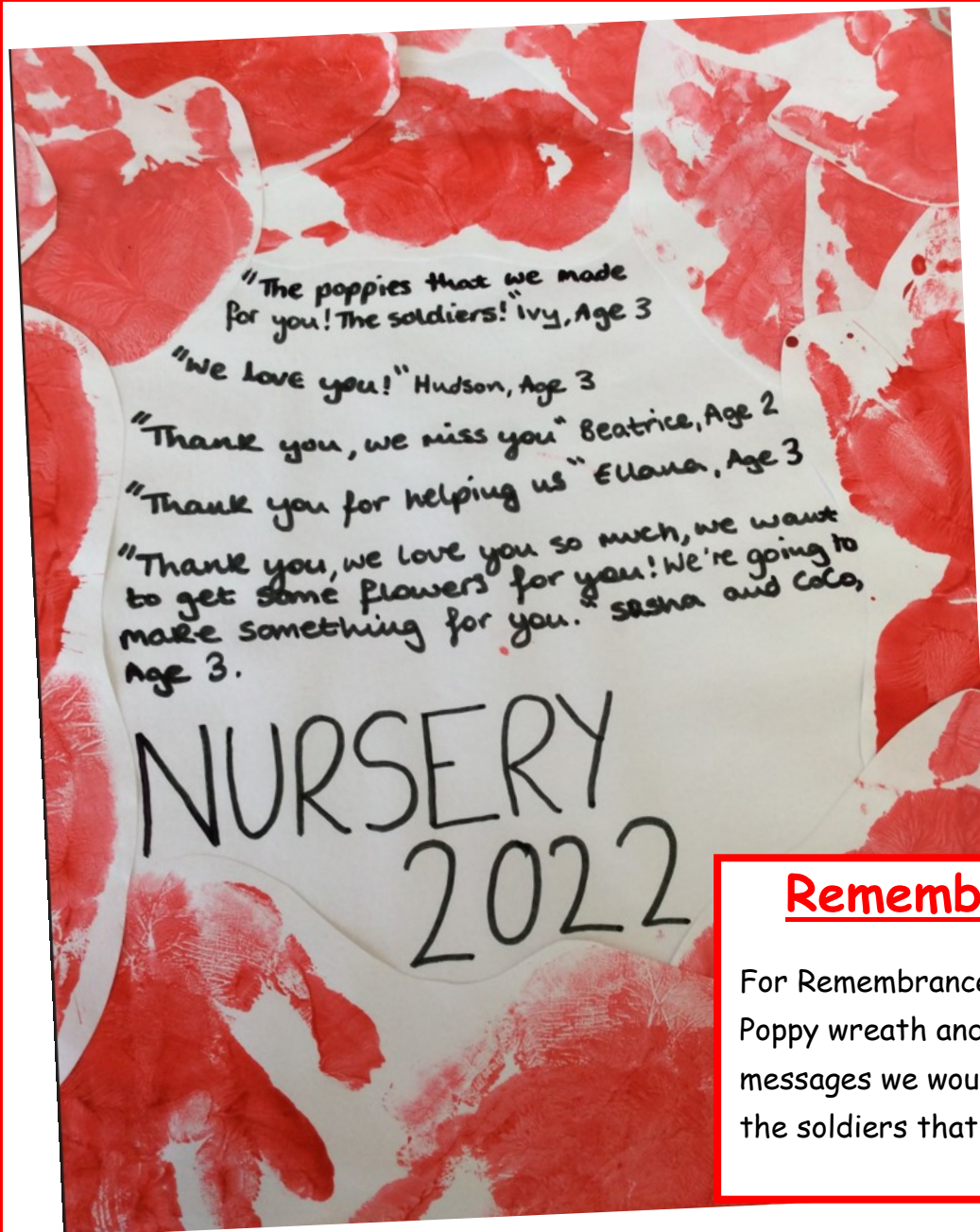
## News from Nursery



### Bonfire Visit

On Wednesday this week, we visited the bonfire site in the village. Some of the team working on the bonfire kindly talked us through this years sculpture. We were very excited to learn that the lion has been chosen this year to remember Her Majesty The Queen and also to commemorate the World Cup.





## Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day we created a Poppy wreath and wrote some messages we would like to pass on to the soldiers that lived in the village.



Lest we Forget  
**Remembrance Day**



## Remembrance Service

The community then came together to take part in the Remembrance service in the church yard today. Children from Year 5/6 read the names of the fallen and all classes created their own wreaths which were laid at the memorial.



## Owls Visitors

Owls Class had visitors from the Carnival Society who taught us about World War 1 and World War 2, David and Wilf. David came in wearing a RAF pilot outfit from World War 2 and Wilf wearing what a soldier from World War 1 would have worn. In World War 2, you would wear a tin hat that could protect you from any head injuries. We asked them lots of questions and they talked about the clothing that they were wearing. We learnt that the fabric wrapped around Wilf's legs was called putties and were used to provide support when walking and protect against harsh weather conditions.



## Hedgehogs—Bonfire Visit

Hedgehogs Class also visited the bonfire site this week, we had a great time stomping through the mud on our way. We were very impressed to see the lion sculpture.





## High 5 Netball Tournament

HI-5  
NETBALL



### WELL DONE EVERYONE!

The Year 5 and 6's attended a Pioneer Federation high five netball tournament at East Hoathly Primary School organised and run by Active Education Sussex.

All teams involved demonstrated amazing teamwork, passing, shooting, and overall enthusiasm and engagement to the tournament. Park Mead demonstrated some brilliant communication and teamwork, East Hoathly demonstrated incredible passing and movement skills and Chiddingly demonstrating some emphatic talent on the court to blow away the competition winning all their games 6-0, 5-1 and 4-1.

**An amazing performance from everyone throughout the tournament, demonstrating why, together as a federation we are great!**

#### AWARDS

**CHAMPIONS** –  
Chiddingly Primary  
School

**PLAYER OF THE  
TOURNAMENT** – Josie

**PARK MEAD STAR  
PLAYER** - Kai

**EAST HOATHLY STAR  
PLAYER** – Orlaith

**CHIDDINGLY STAR  
PLAYER** - Skyler





### Squirrels Forest School—Wednesday 9th November

Squirrels set off for the woods in the sunshine and were thankful that the rain had finally stopped! They all managed to climb onto the dinosaur tree and the turtle mound on the journey. It was great to see the children taking risks and challenging themselves with the height of the tree, how to work out the best way of moving along the trunk carefully and how to turn take and share the space with each other.

On the way to the woods the children spotted some holly leaves and berries, found some acorns; some of which had turned pink and started sprouting shoots to grow into oak trees and they also saw a robin perched on the fence watching us all as we walked past.

*"I think the robin is saying 'have a lovely time in the woods'..."*

Once in the woods, the children each found two sticks, measuring them carefully against the length of their arms as they chose them. They then used the sticks to tap out some rhythmic patterns and learn a song together.

The sticks were then used to make a nest for a game of 'owl eyes'. They had to try to sneak up to the nest by hiding behind trees and being really still. It was amazing to see a whole class of squirrels disappear into the woodland so quickly!

The class worked together to gather sticks and leaves to make a nest big enough for a person.

*"These leaves will make it really soft for a nest....oh and this moss is really soft and spongy".*

Then there was time to explore and play in the woodland. There was some excellent turn taking and balancing on the slack line.

Some children pretended that the fallen tree was an aeroplane, jetting them off to Goa and New York!

Lots of the class worked to develop the den of sticks they had started last term and they had a go at digging out an old root from the forest floor, showing great perseverance and problem solving.

Some of the class found a fallen tree branch to bounce on, which was great fun!

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience.

The impact can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

Squirrels class ended their session by talking about what they had enjoyed about their session.

Well done Squirrels class, it was great to see the children following their own ideas and fascinations and engaging so well with the woodland environment. And a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came and supported the children so brilliantly and got involved in all of their play. We can't wait until next time!



# Values Certificates

No certificates awarded this week due to Remembrance Day service.

Next Week:

Hedgehogs—Polly

Squirrels Class— Sami

Fox Class— Molly

Owl Class— Sophie



Friday 25th November:

Hedgehogs—George

Squirrels Class— Arienne

Fox Class— Connor

Owl Class— Joseph

Headteachers Awards

Danny & Stan



## Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

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### Dec 2021

5/12—Nativity Dress Rehearsals

7/12—1.30pm & 6pm Nativity Performance

10-11/12—FPTA Village Elf Hunt

14/12—FGB Meeting 5-7pm

16/12—Christingle Service 2pm/ Last Day of Term 2

### Jan 2022

3/1—INSET

4/1—Term 3 starts

### Feb 2022

8/2—Safer Internet Day

9/2—FGB Meeting 5-7pm

10/2—Last day of Term 3

20/2—Term 4 starts

### March 2022

2/3—World Book Day

7/3—Parent Consultations

9/3—Parent Consultations

27/3—FGB Meeting

31/3—Easter Service/ Last day of Term 4

### April 2022

17/4—Term 5 starts

### May 2022

1/5—May Bank Holiday

8/5—SATs week

16/5—FGB Meeting

26/5—Sports Day and Picnic / Last day of Term 5

### Jun 2022

5/6—INSET

6/6—Term 6 starts

### Jul 2022

11/7—Summer Production Dress Rehearsal

12/7—FGB Meeting

13/7—Summer Production Performance 1.30pm & 6pm

14/7—Reports out to parents

17/7—Parent Consultation for Reports

20/7—Leavers Service/Last day of Term 6

21/7—INSET



## UPDATES FROM THE FPTA FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Hi all,

The FPTA have been working really hard since the children returned in September! As we did last year, we have given each class a £250 grant to help towards the cost of trips for parents and have also purchased National Trust membership for the school which will further bring down the cost of trips. We have paid the full cost of Foxes and Owls swimming classes and the coach to transport them.

Over half term we worked hard getting the new **growing area** ready and also helped towards funding the materials for this space - The school will be hosting a grand opening later in the term.

You may have also noticed our lovely new FPTA **shed** next to the clothes bank - there will a FPTA Notice board coming shortly which will be your go to place for information.

We have a big box of Second Hand uniform please speak to Emma, Amy McG or Ami B if you want to have a look at what we have (no set prices, you donate what you can in exchange) We can also do a "swap" if you have something outgrown and want to swap it for the next size up (in similar condition, subject to availability).

### Upcoming Dates - this is always by far our busiest term!

Raffle tickets came home in bags on Friday - the Office and Emma have more if you need them. Please return them to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** (this Saturday!)

The final date to order **Christmas cards** / **mugs** etc with your child/ren's design (the artwork has been done already!). Prices from just £5.50 for a pack of 12 cards with free postage to school (profits going to the FPTA). If you have any queries, please contact Ami Brown.

The website is [www.sforders.co.uk](http://www.sforders.co.uk) and if you need a reminder of your child's PIN please ask Emma or Ami who have a list of them.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** -

**Christmas Fair** - East Hoathly Village Hall - 3:15pm - 5:45pm - please all come along! There will be lots of fun games and stalls. Baked/bought goods would be very gratefully received for the cake stall. Please note we are a NUT FREE school. Members of the FPTA will be on the gate on the morning of the Fair to receive any donations. Anna Zorn will be making sweet jars again for the Sweet Tombola - if you have any wrapped sweets or clean jars please pass these on to her.

**Stories with Santa** in his Grotto at the Christmas fair.

£2.50 per child - they will be read a story by Father Christmas and then each be given a gift. Payment either by BACS to the FPTA account or cash to Emma or the office. There will be a small group in each 20 minute slot starting from 3:20-3.40, 3.40-4pm etc with the last one at 5:00-5.20pm. Please contact Ami Brown to book before they fill up!

**Craft Stall and Face Painting** - FREE - To help with the financial pressure on families we have decided to make Face Painting and the Craft Table free of charge so that children can take part in as much as possible.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Baby 2 Baby and beyond **Nearly New Sale** - 10am - 1pm - Uckfield Civic Centre - The FPTA will be holding a stall selling 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items, including toys, books, clothes, school uniform and more. If you have any items, you wish to donate for us to sell please speak to Amy McGowan or Ami Brown.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm,**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm and 7:30pm - Wreath Making Workshops -**

East Hoathly Village Hall - £25pp (which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie and all the equipment you need to make your own wreath). Please book with Emma by emailing [fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk) - a really fun and festive event!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Elf Hunt** - East Hoathly Village -

The elves will be getting up to mischief around the village again. We have reduced the price this year to make it more accessible for families. It will be £3 per child or 2 for £5 and each child receives a gift and a map to help in hunting the elves around the village. There is also a prize draw to win a family day out. To be part of the prize draw maps need to be returned to Emma at 1 Nightingales by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 4pm. It would be really helpful if you could pre-book your map asap so we know how many to get printed. They will then be given out on Thursday & Friday in the week of the Elf Hunt. To book (or if you want to display an elf in your window) please contact Emma, Amy M or Ami B.

Many thanks as always,

The FPTA





East Hoathly School  
and Nursery FPTA

invite you to join us at our

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 25 November, 15:15-17.45  
East Hoathly Village Hall

**STORY WITH SANTA (CONTACT TO BOOK)**

**FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

**FREE FACE PAINTING**

**MULLED WINE & HOT CHOCOLATE**

**CAKES & HOT DOGS**

**RAFFLE & BARROW OF BOOZE**

**GAMES & TOMBOLAS**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**...AND MORE**



To book Story with Santa, for Raffle Tickets or for more info please contact [fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk) or speak to the FPTA or School Office

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Member Association



East Hoathly C.E School and Nursery  
FPTA

# CHRISTMAS ELF HUNT

9th, 10th & 11th December

MAPS CAN BE COLLECTED ON 8, 9, 10 OR 11  
DECEMBER, READY TO HUNT THE CHEEKY ELVES ALL  
AROUND THE VILLAGE. FILL IN YOUR GAMECARD AND  
RETURN IT AFTER YOU HAVE FOUND THEM ALL.  
PLEASE BOOK EARLY IF POSSIBLE, SO WE KNOW  
HOW MANY MAPS WE NEED!

PLEASE CONTACT EMMA SIMONETTI OR AMI BROWN  
TO BOOK, OR BY EMAILING  
FPTA@EASTHOATHLYE-SUSSEX.SCH.UK



£3 per child or 2 for £5  
All entrants will receive a gift for taking part.

On finding all the elves there will be a prize draw to win a  
fun filled family day out.







# Welcome

## PARENTS AND CARERS

### PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!

**CONTACT**  
No booking required.  
Any questions, please email:  
Mrs Leahy  
[sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11/10/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Understanding anxiety
- 15/11/22 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - East Sussex School Health
- 17/11/22 - St Mary's - 9.05 to 10.05 - The Thrive Approach
- 1/12/22 - East Hoathly - 9.15 to 10.15 - The Thrive Approach
- 12/1/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 24/1/23 - Park Mead - 2 to 3pm - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 3/3/23 - Chiddingly - 2.15 to 3.15
- 21/3/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service (ESBAS)
- 25/4/23 - St Marys - 2 to 3pm - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 16/5/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Adult Mental Health Week
- 15/6/23 - St Marys - 9.05 to 10.05am - Open for Parents (Triple P)
- 4/7/23 - Park Mead - 9.15 to 10.15 - Enjoying the summer holidays