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NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

Welcome back, Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

Mrs Whythe

Acting Head of School



Achievement For All, Learning Together, Learning For Life

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.

Menu Change

Please note that wraps will no longer be on the menu until after the Easter break. The options will be main, vegetarian and jacket potato. Wraps will still be available to order for school trips.

Key Dates

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

School Meals

If your KS2 child has school dinners please ensure their ParentPay account is topped up regularly. You will receive a reminder to top up you account once your account reaches -£6.00. Once your account reaches -£12.10 a packed lunch will need to be brought in for your child until the debt is cleared. Any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Please be aware that you can book school meals in advance via ParentPay.

School Admissions

Nursery parents don't forget that the deadline for school admissions is the 15th January.

Please visit:

<https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-primary>

Cost of Living

East Sussex County Council have developed a dedicated webpage giving a range of information to support families if they are struggling or worrying about the cost of living increases. Please visit:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support>

Punctuality

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am and the bell rings to start the school day at 8.50am. Please ensure you arrive at school before the bell rings.



Free School Meals

You can apply for Free School Meals for your child if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- [Universal Credit - GOV.UK](#) - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- [Income Support - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance \(ESA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - GOV.UK](#)
- The Guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit -GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), if your annual household income (assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) isn't over £16,190

[Anyone who gets [Working Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), won't get free meals regardless of income]

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children will get free school meals if they meet the criteria and are in school both before and after lunchtime.

Children eligible for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018 will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023 even if your circumstances change.

To check eligibility and apply please visit: [Apply for free school meals](#)

Coffee Morning

Unfortunately Triple P are no longer able to attend the planned coffee morning on 12th January at St Mary's. Instead Mrs Leahy will run the **MHST Supporting children with anxiety** webinar starting promptly at 9am, finishing by 10am.





Hedgehogs Forest School

Wednesday 4th January 2022

Hedgehogs started their session by listening to the story of 'The Gruffalo's Child'. We talked about how the different animals had made tracks in the snow as they moved about the woodland. The children also shared that they had made tracks in the snow when it fell in December.

The class set off to the woods in the rain, looking out for any animal or foot prints along the way. They found some boot prints in the mud and some deer prints, which they discovered by looking at animal identification sheets. The children commented on some of the features of the woodland which might be animal habitats.

"That looks like where the fox lives"

"There might be a mouse living in there, or ants"

Once in the woods, the children each found two sticks to tap out a rhythm song with. Then they learned how to identify different animals from their footprints by counting their toes. Badgers - 5, foxes -4, deer- 2. They used flour, sieves and stencils to create their own animal foot prints on the woodland floor.

There was time for the children to have a go on the slack line; carefully balancing along the line with the help of a guiding rope. It was great to see the children's risk taking and how in such a short space of time, that their confidence in climbing and balancing grew.

The children explored freely in the woodland. There was lots of sensory exploration of the clay, sculpting it, rolling it and painting it all along the logs and making hand prints on trees. Then digging in the mud with sticks and their hands.

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.



The Hedgehog class ended their session by each sharing what they had enjoyed about the session.

"I liked balancing on the slack line".

"I liked making with the clay".

"I liked playing with my friends".

"I liked digging the roots with a stick".

There was time to all climb up on the dinosaur tree on the way back to school. Well done Hedgehogs class, what a fantastic first day of the new term! And again a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came and supported the children so fantastically. We can't wait until next time!



Values Certificates

This Week:

Hedgehogs Class—Ava
Squirrels Class— Charlie
Fox Class— Delilah H
Owl Class— Jake F

Next Week (Friday 13th January):

Hedgehogs Class—Alexander
Squirrels Class— Bella F
Fox Class— Grace
Owl Class— Kenzie



Friday 20th January:

Hedgehogs Class—Madeleine
Squirrels Class— Riley
Fox Class— Oliver L
Owl Class— Samuel

Headteachers Awards

Charlie F
Alex B
Willow
Jake F
Sam P
Ned
Aaron



Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

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—Coronation Bank Holiday

9/5—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

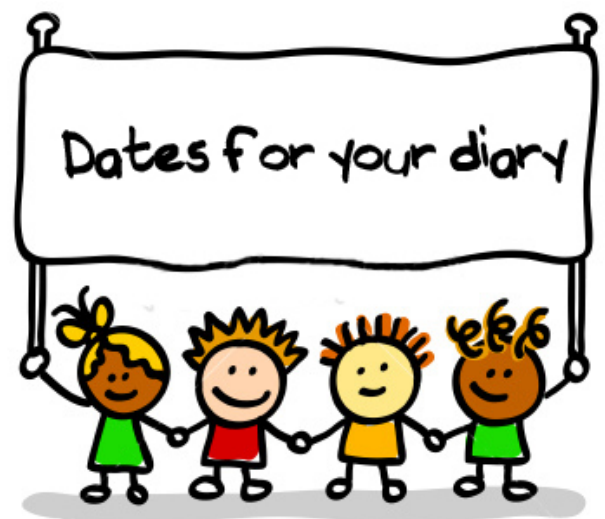
13/7—Summer Production Performance 1.30pm & 6pm

14/7—Reports out to parents

17/7—Parent Consultation for Reports

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

21/7—INSET





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

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