

East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

Church Marks Lane, East Hoathly, Lewes BN8 6EQ



NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 9 FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

Dear East Hoathly Families,

Unbelievably, it is already the end of week 5! The children are fully immersed in their topics and have achieved some wonderful learning over the past couple of weeks.

Foxes have been exploring Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes—they are truly disgusting! The children have discovered the literacy devices used by Roald Dahl to make the poems such fun to read. Next week the children will be having a go at writing their own revolting rhymes.

Owls Class have enjoyed writing their own character description inspired by 'Yeh Shen', (a Cinderella inspired story from China)!

Squirrels have been continuing their learning about The Great Fire of London. This week they have been creating narrative, writing from the perspective of a flea in 17th century London.

Hedgehogs have been creating moon maps. They have also been looking at instruction writing by making and writing recipes for marmalade sandwiches—delicious!

Over in Nursery, the children have enjoyed learning about birds. They made a giant nest for them during this week's Forest School session.

We hope you have a restful weekend, ready for an exciting last week of term 3.

Mrs Fry



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.

FPTA Upcoming Events

10 March: School Disco
28 April: Quiz Night (Disco after-party)
6 May: Village Coronation Event (pm)
21 May: Fun Run
23 June: Farmers Market

Key Dates

Feb 2023

8/2 - Safer Internet Day
9/2—FGB Meeting 5-7pm
10/2—Last day of Term 3
20/2—Term 4 starts

Growing Area

Coming
in T4 Growing &
Cooking Club

We are excited to see the developments in our growing area. Despite the weather pushing back our final efforts we are pleased to share with you, that we will be hosting a Grand Opening on Friday 24th February at 3.30pm following a final ground force on Thursday 16th February.

Ami & Jacs will be running a weekly Gardening/Cooking club on Thursdays from Term 4 and we will be appointing some 'Eco Helper' pupils who can ensure the growing area stays in tip top shape.

Thank you

This transformation would not have been possible without the support of the FPTA and many parents who have given up their time to lead on the revamp and source materials. We are looking forward to seeing what the children grow over the next few months.



Reading

This weeks 'Reading At Home' winners are...

SQUIRRELS CLASS

Well Done Squirrels!

IT ADDS UP!

If you read just 15 minutes a day, in one year you will have read over 1,000,000 words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com

 WE are TEACHERS



Church School Update

This term the Christian Value we have been exploring is Courage. We have explored the bible stories, Ester the Brave, Joshua and The Walls of Jericho and linked courage to the story of Chinese New Year.

We have also been learning the song 'This is Me' from the musical the Greatest Showman and linked this to being brave and courageous like those in the film.

We have been thinking about how our lives our impacted and what we think about following the collective worship sessions, some of the children shared what learning about courage has helped them to do or think about.

A - "To try my best even when things are tricky, and not giving up on things I really want to achieve even if I am finding it hard".

D - "It has helped me to be brave and notice others in the playground".

C- "I have tried harder in some of the learning I have found harder".

M - "Trying harder in my literacy as I find that hard sometimes".

S - "Being brave at my first football training as I was new, but I still went".

O - "I think it has helped me think about trust and bravery when I am doing lifts in my dancing".

G - "To be brave and not give up no matter what happens".

Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress. Attendance for this week is:

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Whole school: **93.5%**

Year: **93.8%**

Hedgehogs: **100%** Squirrels: **88.8%**

Foxes: **92.5%** Owls: **98.4%**

Well done, Hedgehogs Class!





News from Nursery



Nursery set off for the woods together, all dressed up for the cold. On the way the children looked out for and listened for birds. Once in the woods, the children each found two sticks. They then used the sticks to tap out some rhythmic patterns and sing a song together.



We made a giant, circular 'nest' out of sticks and foliage. The children were introduced to different native birds. They looked at the colours and patterns of the feathers and had a go at listening to the bird calls which they made. Some children then took the birds to play with independently in the woods.



News from Hedgehogs



In Hedgehogs this week, we have had some exciting renovations in our outside area. These have included a new storage area for our authentic resources in our sand area, and a new book nook! We have loved selecting our own resources for our discovery led learning demonstrating lots of independence, and using our phonics knowledge to decode stories such as 'Beegu' and 'The Mouse and the Moon Made of Cheese'.

Last week we looked at the story of 'Whatever next!', we wrote predictions about what we thought we could use our cardboard box for, where we might go in our rocket, and then made our own rockets with recycled materials. We loved having rocket races on the playground!



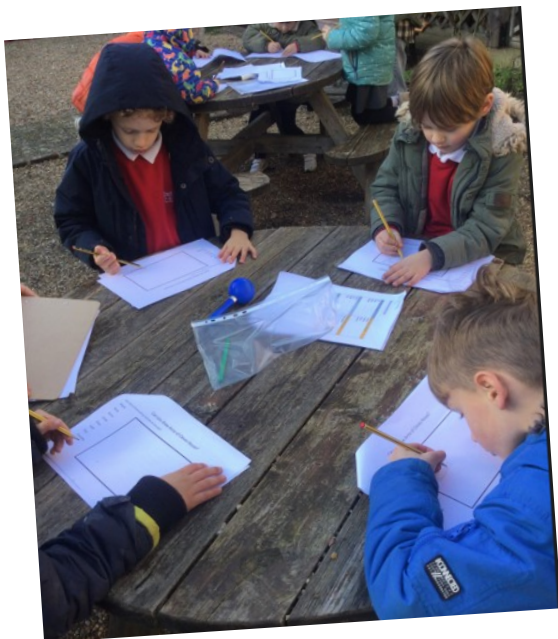
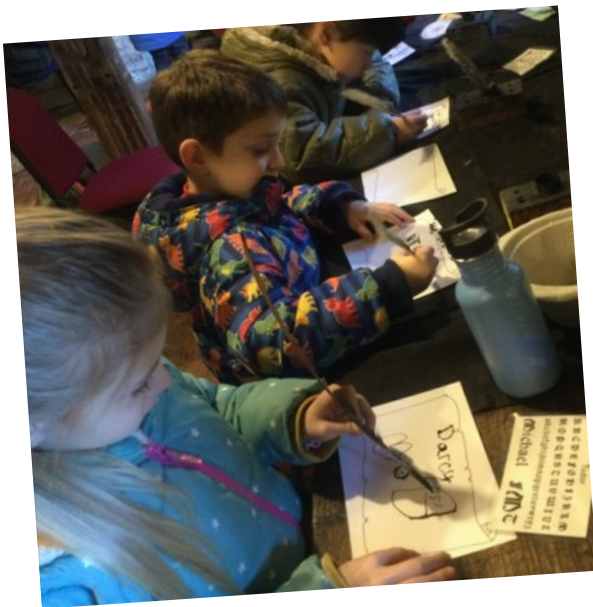
This week, we explored instruction words. To do this, we told Miss Howes how to make a marmalade sandwich, then we went off to make our own... they were delicious!

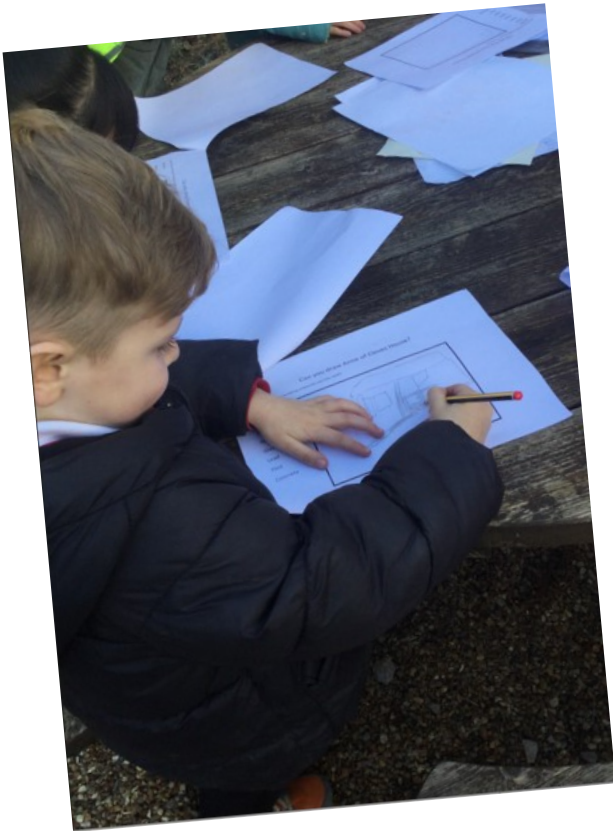
News from Squirrels



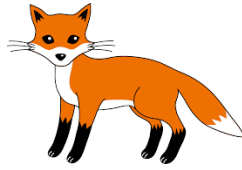
On Friday 27th January, Squirrel Class visited Anne of Cleves House in Lewes.

During the day, we learnt about how The Great Fire of London spread so quickly by studying building the materials used at the time. We also took part in lots of exciting activities which included: making a salt dough hedgehog, learning how to write with a quill and dressing up in regal clothing! A big thank you to our wonderful adult volunteers who helped make the trip so special for the children.





News from Foxes



This week Foxes have been creating their very own stop/start animations. They have learnt the skill of *Onion Skinning*. *Onion Skinning* is a tool that adds a shadow of each object in a frame. Once played the image appears to be moving!



News from Owls



This week, Owls have been making clay dragons. They began by shaping their clay into a dragon shape. Next week, we will be painting our dragons. We look forward to seeing the finished designs.





Owls Forest School

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Owls set off for the woods in the week of the Lunar new year.

The class have been learning about the story of 'The Great Race' in which the order of the animals of the Chinese Lunar New Year are determined. This year is the year of the rabbit.

The Owls played a game of 'Fox and Rabbit'. They got into pairs and the fox had to chase the rabbit, until they were 'safe' in the burrow. The class showed good listening skills and were agile and quick with their moving around the woodland during the game.

The class learned about how to identify animals by their tracks and used flour, sieves and stencils to create some tracks on the woodland floor. They also had a go at moving like rabbits, to try to create their distinctive track marks and learn about how rabbits move.

The children had a go at putting up the hammock again- this time independently. It was great fun swinging and twisting the hammock under themselves and hanging upside down in it!

Then there was time to explore and play in the woodland. Lots of the class independently built dens together. Some children had disturbed the leaves on the woodland floor and had discovered some shoots growing. They carefully swept away more and discovered the beginnings of the growth of the bluebell carpet. They talked about looking at the development of the growth next session and whether the bluebells would be flowering or not.

This week some of the children developed their tool skills, by starting with using peelers to peel the bark from hazel. Once the children had shown an understanding of safe tool use, some moved onto using knives to start to carve with. They had a go at peeling bark, sharpening the ends of sticks and some started to create patterns on their work.

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 class finished the session with a game of 1,2,3 change tree and then all had a go at climbing onto (and jumping off) the fallen tree on the edge of the woods.

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came and supported the children so brilliantly and got involved in all of their play and supported their use of tools and equipment.



Forest School





Foxes Forest School
Wednesday 18th January 2023

Foxes set off for the woods in the gorgeous, bright, cold frosty morning. Once in the woods, the children started the session with a game of 1,2,3,change tree to warm them up before we started! They showed good running, direction changing and really enjoyed the game, paying great attention to the rules. Well done Foxes.

This term the Foxes Class learning journey is all about Roald Dahl, so we started the day with a story; 'Billy and the Minpins'. It is about Billy exploring the deep dark woods and discovering creatures living in the trees. The children looked and listened to the woodland environment around them as they listened to the story, to enrich their imagination.

Then the children had a go at using some tools to peel the bark from some freshly cut hazel sticks. They learned to use loppers and peelers safely and showed great enthusiasm for their work. They took their creations back to the classroom to draw character faces onto later in the day.

The children found, then made some creations using clay. They scooped out the clay into buckets, which was tricky initially, as the ground was frozen! Some went on to create some small woodland people and houses with the clay. They also used sticks and frozen leaves in the roots of some of the fallen trees. They used our wooden play set to create some small world stories inspired by the story they had heard earlier.

Then there was time to explore and play in the woodland. There was some excellent turn taking and balancing on the slack line. It was great to see the children taking risks and challenging themselves with working out how to balance, how to work out the best way of moving along the line carefully and how to turn take and share the space with each other.

Lots of the class worked to develop a den of sticks and they continued digging out an old root from the forest floor, showing excellent focus and perseverance along with problem solving.



Forest School



Values Certificates

This week:

Hedgehogs Class - Hugo
Squirrels Class - Chloe & Daisy
Fox Class - Annabelle
Owl Class - Caiden

Next Week (Friday 10th February):

Hedgehogs Class - Mia
Squirrels Class - Henry M
Fox Class - Dennis
Owl Class - Freya



Friday 24th February:

Hedgehogs Class - Maya
Squirrels Class - Rae
Fox Class - Lily
Owl Class - Orlaith

Headteachers Awards

Henry T
Oliver L
Rae
Reuben
Ava
Harriet
Paddy

Golden Broom

SQUIRRELS CLASS



WELL DONE!

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
- 10/3—School Disco
- 12/3—17/3—Book Fair
- 27/3—FGB Meeting
- 31/3—Easter Service/ Last day of Term 4

April 2022

- 17/4—Term 5 starts
- 28/4—Quiz Night

May 2022

- 1/5—May Bank Holiday
- 6/5—Village Coronation Event
- 8/5—Coronation Bank Holiday
- 9/5—SATs week
- 16/5—FGB Meeting
- 21/5—Family Fun Run
- 22/5—24/5—Y5/6 Residential
- 26/5—Sports Day and Picnic / Last day of Term 5

Jun 2022

- 5/6—INSET
- 6/6—Term 6 starts
- 23/6—Farmers Market

Jul 2022

- 11/7—Summer Production Dress Rehearsal
- 12/7—FGB Meeting

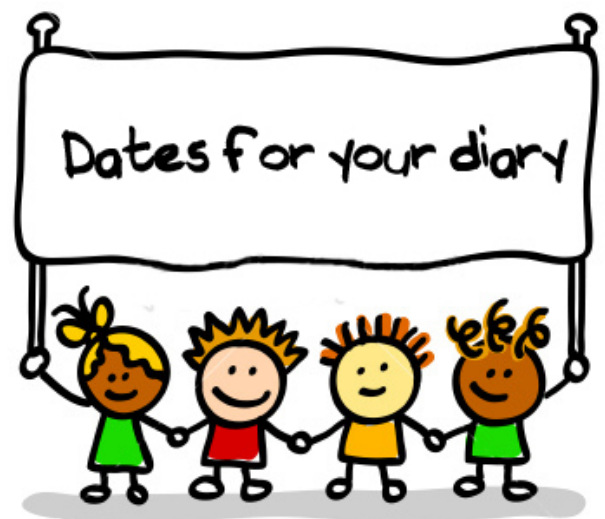
13/7—Summer Production Performance
1.30pm & 6pm

14/7—Reports out to parents

17/7—Parent Consultation for Reports

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

21/7—INSET



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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East Hoathly
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EAST HOATHLY FAMILY FUN RUN

East Hoathly Pavilion

8am registration opens

10am 5km and 10km races

11am 1km race followed by prize giving

Refreshments available

Bouncy castle (subject to weather)

Medal for every finisher

Entry fees:

1km race: £5 any age

5km race: £5 for under 16s,
£9 early bird discount* or £10 on
the day for age 16+

10km race: £9 early bird
discount*, £10 on the day



21st
May
2023

Follow us on Facebook:
East Hoathly Family Fun Run

Raising funds for East Hoathly Primary
School and Nursery FPTA
Registered Charity Number: 1089642

Circus Club

We have had a great term in Circus Club, they have all made progress and learnt new skills. Parents are invited to pop in from 4.10pm on Friday 10th February in the Dining Hall to see some of the fantastic things they have been learning.

Next term is open and ready to book on Gym Catch. Spaces are still available for new students. This is also now open for Reception children who are aged 5 and over.

For all new enquiries please contact the School Office.



Dance/Stage Ready

Does your child love to sing, dance or act at home? If so, come along to one or both classes currently held at East Hoathly School every Thursday.

Dance Ready is 3.30-4.30 - This class offers a variety of styles for children to explore, such as Street Dance, Modern, Lyrical and Freestyle whilst also having a strong focus on technique, strengthening and flexibility. By giving children a broad range of styles to learn it allows them to be versatile, understand dance and movement, expand their knowledge and encourage creativity.

Stage Ready is 4.30-5.30 - This class is all singing, acting and movement. Musical Theatre brings out many skills in children. This class gives them a strong technical platform of what it is to be an all-round performer, whilst growing their social skills, self-belief and confidence.

My aim in all my classes is to help children grow their confidence and self-belief so they can have the courage to be brave to achieve anything, whilst also gaining a strong skillset in dance and theatre.

To find out more, contact Jade at jade@gingersdance.co.uk



Coffee Morning



A helping hand with your mental health
me & my mind
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

Chat with Me & My Mind about supporting your child's mental health

Children's Mental Health Week - 5 ways to well-being

Monday 6th February 2023 at 9 -10am

*(Presentation starts at 9.15 followed by informal discussion
and opportunity for question and answers)*

At Park Mead Primary (Parents from all Pioneer schools welcome)



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

FEBRUARY



HOLIDAY

CAMP



13th-15th February
2023

Chiddingly Primary
School, BN8 6HN

BREAKFAST CLUB £5
07:45-08:45
MAIN DAY £15
08:45-15:15
AFTER CAMP CLUB £5
15:15-16:15

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VARIETY
OF
SPORTS



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& CRAFTS,
MOVIES,
AND
MORE

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Club Flyer

Type of Club:

February Holiday Camp

Activity:

A fun filled day with a variety of sports, competitions, dance, arts & crafts, movies and more!

Where:

Chiddingly Primary School,
BN8 6HN

Date:

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
13th February - 14th February - 15th February 2023
3 Days

Time:

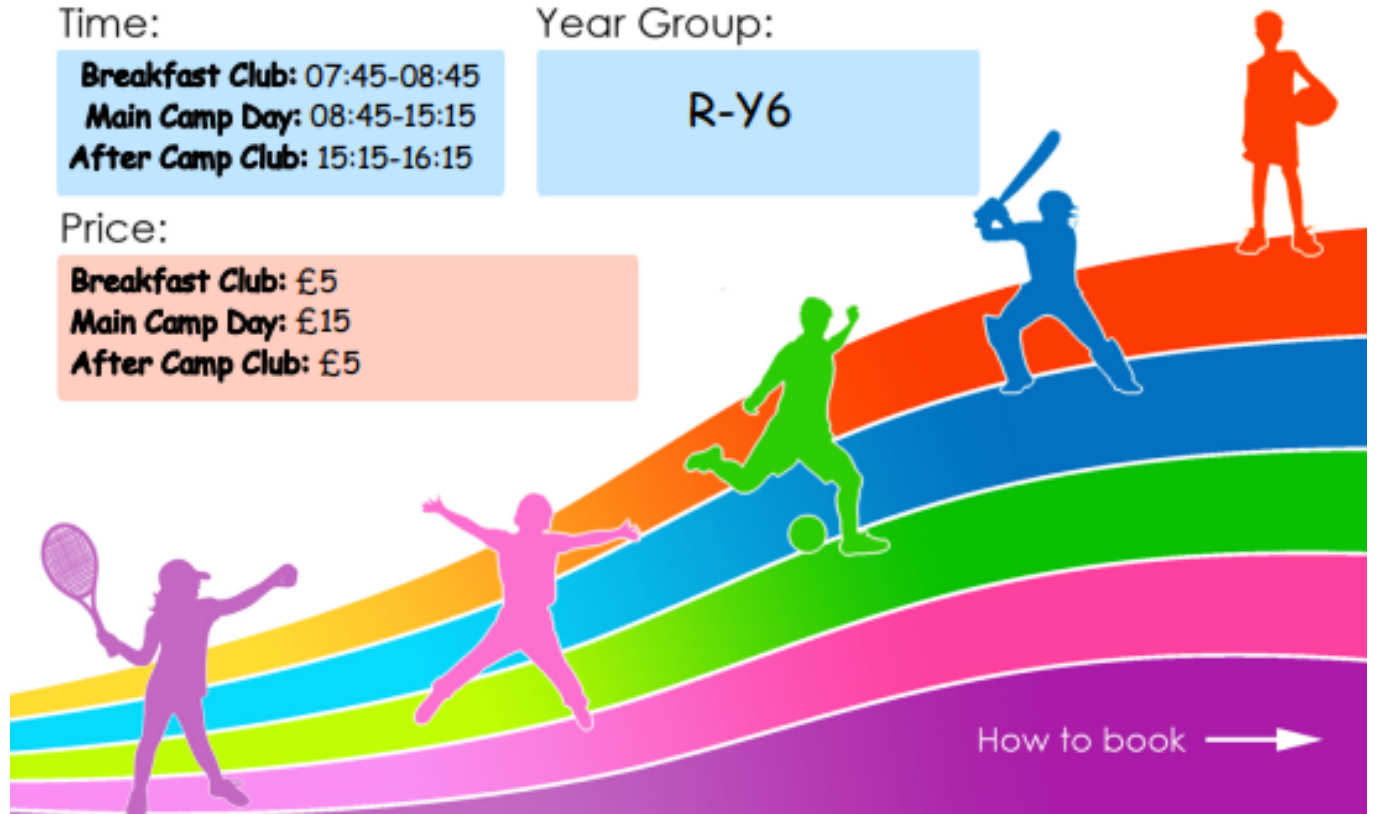
Breakfast Club: 07:45-08:45
Main Camp Day: 08:45-15:15
After Camp Club: 15:15-16:15

Year Group:

R-Y6

Price:

Breakfast Club: £5
Main Camp Day: £15
After Camp Club: £5



How to book 

Ginger's
EVENTS

GINGER'S CHILDREN'S PARTIES

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A STRESS FREE PARTY ?

We do as much or as little as you need us to, with personalised party packages to suit your party needs and save you time. Starting from entertainment only to the full works, including food and decorations!

Get in touch now, to find out how we can bring the fun to your party!



PARTY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

*Graffiti, Musical Theatre, Karaoke, DJ, Arts and Crafts
Disco, Street Surfing, Dance, Multi-Sports
Obstacles and Inflatables, Outdoor Adventure
All parties include a variety of entertaining
games and prizes!*

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