

# East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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# NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

As we finish school for the Easter holidays, we can't believe another term has come to an end. There have been so many great moments this term across all of the classes and we are sure many of the children are ready for some well earned rest.

A big well done to all the children this morning for their fantastic easter service, it is clear how hard each class has worked on their performances, readings and prayers.

Easter is the time to wish the best to your friends and loved ones, to spend time together creating memories and prepare for the new season and term, so Happy Easter to you and your family from us all here at East Hoathly.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 17th April.

Mrs Whyte



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

**28 April:** Quiz Night (Disco after-party)

**6 May:** Village Coronation Event (pm)

**21 May:** Fun Run

**23 June:** Farmers Market

## Key Dates

### March 2022

**31/3** - Easter Service/ Last day of Term 4

**17/4** - Term 5 starts

**19/4** - Awe & Wonder Day

## Starfish Malawi

A huge thank you to all who supported our Malawi day fundraiser last week. We are pleased to say we have raised over £170, which surpassed our target and it will provide x3 water packs and the balls for four square.



## Car Parking

Please ensure you are being careful and considerate when parking at pick up and drop off. A staff members car has been damaged this week on Wednesday between approx. 9-10am. If you have any information regarding this please contact the School Office.



## Upcoming Forest School Dates

**Squirrels** - Wednesday 26th April

**Foxes** - Wednesday 3rd May

**Nursery** - Wednesday 10th May

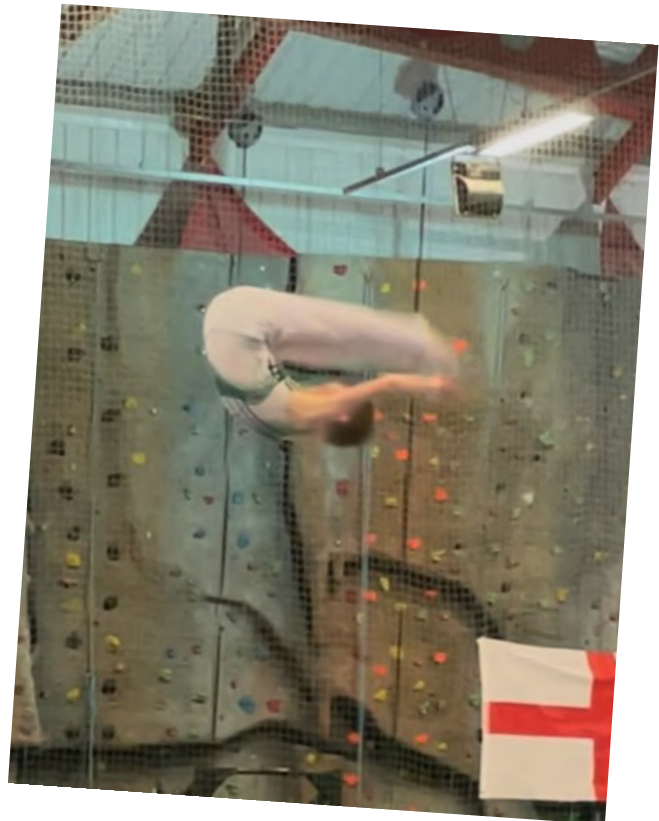
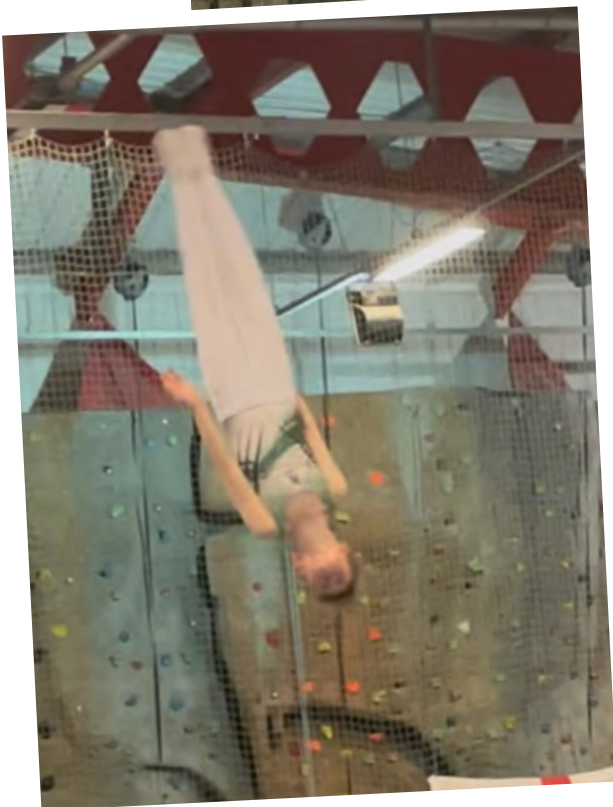
**Owls** - Wednesday 17th May

**Hedgehogs** - Wednesday 24th May

## Sporting Achievements

Sam in Year 6 represented East Hoathly School at the BSGA National Schools Finals in Northampton, competing against hundreds of children from across the UK!

Sam came a brilliant 2nd in his group. Well done Sam for such a fantastic achievement!





# Pioneer Governing Board

## Parent Governor Appointment

Following the resignation of a parent governor in September, we were pleased to receive two nominations when the post was last advertised.

Thank you to both candidates and to everyone who voted in the ballot which closed on Monday 27th March. The count took place before the FGB meeting on Monday, and we are pleased to announce that your new Parent Governor within the Pioneer Federation is Lucy Watton.



Lucy is a parent at East Hoathly where her daughter started nursery ten years ago and where her younger sons are now in Years 5 and 2.

Lucy tells us:

*Throughout their time at the school, I have consistently been active in the FPTA and enjoyed being part of many exciting events including the Fun Runs, Christmas Fairs and hosting the annual quiz.*

*I have been an English and Media Studies teacher for eighteen years and my current role is Leader of*

*KS3 English, Year 9 and Primary Transition in a secondary school in Horsham. I absolutely love my job, despite the trials and tribulations teaching brings!*

*I am passionate about literacy being the bedrock of all learning and thrive on leading extra-curricular initiatives; most recently, I ran a Book Quiz for feeder schools in the Horsham area, Giant Wordle and a 'Live-Action Where's Wally?' on World Book Day.*

*Predictably for an English teacher, my hobbies include reading and going to the theatre but I do also enjoy going to the gym and walking. School holidays and weekends are special times for spending with my family.*

*I am really looking forward to being part of the governing body for the Pioneer Federation and would like to thank anybody who voted.*

A warm welcome is extended to Lucy and we hope that you will support her through the four year tenure.



## 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:

Whole school: **92.1%**

Year: **94%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Hedgehogs: **85.4%** Squirrels: **90.3%**

Foxes: **96.6%** Owls: **95.6%**

Well done, Foxes Class!



## Parent Code of Conduct

The Pioneer Federation has welcoming, supportive and inclusive schools and it is important that all members of the school community work together. We depend on the entire school community to help us maintain and improve our children's learning.

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

The purpose of our Parent Code of Conduct is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors about expected conduct to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

To read our Parent Code of Conduct [please click here](#)

# News from Hedgehogs



## Banquet Day

On Monday, Hedgehogs had their 'Once Upon a Banquet' Day! We spent the day celebrating the learning we have completed for our topic Once Upon a Time. We all came dressed as kings, queens, princesses and knights. In the morning, we prepared and baked jam tarts and ensured we all had appropriate headgear for our banquet by making our own crowns! In the afternoon we had a special visitor Mr Whythe, who taught us how to use a real life bow and arrow! Some of us were great at shooting the arrows into the targets. Then we finished our day with a medieval banquet, where we got to eat our jam tarts!







### **Next Term:**

Next term Hedgehog's new topic will be 'How does it grow?'. We will be investigating land habitats, plants, animals, where our food comes from and how to make healthy choices. We will also have a timetable change next term and our PE day will now be Mondays and Thursdays, so please can PE kits please be in school from the first day back.

# News from Squirrels



This week Squirrel Class made a desert diorama to show what they had learnt in science. The children labelled each inhabitant to show which animal group it belonged to.





# Water Day- Squirrels and Owls

With Mrs Cousens, we used paper and card to create a paper collage. We made it look like an ocean by curving the paper into spirals.



With Mr Lulham, we created crumpled paper art inspired by the book 'Ish' by Peter Reynolds. Once we crumpled our paper we added paint and oil pastels.



With Miss Williams, we developed our sewing skills. We used binca and thread to create a sea inspired image. Then we displayed our images with the starfish Hedgehogs and Foxes created.



# NSPCC

## SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE

### Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs spent the morning together and watched the virtual assembly for the NSPCC's Speak Out and Stay Safe campaign. Following this, we spent some time together talking about what trust means, who the people are that we trust and why we trust them. We also spoke about how in different places we might have different people who we trust, like between home and school or afterschool clubs.

### Squirrels

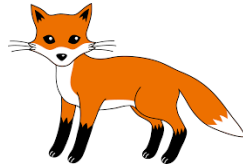


For the NSPCC assembly Squirrel class learnt about the 'Speak up Speak out' campaign to keep children safe. Next, the children designed a friend for 'Buddy' who could help him support children who needed advice.





## Foxes



Foxes children created the Childline number using actions with their hands. This was a simple way we learnt to recite the number.



## Owls

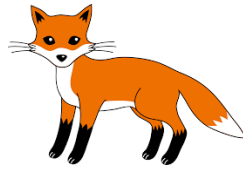


On Tuesday 28th of March, Owls class had a visit from some volunteers from the NSPCC. During our workshop we discussed different ways that we can stay safe and the importance of speaking out. We also considered how to stay safe online and the steps that we take to do so. Owls ended the session considering adults that help them feel safe, places they feel safe and items that help to feel safe.





## News from Foxes



Foxes have been learning about the ancient civilization of the Mayans. We found out that they used symbols to communicate words and numbers. We had a go at creating our own. We then transferred the print into a block print using string and card. We then used the tile to create a print.



# PALS Assembly

This week in our PALS Assembly we enjoyed sharing our learning from this term with our friends across the school.



Chloe said "I really liked Bella's painting—it was colourful"  
Bella said "I liked looking at everything Chloe did...it's very beautiful".

Thady shared that he learnt the song '3 Little Birds' in Music. Charlie asked Thady "do you like Bob Marley?"



Sara said: "Sorrel really makes her art work neat and adds all the details to it".



Maisy said "she liked Darcy's meerkat".





## Nursery Forest School

Wednesday 15th March

Nursery set off for the woods together on a beautiful bright morning. On the way the children each had a toy bird to fly to the woods. They were great at recalling some of the bird names; robin, blackbird, blue tit and woodpecker from their last session. The children looked out for and listened for birds and spotted some crows, saw a tiny robin in the tree singing and heard woodpeckers tapping away at trees, in search of food.

We talked about the bluebells and why we are not going to play in the woods for a few weeks, to preserve these beautiful plants on the woodland floor.

The children had a go at climbing onto the dinosaur tree and finding spots for their birds to rest and nest on the tree.

*"The tree looks like a bird...it has fallen down"*

*"My chaffinch wants to peck at the tree to find food"*

There was lots of time for climbing and physical challenges at the turtle mound. The children were interested in climbing small trees and investigating the ground. They found chestnut cases which were really spiky, lots of moss and clay and rabbit holes. They also enjoyed playing with the dried, fallen leaves on the floor. It was great fun throwing them up in the air and watching how they fell. The children found hazel catkins on the ground and collected lots of them.

*"They are soft...they are wiggly...they are like worms...this one is longer"*

When the children got back to the nursery, they used some hay to make nests for their birds had a great time playing with them. There was time to create some beautiful, colourful birds from card, chalk pastels and sticks. Some of the children used the catkins they had collected in the woods as worms; food for their birds.











### Owls Forest School - Wednesday 29th March

As the spring equinox (eui- equal, nox- night) has come, the bluebells are growing in the woodland, so to preserve these amazing plants, the Owls had their session on a wet field this week.

After learning a song about spring the class were introduced to the game of 'Giants, Wizards, Elves'. They had to work as a team to decide which magical creature they would be, in a game similar to 'rock, paper, scissors'.

The children all played a game of 'Spirit of the forest' where they had to dodge the spirit of the forest, without being turned into trees. Through the game the class learned about different aspects of a woodland and how the balance of trees and animals are important to the health and development of this ecosystem.

Owls had a scavenger hunt, where they followed clues to various locations around the school field site. Once they had decoded the riddles, they found some Easter treats!

Lots of the class explored and played independently, making up games, making dens and creating with wood and tools.

They learned how to use a pruning saw safely with a saw horse, to cut their wood to length. 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.

Some of the children went on to make their own pens out of elder, by pushing holes in the soft centre of the wood and inserting charcoal.

There was time to continue exploring the pond area. A group of children cleared some winter debris and found evidence of newts, frogspawn and other life.

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 the exploration of the pond area.







# Values Certificates

Friday 21st April:

Hedgehogs Class - George

Squirrels Class - Henry T

Fox Class - Sophie T

Owl Class - Maisy

Friday 28th April:

Hedgehogs Class - Elena

Squirrels Class - Jack

Fox Class - Zac

Owl Class - Malakai



Due to our Easter service no awards were celebrated this week.

Our celebration assembly will return after Easter.



## Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

### April 2022

17/4—Term 5 starts

28/4—Quiz Night

### May 2022

1/5—May Bank Holiday

2/5—Class Photos

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

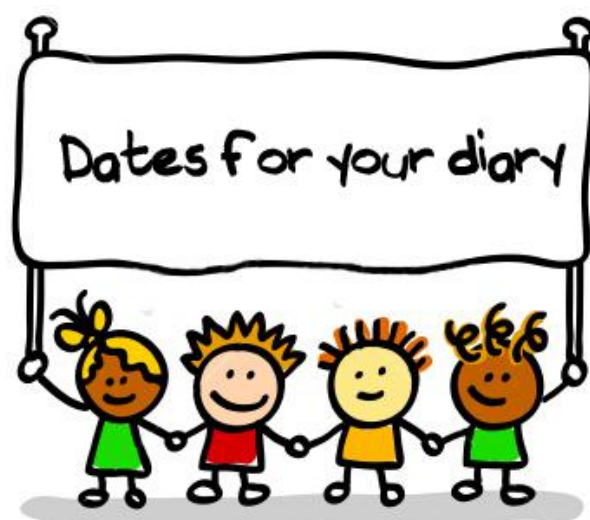
13/7—Summer Production Performance  
1.30pm & 6pm

14/7—Reports out to parents

17/7—Parent Consultation for Reports

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

21/7—INSET





# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Badminton

Where:

East Hoathly Primary School

Date:

**Monday**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
(4 Sessions)

Time:

15:15-16:15

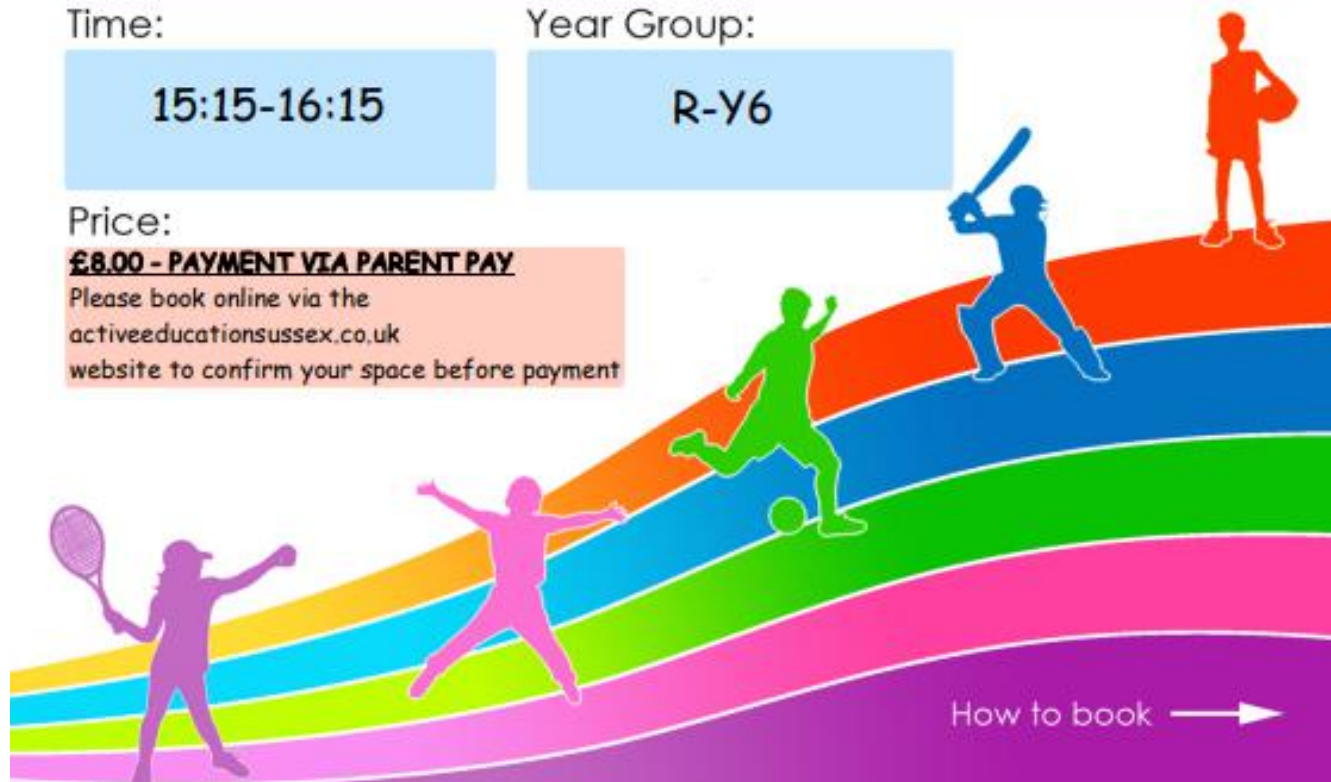
Year Group:

R-Y6

Price:

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# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Athletics

Where:

East Hoathly Primary School

Date:

**Thursday**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
(6 Sessions)

Time:

15:15-16:15

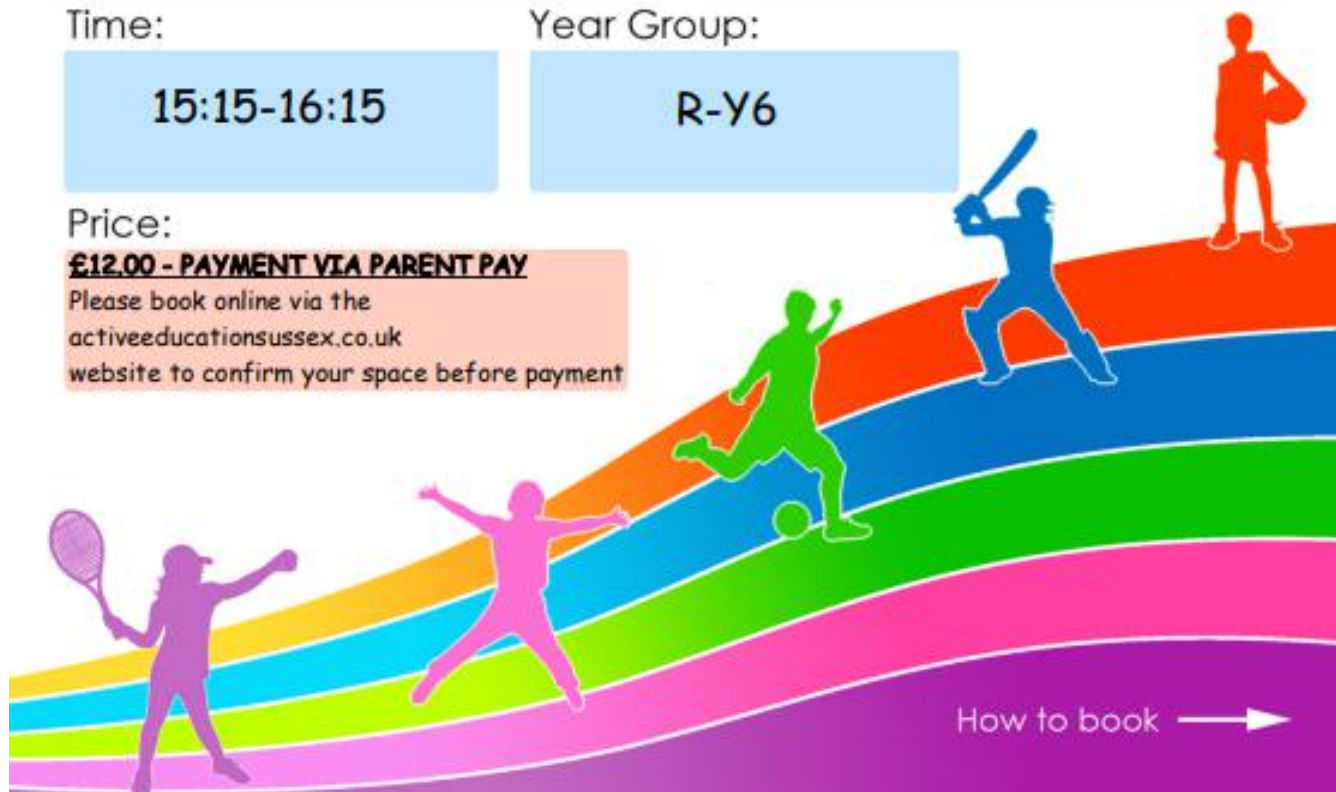
Year Group:

R-Y6

Price:

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# EASTER



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# 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



# East Hoathly FPTA

## ? QUIZ NIGHT

80S DISCO  
AFTER PARTY

WITH HOSTS  
BOLLIE & LUCY

28 April 7.30pm

Village Hall

Licensed Bar

Free Nibbles

£7.50 per person  
max 8 per team (no minimum)

contact Emma to book your team  
or an individual space  
or email

[fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:fpta@easthoathly.e-sussex.sch.uk)





East Hoathly  
Primary School and  
Nursery F.P.T.A

# 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 F.P.T.A  
Registered Charity Number: 1089642



# East Hoathly farmers Market

23 JUNE, 3.30-5.30  
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

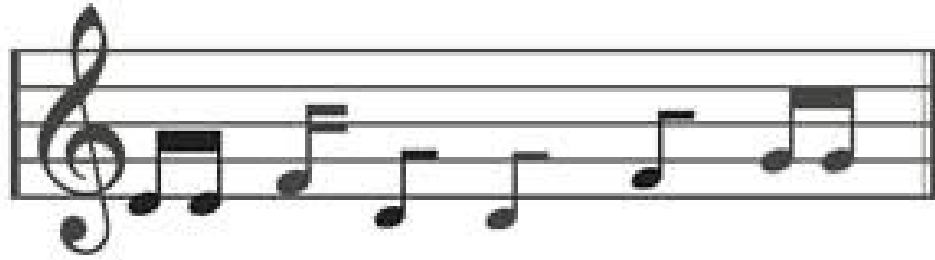


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**Friday 21 April 2023, 7:00pm**

**East Hoathly Church**

**Tickets £20.00**

Available from East Hoathly Village Stores or  
[villageconcerns2016@gmail.com](mailto:villageconcerns2016@gmail.com)

Doors open at 6:30pm

Pre-performance and interval  
drinks available



We have a special price for the school of £5.00 per ticket for  
children and £10.00 per ticket for accompanying adults.

# UCKFIELD NEARLY NEW SALE

@ UCKFIELD CIVIC CENTRE



**13th  
May  
10-1pm**



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£12 per table

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# GINGER'S EASTER ACTIVITY DAYS

## MUSICAL THEATRE DAY MONDAY 3RD APRIL 9.30AM - 3.00PM

Does your child love to sing and act?  
This is a day focused on just that with  
all things musical theatre!



## DANCE DAY WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 9.30AM - 3.00PM

A technical day with a  
focus on fun routines to all  
the latest tunes!

## ACTIVITY DAY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 9.30AM - 3.00PM

This day is an all round fun Easter themed  
day, with team building activities, arts and  
crafts and an Easter egg hunt!



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- BRASS BAND\*
- LOTS OF FOOD OPTIONS
- MEET THE PLAYERS!

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LET'S GET YOU JOINING THE  
BAND ON THE DAY!  
ALL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME!

