

East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

This is our final newsletter of the academic year and I wanted to say a huge well done to all of our children for their achievements this year.

It has been a pleasure being your Head of School and being able to celebrate all the milestones, learning and events across the year with you all.

I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck on the next part of their education journey and good luck to our staff, Mr Lulham, Mrs Fry and Mrs Healy, who are moving to other schools within the federation.

I would also like to wish Miss Williams a very happy wedding day and I am sure you will welcome her back in September, along with our new staff Mrs Briley, Mrs Seymour and Mrs Bastin, who will be great additions to the fantastic East Hoathly Community.

Thank you to all of our parents for your support across this year and to our brilliant FPTA for all the 'FUN'draising events they have hosted.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday, I will endeavour to visit with my new arrival in the autumn term.

Enjoy the summer, keep up the great work!

Mrs Whythe

SUMMER BREAK

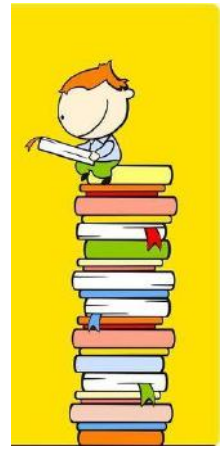


If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Mackmin in the school office.

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

Reading Books

As we are nearing the end of the school year, we are collecting in school reading books. Please can you check at home for any reading or library books that may need returning to school.



Big congratulations to our School Cook Bev who is Chartwells Employee of the Month. Well done Bev!

Menu Change

Please note there is a menu change on Thursday 20th July to fish fingers and chips or Quorn dippers and chips.

LUNCH
MENU
CHANGE

Hughes Education Charity

A massive thank you to the local charity, Hughes Education Charity, as they have paid for three of the Pioneer Federation Reception classes to go to the Aquarium this term.

This means around 45 children can all have an enriching educational experience and to no cost to the parents!



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: **98%**

Year: **94.9%**

Hedgehogs: **98.5%** Squirrels: **95.9%**

Foxes: **99.1%** Owls: **98.7%**

Well done, Foxes Class!



Forest School from September

As you are aware from our staffing letter Ms Munn has a new role from September.

We are pleased to be able to that share Abi Sharp, who the children know as 'Dormouse', will be leading forest school from September. She has been working alongside Ms Munn and has been at sessions with the children across this year so she is familiar with our school forest school sites and classes.

Please see below for Term 1 session dates:

Wednesday 13th September -Squirrels

Wednesday 20th September - Hedgehogs

Wednesday 27th September - Foxes

Wednesday 4th October - Owls

Wednesday 11th October - Nursery



September Staffing

We would like to remind you all of the staffing set up from September:

East Hoathly Staffing – 2023/24				
Mr James Procter	Executive Headteacher			
Mrs Alice Briley	Head of School			
Teachers				
<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Squirrels (Year 1/2)</u>	<u>Foxes (Year 3/4)</u>	<u>Owls (Year 5/6)</u>
Mrs Gaia May	Miss Kerri Howes	Mrs Kathryn Tucker	Mrs Becca Bastin	Mrs Pippa Seymour (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Alice Briley (Fri)
Support Staff				
<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Hedgehogs</u>	<u>Squirrels (Year 1/2)</u>	<u>Foxes (Year 3/4)</u>	<u>Owls (Year 5/6)</u>
Miss Fathom Walker Mrs Sophie Osborn	Miss Natalie Caddick	Mrs Julie Thompson (Mornings) Mrs Harriet Cousens (Afternoons)	Mrs Gaye Robinson (Mornings)	Mrs Harriet Cousens (Mornings)
Mrs Sian Leahy	Inclusion Manager			
Mrs Michelle Mackmin	Secretary			
Mrs Janette Wicks & Mrs Fran Wyllie	Federation Bursars			
Mrs Fiona Wills	Federation Finance Assistant			
Mrs Roberta Field	Midday Supervisory Assistant			
Mrs Sophie Osborn	Nursery Midday Supervisory Assistant			
Mrs Alex Thurman	Inclusion Manger Assistant			
Mr Jayden Brett	Active Education PE Coach			
Mrs Liz Smith	SEND TA			
Mr Marek Wysocki	Caretaker			



News from Nursery



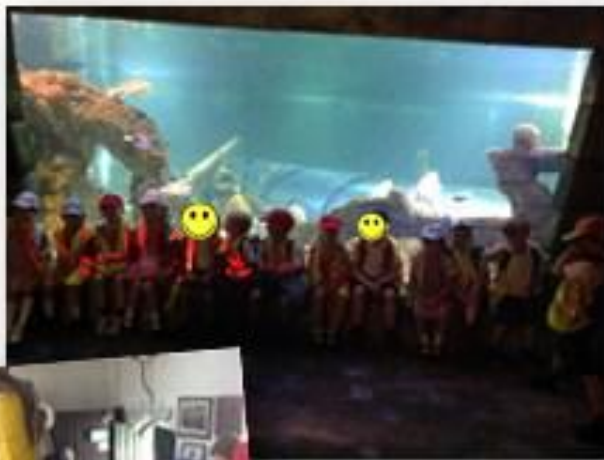
This week we have said goodbye to our Nursery leavers.
We wish them all the best for their journeys to primary school!

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Paflin, we wish her all the best in her
new adventures!

We have welcomed Mrs May to the Nursery team who is joining us for the
remainder of Miss Stubb's maternity leave. Welcome to East Hoathly Mrs May!



Our Trip to Hastings!



On Monday 10th July, Hedgehogs joined some of the children from the other Pioneer reception classes on a trip to Hastings Seaside. We arrived at Blue Reef aquarium where we got to see a huge variety of different ocean creatures such as sharks, seahorses and



stingrays! We had lunch together before setting off for the Fisherman's

museum. We got to see all of the different equipment and treasure which the fishermen of Hastings have used and collected over the years. We were also able to set foot onto a real fishing boat.



We took a walk further along the beach to the RNLI lifeboat station. The volunteers

were very helpful and told us all about the lifeboat, how they have changed over the years and how to keep safe near water.



We explored the beach for while, finding lots of different shells and pebbles, playing i-spy and granny's footsteps before heading home!

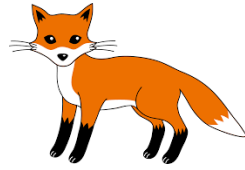
News from Squirrels Class



On Monday 3rd July, Squirrel Class went to the Science Observatory in Herstmonceux. First, the children took part in a building a bridge activity, where they had to work as a team. Next, they explored the exhibit corridor which had lots of interactive scientific displays. Afterwards, the class went to the telescopic dome to learn about the historical background of the observatory. At the end of the day, the children had chance to see play outside in the discovery park and water circuit. The children also very much enjoyed the 'Newton' show where they learnt about energy and different forces. A big thank you to all the adult helpers who kindly gave up their time to make the day happen.



News from Foxes Class



In our science this term, Foxes have been learning about sound and how we hear. Last week we explored pitch and learnt that pitch is a measure of how high or low a sound is. A whistle being blown creates a high-pitched sound. A rumble of thunder is an example of a low-pitched sound. You can change the pitch of a sound in different ways depending on the type of instrument you are playing. To help us explore this further the children used straws to create their own windpipes.



Summer Production

Over the past couple of weeks, Owls and Foxes have been fully immersed in preparing for the end of year production, *Treachery at Traitors Quay*. The play is set in the time of the second world war and focuses on a group of children, evacuated to a seaside town away from their families. The children become central to finding a spy within the community. Everyone soon discovers that the spy is far closer than anyone would have realised!

The children have worked so hard to learn their lines and listen to each other's cues for when to say their own.

The singing has been brilliant and the soloists have absolutely smashed their parts. Miss Williams and Mrs Fry would like to congratulate all children who took part and say a big thank you to families for the support given to help children learn their lines.



PALS Assembly

Last week we enjoyed sharing our learning from this term with our friends across the school.

"Dylan said - Oliver is proud of his diary writing."

Oliver said "Dylan made excellent progress in art skills with his Freda Carlo collage."

Annabelle explained - "Albie made progress with using watercolours in his art work."

Delilah was impressed with Sorrels's ICT work - a 3D bench and park!

NEWS FROM...



We would like to say a big well done and thank you to Charlie in Year 5 who has helped to raise over £150 towards helping our link school make payments towards their water bill, after he had heard it was temporarily turned off.

Well Done Charlie!

Mrs Briley will be joining the Mikute & East Hoathly Whatsapp so our work with the school can continue across next year.

Pioneer federation Football tournament

On Monday 17th of July, some of the Year 6 children and Miss Williams headed to Park Mead for a football tournament against the other Pioneer schools. The tournament began with a match against St Mary's where East Hoathly won! Secondly, a match against Park Mead which again East Hoathly won! Knowing that we were already in the final, we had match against Chiddingly – we were down 3-0 at half time but managed to pull it around to draw 3-3. We ended the day with a 1-0 win against Chiddingly in the final!



Farewell Year 6

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Year 6!
We are all incredibly proud of all the achievements you have made during your time at East Hoathly and it has been a privilege to watch you all grow into the most fantastic young people! We wish you all the very best for your journey to your new secondary schools and in all your new adventures!





Foxes Forest School - Wednesday 5th July

The last session of Forest School of the year brings a time of reflection. The whole class thought about their Forest School experience and its IMPACT on them this year. 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.

YOU - Has forest school affected how you feel about yourself and your well-being- If so how?

"Happy...it is good keeping active....adventurous... calm...free...happy"

NATURE - Has forest school affected how you feel about nature - if so how?

"It is fun...respect for nature....I like the birds...I like the animals that are in the woods"

LEARNING - What skills did you learn or develop this year at Forest School?

"I have learned how to make a fire"

"I have learned how to balance and not fall off the slack line"

"We learned how to make dandelion pancakes"

"Using a flint and steelwe learned fire safety, with red and green dragon"

What activities did you enjoy most or would like to do more of?

"I liked the hammock"

"Making a fire"

"I like playing the fox and rabbit game"

"I like playing 1,2,3 change tree"

"I like the slack line and making dens"

"Making sparks with the flint and steels"





What did you like about the woodland space and Forest School environments?

"I like the space, and the slack line we can use"

"I love seeing birds and it is peaceful"

"I like seeing birds"

"I like going to the woods...it is fun there."

We spent the first part recalling the importance of risk assessments and the things the children can do to make sure they are safe when learning about fire. Then the class then used fire strikers to ignite cotton wool from a spark. It took a lot of perseverance and persistence to use the fire strikers . It was great to see how the children were supporting and encouraging of each other, sharing tips, working together and taking turns really well. They are developing skills of patience, resilience, focus, perseverance and encouragement. So many of the children were successful at independently starting a fire by the end of the session.

Once the fire was going the class sorted some blackcurrants from their stems and leaves. We boiled up the berries to create some dye. This is a traditional ink used in the 1600s. The children then used the ink to tie dye the fabric, by wrapping it with string and practising tying knots. They turned out beautifully with some lovely colours and patterns!

There was time to explore the field and they really enjoyed playing in the willow dome and play independently around the field. Some children made some bug hotels with some bark they had found.

Then the Foxes class had a game of 'fox and rabbit' and had to work together as a team by creating a circular 'warren' to protect the rabbit from not getting tagged by the fox. Well done Foxes for a really busy week and a massive thank you to our volunteers who support the children and all of our Forest School experiences at East Hoathly.



Values Certificates

Hedgehogs Class - Finished for this year

Squirrels Class - Finished for this year

Fox Class - Finished for this year

Owl Class - Finished for this year



Headteachers Awards

Alexander

Dennis

Madeleine

Catherine

Ashton

George

Hugo D

Golden Broom

Owls Class



WELL DONE!

East Sussex School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	SEPTEMBER 2023					OCTOBER 2023					NOVEMBER 2023					DECEMBER 2023				
Monday	2 8	4	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	3	6	1	2	2	4	1	1	2		
Tuesday	2	5	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	7	1	2	2	5	1	1	2		
Wednesday	3	6	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	8	1	2	2	6	1	2	2		
Thursday	3	7	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	3	7	1	2	2		
Friday	1	8	1	2	2	6	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	0	1	8	1	2		
Saturday	2	9	1	2	3	7	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	2	9	1	2		
Sunday	3	0	7	4		1	8	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	3	0	7	4		
	JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY 2024					MARCH 2024					APRIL 2024				
Monday	1	8	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	8	1	2	2		
Tuesday	2	9	1	2	3	6	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	3		
Wednesday	3	0	7	4	1	7	1	2	2	6	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	0		
Thursday	4	1	1	2		1	8	1	2	7	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	4		
Friday	5	2	9	6		2	9	1	2	1	8	1	2	5	1	1	2	6		
Saturday	6	1	2	2		3	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	6	1	2	2	7		
Sunday	7	3	0	7		4	0	7	4	3	1	6	3	7	3	0	7	4		
	MAY 2024					JUNE 2024					JULY 2024					AUGUST 2024				
Monday	6	1	2	2	7	3	1	1	2	1	8	1	2	2	5	1	1	2		
Tuesday	7	1	2	2		4	1	1	2	2	9	1	2	3	6	1	2	2		
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Saturday	4	1	1	2		1	8	1	2	6	1	2	2	3	0	7	4	1		
Sunday	5	1	1	2		2	9	1	2	7	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	5		

KEY

Staff training (INSET day) Start of term for pupils End of term Public holiday School holiday

SUMMER

HOLIDAY

CAMP

24th, 25th & 26th
July 2023

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!
FROM ANY SCHOOL**

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what we have spent it on...

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School Trips	£1250	Nursery Bears	£1528	Interactive Whiteboard	£5816.47
Christmas Presents	£150.50	Growing Area	£1456.40	Whiteboard	£1198.90
16 Laptops	£4664	Malawi water	£160	Children's Kitchen Equipment	£145.05
9 iPads	£4664	Face Paints	£69.19	Oven & Hob	£31.92
				£0 (donation)	
				National Trust	Membership
				FPTA Shed	£1100
					£101.35

Holiday Clubs

Free Holidays and Food places at Laughton Village Hall this summer

[Lilley Lovett Theatre Group](#) has FREE places for their summer camp for those that qualify for Holidays and Food (either in receipt of free school meals, a SEND for your child or if your child is fostered).

[The Jungle Book Summer Camp](#) is running from the 14th - 16th August from 10am - 3pm at Laughton Village Hall for children aged 5 - 11. You can find out more about the mentor for the summer camp, Claude Lovett and book your space [here](#).

There will be lots of games, singing, acting and fun, but if you want to find out more, Claude will happily have a chat with you on 07889 000089.

Holiday food and fun is back this summer!

This DfE funded programme offers a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#).

All sessions include a healthy meal and are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. A smaller number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Disabled, those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), those with other special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or on the disability register.
- Young Carers
- Have a disabled sibling
- Referred to the School Mental Health Teams
- Gypsy, Roma & Traveller
- Supported by "Family Focus"/"Troubled Families" services
- Children in Need (CiN), children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
- Ukrainian Guests

There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Best regards

The HAF team

Children's Services





All Abroad! Bus Summer Holiday clubs 2023

Cooking, feasting, crafts,
languages, culture, music &
other fun from abroad.

"In The Alps"

24-27th July

via Glynde
@ Glynde Reading Room
(a few minutes from Glynde station)

"By The Med"

31st July-3rd August

via Seaford
@ Mercread Youth centre
(a few minutes from Seaford station)



For more info and
bookings scan here:



<https://eequ.org/allabroadbus/> / allabroadbus@gmail.com



places for children eligible
for benefits-related free
school meals and other
criteria #HAF2023.



FREE for families receiving
benefits-related free school meals.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Ready, Set Read!
Starts 8 July 2023 Ends 9 September 2023

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part nationally improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 8th July and end on Saturday 9th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Read, Set Read! children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can [join online](#) and have your cards posted to you. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

[1] The Reading Agency (2022) [Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report](#)



GET IN TOUCH

If you think your child would benefit from these sessions and enjoy a low demand environment to learn new skills, please get in touch.

www.uckfieldrugby.uk

hello@uckfieldrugby.uk



OUR DIFFERENCE?

Sessions are shorter than mainstream training sessions.

Short activities during the sessions are demand-free – there is no pressure for team members to participate in anything that they don't want to.

Sessions are held during 'quiet' sessions at the club (or an alternative indoor venue)

Parents stay to support their child during the session.



Mighty Oaks

An inclusive rugby group for children ages 5-18



ABOUT

Gentle exercise, adaptable activities, supported social interaction and lots of smiles, that is the aim of Uckfield Rugby Club's newest venture.

The Mighty Oaks are a newly created group, specifically designed to allow children of all ages with any additional needs or vulnerabilities to access rugby in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

Run by qualified coaches and teachers and supervised by education and safeguarding specialists, the Mighty Oaks rugby sessions are open to any child who would benefit from a different style of rugby training.

Sessions are suitable for children aged 5-18 who may find social scenarios difficult, struggle with anxiety or mental health challenges, have a diagnosed need of any kind or find accessing activities with larger groups of children difficult.

(Please note – a diagnosis of additional need is not required for a child to attend the session.)

WHY US?

1 x hour sessions each month

Free Of Charge

DBS-checked, qualified coaches and teachers with experience of supporting children with a range of needs and vulnerabilities.

Non-contact, fun activities which teach children basic ball skills, teamwork and foundations of rugby.

A potential gateway to allow some children to go on to access mainstream rugby sessions.

A supportive and encouraging environment for children and parents.

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