

# East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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# NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

At the end of another productive week, we have been reflecting on our Christian Value of Thankfulness. At this Harvest time of year, we spend time thinking of those who do not have enough to eat or a shelter over their heads. As we begin to prepare for our Harvest Festival on 12th October, we have been offering our prayers in school and in our classes for those in need.

Your children will likely begin to share some information about their Harvest festival class performances - we look forward to sharing them with you all on 12th October.

This week Foxes class have been busy with their swimming lessons, Owls have been getting creative at Forest school, Squirrels have been learning about the book 'Monkey Puzzle' and Hedgehogs have been enjoying getting muddy in their mud kitchen.

Have a wonderful weekend, to all families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

Mrs Tucker



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.

## Letters Sent Home

### This Week

Nursery - Head Lice

All - Google Consent Forms for our School Dog and Photo Permissions.

## Open Afternoon

On Thursday 19th October, we would like to welcome all families to come and see your child's learning from term 1. The school will be open from 2.30pm - 3.30pm for you to pop along to the classrooms. You may come at a time convenient to you during this hour. When you have looked at your child's learning you may take your child home. Please see your class teacher who will tick off on the register that you are taking your child home. If you can't make this afternoon, please collect your child at normal time of 3.15pm. Clubs will still be happening on that afternoon.

## Dogs on Playground

Just a reminder that apart from Tilly our School Dog, dogs are not permitted on the school premises. This includes any dogs or other animals that are carried.



## Key Dates

### October 2023

- 09/10 - Open Afternoon
- 10/10 - Foxes Class Swimming
- 12/10 - Harvest Festival
- 17/10 - School Photos
- 18/10 - Coffee morning
- 19/10 - Open Afternoon
- 20/10 - End of term 1

## Open Days

For families looking for a reception place for September 2024 please visit us on one of the following open days:

- Monday 9th Oct - 1.30pm
- Tuesday 31st Oct - 10.00am
- Thursday 16th Nov - 6.00pm

[Click here to book a place](#)



## Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 18th October from 9.00 - 10.00am, Mrs Briley will be holding a coffee morning for parents. Please pop in if you would like to just say hello or to discuss any queries you might have.



# Celebration Assembly

On Friday 28th September these children received a values certificate:

Caterpillars & Butterflies -

Hedgehogs—Sean

Squirrels - Finn & Rae

Foxes - Jacob & Mary

Owls - Alex & Sara



On Friday 5th October these children received a values certificate:

Caterpillars & Butterflies - Arthur

Hedgehogs - Esme

Squirrels - Harry & Maya

Foxes - Carmella & Sorrel

Owls - Charlie & Hugo



## 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: 96.2%

Year: 96.1%

Hedgehogs: 97.5% Squirrels: 93.3%

Foxes: 97.9% Owls: 97.5%

Well done, Foxes Class!



## FPTA News



This week we have had our AGM and have a newly appointed Chair - Ami Brown, Secretary - Victoria Crick and we will be calling an EGM to appoint a treasurer within the next 14 days. The minutes for the AGM are available on request.

All are welcome to attend the EGM and we look forward to working with families to raise funds for the children, any questions or ideas please do come and see us!

## Upcoming FPTA Dates

Own Clothes Day - Friday 20th October

Own Clothes Day - Friday 3rd November

Own Clothes Day - Friday 1st December

Wreath Making - 2nd December

Christmas Fair - 8th December





# News from Nursery



Our Nursery classes have had a name change, from this week Ducklings will now be known as Caterpillars and Rabbits will now be known as Butterflies!



We have had such a fun week in Caterpillars and Butterflies.

We have been working hard on our Harvest song and creating art work to go with it! The children have been reading the book "My mum and dad make me laugh" and using this to help us discuss what's the same and what's different!

We have been exploring stripes and spots and looking at where these can be found in real life! We have been looking at our school values and thinking about how we can show our class we love them! Thank you to everyone who has sent in family photos the children love seeing them and talking about their families!



Please note that our main school gate cannot be accessed between 12.25pm-12.35pm. Please ensure Nursery pick ups take place before this time frame.



# News from Hedgehogs Class



Over the past two weeks, Hedgehogs have been exploring their local area, where they live and where they go to school. We investigated map making and used our trip around the village and to the local park to inspire us! We thought very carefully about the journey we took, the places we saw on the way and how we walked..

"We went through the gate!"

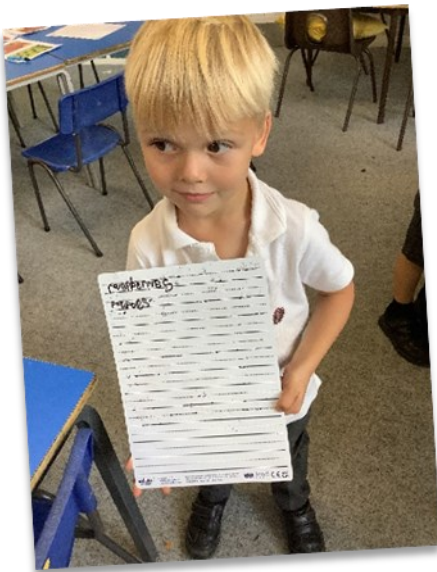
"We went under the shelter"



# News from Squirrels Class



This week Squirrels class having been thinking about Harvest in preparation for our service next week. They created drawings inspired by different fruits and vegetables, learnt and wrote the names of fruits and vegetables and created fruits and vegetables out of play doh. They look forward to sharing their learning with you during our Harvest Service on Thursday.

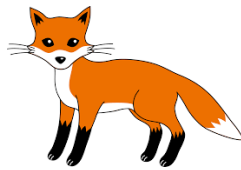


## Student teacher in Squirrels Class:

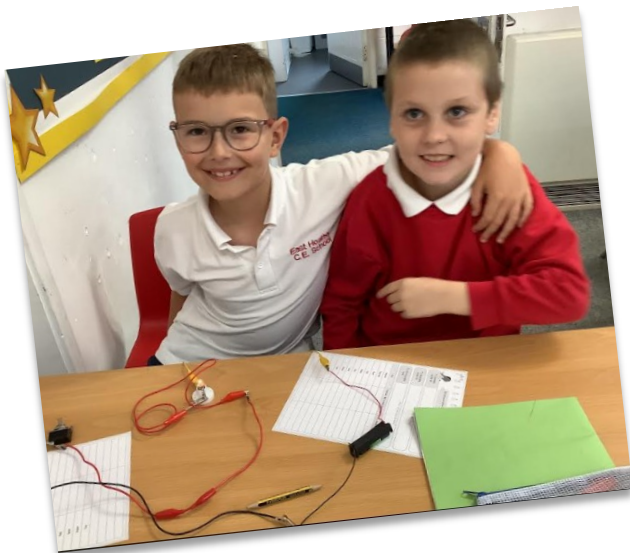
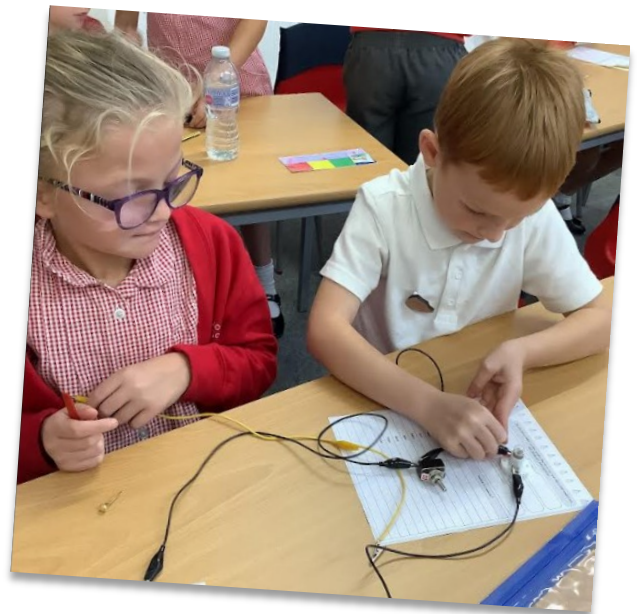
This week, Squirrels welcomes Miss Goymer to their class. She is a third year Sussex University trainee teacher who will be with us till the half term then again in January. She is looking forward to meeting all the East Hoathly families and supporting the children with their learning.



# News from Foxes Class



Foxes have continued working really hard on their science focus - electricity. This week, we have been testing different materials and seeing whether they are conductors and insulators. The children were fantastic at making predictions of whether they thought adding an item into their circuits (which they are now pros at making!) would allow the electricity through the bulb to light up. Over the next two weeks, we will be making our light boxes so if you have not yet sent in a cardboard box to make this, please do by next Monday so the children are able to start straight away!

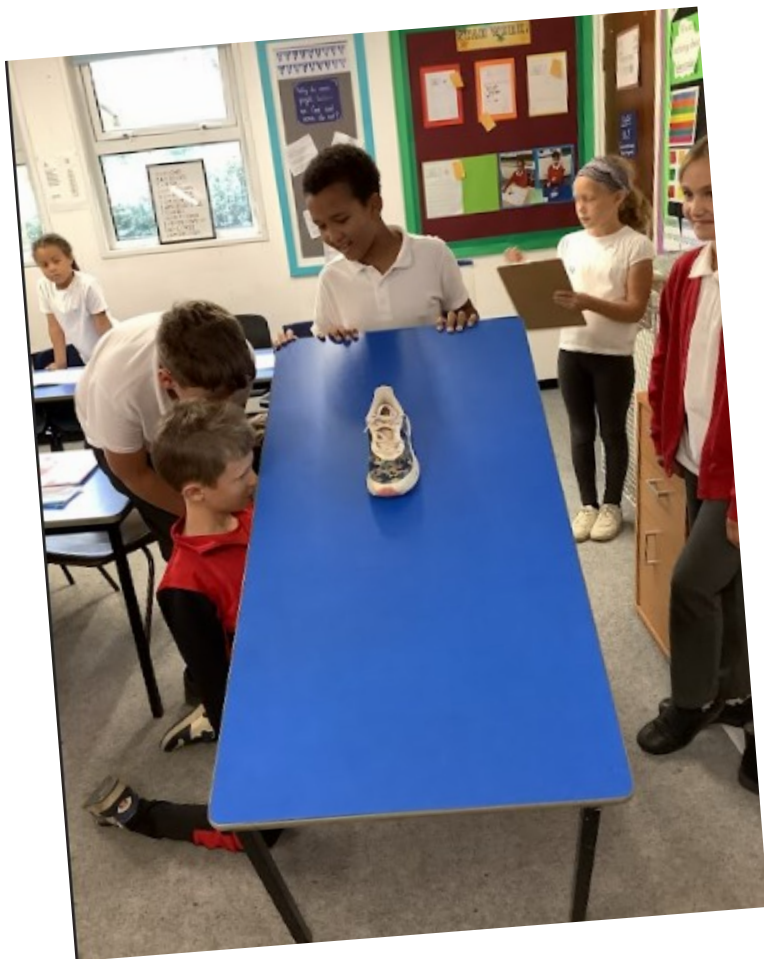




# News from Owls Class



Owls were exploring friction in science last week - their investigation involved testing different shoes to see which provided the best grip!





## Foxes Forest School - Wednesday 27th September 2023

We talked as a group about the rules that we have at forest school to keep up safe, they were all very good at remembering them.

We then headed out to start our session with a game of Foxes and Rabbits; we had some very fast Rabbits making it a tough job for the Foxes to catch them.

Some of the children worked to clear the fire pit of cut grass in preparation for our fire. They then worked together, to gather up fire wood and laid the fire ready. Some children then used a striker to light some cotton wool to add to our fire; with some great perseverance they were successful. They then cored many apples, sprinkled them with cinnamon and sugar and wrapped them in foil. These were then placed on the fire to cook. The result was very popular with many coming back for seconds.

Foxes worked really well together to make some tarpaulin shelters. Working out where was best to use rope and where was best to use pegs. They then hid inside their dens while a bowl of water was thrown over it to see how waterproof it was. Their dens were pretty waterproof; however their lookout towers (trees next to their dens) were not so waterproof so we did end up with some very soggy children.

Some beautiful paper Ladybirds were created and placed on a stick of willow so that they could be flown around the field.

We finished off the session by sitting round the fire circle telling each other what we had enjoyed at Forest School today.

"I liked getting wet"

"I liked the apples"

"Helping to make the fire"









## Owls Forest School - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

We started our Forest School today with a little walk to collect some wood ready for a fire. The children worked really well together finding the sticks and passing them back down the line to the trolley. It wasn't long before it was full and we headed back.

We had a game of Foxes and Rabbits, very fast foxes today as they always caught their rabbit.

Some of the children worked together to prepare the fire ready for lighting, big sticks at the bottom working up to smaller ones at the top. Then some children used a striker to light some cotton wool to add to the fire. I was impressed at how they did not give up until they had succeeded. And how other members of the class helped those that were finding it a little tricky, great team work Owls. They then cored many apples, sprinkled them with cinnamon and sugar and wrapped them in foil. These were then placed on the fire to cook. The result was a very popular with many coming back for seconds "wow, they're yummy".

Owls worked very well together to make a tarpaulin shelter. They used the goals as a frame in the hope that this would add the strength needed for their den to pass the waterproof test. They then all hid inside the den while a bowl of water was thrown over it to see how waterproof it was. Their dens were pretty waterproof until the water pooled taking out one half of the roof, leaving some slightly soggy children.

Some beautiful leaf rubbings were created using charcoal and pastels.

We finished off the session by standing in a circle telling each other what we had enjoyed at Forest School today.

"Den building"

"Leaf art"

"Eating apples"





## October 2023

12/10 - Harvest Festival

17/10 - School Photos - Individual/  
Sibling

20/10 - End of term 1

30/10 - Term 2 starts

## November 2023

13/11 - Anti Bullying Week

## December 2023

2/12 - Wreath Making

8/12 - Christmas Fair

12/12 - Nativity - 1.30pm

13/12 - Nativity - 9.30am

13/12 - Christmas Lunch

15/12 - Christingle Service - 2.00pm/  
End of term 2

## January 2024

2/1 - INSET Day

3/1 - Term 3 starts

## February 2024

8/2—FGB Meeting

## March 2024

9/2 - End of term 3

19/2 - Term 4 starts

7/3 - World Book Day

25/3 - FGB Meeting

28/3 - Easter Service/ End of term 4

## April 2024

15/4 - Term 5 starts

## May 2024

6/5 - Bank Holiday

13/5—KS2 SATS

21/5 - FGB Meeting

24/5 - End of term 5

27/5 - Bank Holiday

## June 2024

3/6 - INSET Day

4/6 - Term 6 starts

24/6 - Sports Day

4/6 - Term 6 starts

## July 2024

22/7 - Leavers Service/ End of term 6

23/7 - INSET day



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

### 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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## Are you a parent or carer?

Do you have any questions or want some advice, tips or ideas to help you support your child ?

Come along to Park Mead for coffee, and an informal chat with Vickie who is a parent/carer practitioner from me & my mind.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15-10.45- **Anxiety and Worry**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.15- 10.45- **Sleep, food and mood**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 - 10.45- **Transitions**

For more information, please speak to Sian Leahy  
**SENCO**

## WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



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PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

- 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)

Sussex CAMHS and Partner Organisations are offering a rolling programme of webinars for parents/carers who are supporting children and young people with their mental health

Each webinar will take place at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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# CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions

East Sussex  
County Council



Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session. There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of autism and change.

**18 September, Westfield Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm**

**20 September, St Thomas a Beckett Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am**

**27 September, Peacehaven Community School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**28 September, Willingdon Primary School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**4 October, Robertsbridge Secondary School, 9:15am to 10:45am**

**19 October, Telscombe Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm**

***No need to book just turn up***



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