

East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

Church Marks Lane, East Hoathly, Lewes BN8 6EQ



NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 7 FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023

Dear East Hoathly Families,

What a fabulous term we have had! The children have all worked incredibly hard. A huge thank you to our FPTA for all the fundraising they have done this term - this is such an important part of our school to ensure children have the best experiences.

All children have been involved in our Christmas celebrations and I am so proud of each and every one of them. We finished the term with joy from the amazing Nativity and the Christingle service.

And finally, a huge thank you all our parents for all that you do to support the school.

From all the staff

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Briley



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.

Breakfast Club

We would like to gauge interest in starting a 'Breakfast Club' from 8.00-8.40 Monday - Friday in term time potentially starting from Term 4. Please note this is a consultation at this stage.

If you would be interested, please complete the Google Form via the following link - [Click here for Google Form](#)



School Uniform Reminder

It has been noticed that a number of pupils are wearing trainers when it is not a PE day. Please ensure that black shoes are worn to school. If children would like to bring in trainers to wear at break and lunch time to play football, please bring them in a named bag to change into.

We also currently have lots of jumpers in school which are unnamed, please ensure your child's name is in all uniform.



Key Dates

January 2024

2/1 - INSET Day

3/1 - Term 3 starts

FPTA



Dear all,

The current trustees of the FPTA are unable to continue due to a combination of no treasurer, dwindling trustee numbers and work / life commitments mean that the continuation of the FPTA is not possible in its current form.

As such, it would seem appropriate to pause the FPTA and distribute the funds raised to date to the school. Mrs Briley will work with parents and school community to relaunch a PTA in the summer.

The FPTA need to give 21 days notice of the intention to dissolve the FPTA in its current form and therefore a formal EGM will be held on 11 January at the King's Head at 7pm to do this.

Mrs Briley and the school team would like to thank all the present members of the FPTA for everything they have done for the school community and we look forward to a relaunched PTA in 2024.

The FPTA

Celebration Assembly

On Friday 8th December these children received a values certificate:

Hedgehogs - Ellana

Squirrels - Daisy and Maya

Foxes - Stanley and Joseph

Owls - Paddy & Kenzie



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: **90.5%**

Year: **95.4%**

Hedgehogs: **82.2%** Squirrels: **92.5%**

Foxes: **92.9%** Owls: **89.2%**

Well done, Foxes Class!

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold



School Dogs

Tilly has been visiting children in Foxes Class this term. Foxes have enjoyed reading her stories and spending time with Tilly. We have loved seeing Tilly in her festive outfits!



This is Olive she is a new 'Federation Dog'. She is fully registered and insured with Canine Concern (same as Tilly) and may be seen popping up in schools across the federation in the new year. Welcome Olive!



WELCOME!

A colorful banner with various patterns and colors, including red, blue, green, and yellow, hanging below the text.



News from Nursery



This week in Nursery, we have had lots of fun taking part in many Christmas activities. We also took part in our first Nativity, we all had a great time performing to our families and friends.



News from Hedgehogs Class



Over the past term, Nursery, Hedgehogs and Squirrels have been working hard, practicing their Nativity! They have been incredibly patient and resilient with the numerous rehearsals and singing practices we have been taking part in. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for your support with practising lines, sourcing costumes and being a fabulous audience for KS1! We think they did amazingly well!



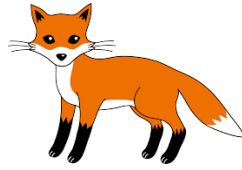
News from Squirrels Class



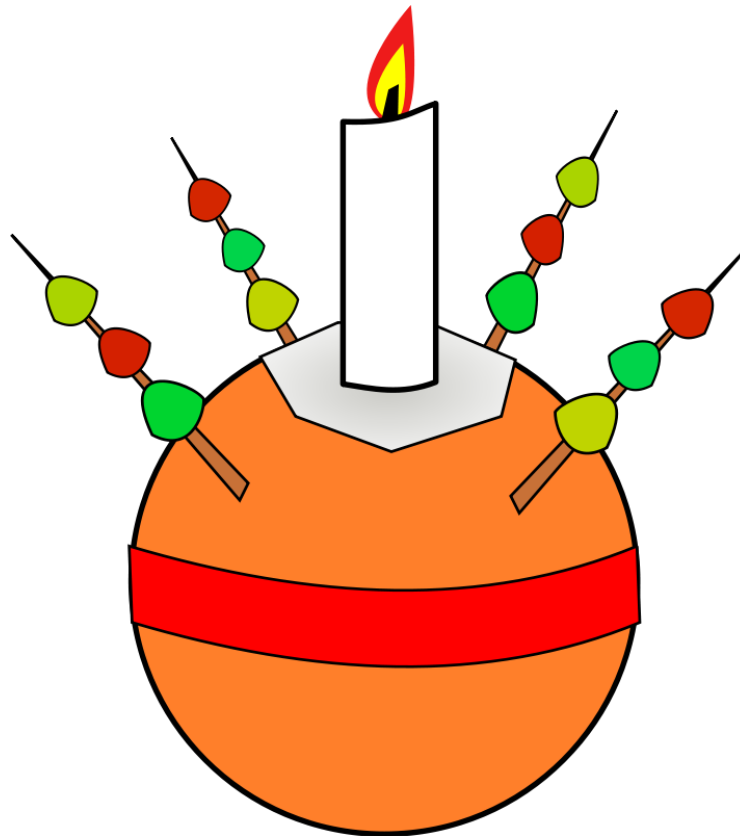
This week, Squirrel's class were very excited for their Christmas lunch. They spent time carefully making hats to wear; they created reindeer hats and Christmas inspired head wear. They really enjoyed it. The lunch was delicious with pigs in blankets, roast potatoes and of course Turkey. Thank you very much Bev for a lovely lunch and Bobby for always helping us in the lunchhall!



News from Foxes Class



This week Foxes have been practicing and getting ready for our Christingle service. We have learnt about the meaning of the Christingle which Father James taught us about in our service on Friday. We made enormous Christmas hats for our Christmas Lunch which we enjoyed immensely. We hope you all have a wonder Christmas!



News from Owls Class



Owls celebrated the end of term with a fabulously festive Christmas party on Thursday afternoon! The children took full ownership of their celebrations, including table decorations, refreshments and entertainment.

Awards:

Most beautifully decorated table: Sophie CS, Maisy and Kenzie

Most organised contributor: Alex

Best range of activities: Delilah and Sara

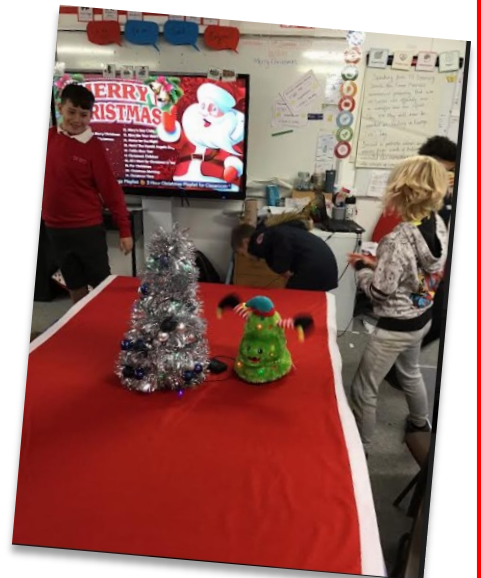
Best dressed: Lily and Grace

Best homemade snacks: Oscar (I must get the recipe for those cookies, Mum and Dad!)

Thank you to everyone for sending in amazing things so that everyone could get into the party spirit. Many thanks also for the generous Christmas presents - Mrs Thompson and I are feeling very spoiled indeed!

We have also been getting crafty at the top of the school: I'm sure you'll agree that our Christmas gongs stole the show at the Christmas Fayre, and we hope you'll love our handmade Christmas cards too.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, everyone! :)



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Festive Fun Run

A massive thank you to all the parents, carers, friends, and family who did an amazing job in sponsoring your children of East Hoathly Primary School for our Festive Fun Run.

We raised an amazing **£155** which will be put towards our brand new sports kits.


We hope that all the children enjoyed the event and look forward to our Easter Fun Run in term 4!



£155 THANK YOU!

A huge well done to Joseph and Delilah who were our lucky trainers winners!





East Hoathly Pupil Leaders

At East Hoathly, there are 15 children across the school which hold a Pupil Leadership post. These are split into Pupil Governors & RE council, and Librarians.

There are 6 Pupil Governors at East Hoathly, with one child from each year group in KS1 & KS2.



They are responsible for helping make decisions about our school, events and fundraising. Each child also holds a secondary role as RE Council.

RE council help embed the vision and values within the school community. They consider how the decisions made at school reflect our values.

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

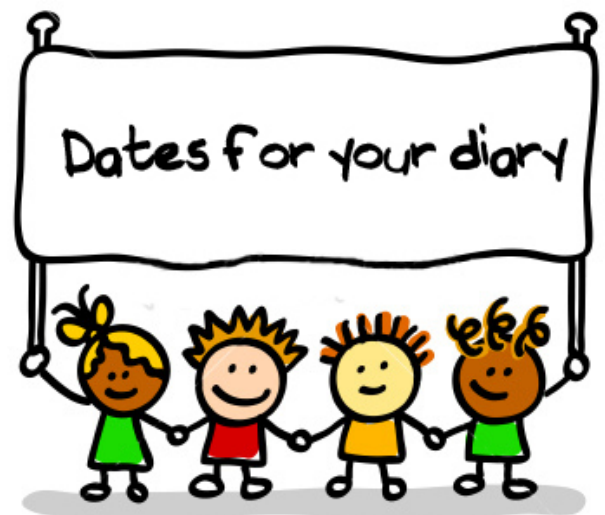
24/6 - Sports Day

4/6 - Term 6 starts

July 2024

22/7 - Leavers Service/ End of term 6

23/7 - INSET day



Healthy Habits is coming to a venue near you!

If you would like support to eat well and get more active as a family, come and join us for a free, fun programme in the New Year!

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CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY

CAMP

**18th, 19th & 20th
December 2023
Park Mead Primary
School, BN27 3QP**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME
FROM ANY SCHOOL!**

**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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Club Flyer

Type of Club:

Christmas Holiday Camp

Activity:

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

Where:

Park Mead Primary School
BN27 3QP

Date:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
18th, 19th, and 20th December 2023
3 Days

Time:

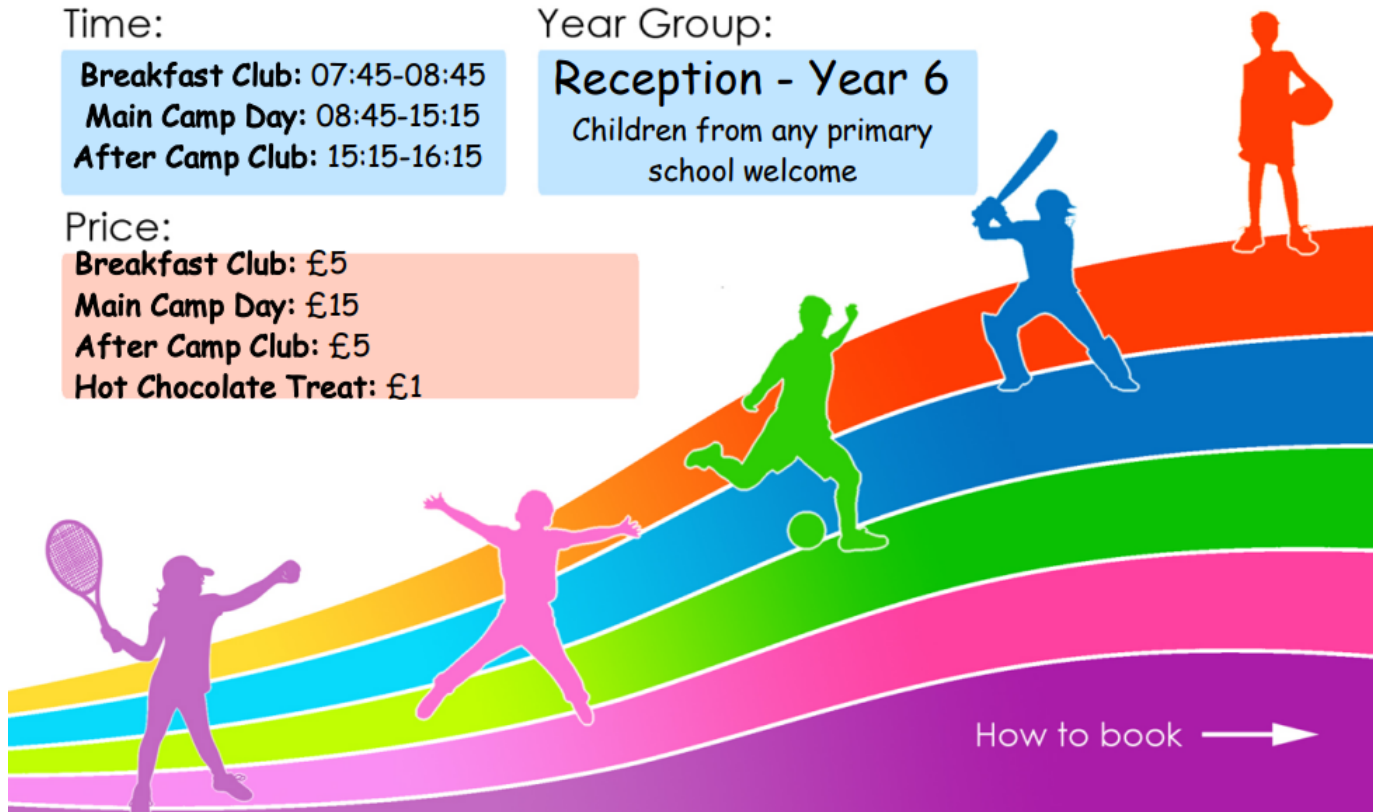
Breakfast Club: 07:45-08:45
Main Camp Day: 08:45-15:15
After Camp Club: 15:15-16:15

Year Group:

Reception - Year 6
Children from any primary
school welcome

Price:

Breakfast Club: £5
Main Camp Day: £15
After Camp Club: £5
Hot Chocolate Treat: £1





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 8th Nov 9.15- 10.45- Anxiety and Worry~~

Wednesday 13th March 9.15- 10.45- **Sleep, food and mood**

Wednesday 10th 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



FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

- ~~19TH OCTOBER~~ ~~ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)~~
- ~~8TH NOVEMBER~~ ~~BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE~~
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH 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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Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars#/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Parent & Carer



Online Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing?

If you do, these FREE webinars maybe for you.

Primary School

Supporting Your Child with Anxiety & Worry

~~Tuesday 31st October 2023, 12pm to 1:30pm~~

Thursday 8th February 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

Supporting Your Child with Transition to Secondary

Wednesday 12th June 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

Secondary School

Supporting Your Child with Anxiety & Worry

~~Wednesday 8th November 2023, 6pm to 7:30pm~~

Thursday 29th February, 12pm to 1:30pm

Supporting Your Child with Exam Stress

Thursday 21st March 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 18th April 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation

If you have any questions please email
mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk



All webinars are run using Microsoft Teams. You can access this on your phone or computer. You will be provided with the link when you book.



CLASS+

Coffee & Chat Sessions



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 *Sensory Difference*.

7 November, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

8 November, Sidley Family Hub, 9:30am to 11:00am

9 November, Silverdale Perth Road, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

14 November, East Hoathly Church, 9:00am to 10:30am

16 November, Chailey Saint Peter's, 9:00am to 10:30am

29 November, St Mary's Hartfield, 9:00am to 10:30am

30 November, Laughton, 9:00am to 10:30am

5 December, Hailsham Family Hub, 1:00pm to 2:30pm

6 December, Breakwater High Street, 9:00am to 10:30am

7 December, Sidley Family Hub, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

No need to book just turn up



CUES

Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations

Is your child experiencing feelings of anxiety? Are you looking for information on how to help them? CUES is a training course for parent/carers to support their children with feelings of anxiety they are experiencing.



If this is something you would be interested in attending, please click on the link below or use the QR code for more information and to complete a short questionnaire about where and when you can attend.

[Click here](#) to answer the questions and register your interest or use [QR code](#).

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“Breath of fresh air”

“A community of parents”

“Helping you to deal with your child”



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MONDAY 18 DEC

MEGA GAMES, SNOW MAKING, S'MORES & PAINT MURAL

We love to play! A day of mega games, woodland adventure & a wild time as we toast s'mores around the campfire to recharge between mega games. There'll be a 'snow' ball making session before we come together to design a massive Paint Gun Mural!

TUESDAY 19 DEC

NEW MINECRAFT DAY WITH TOOLS & MODEL WORKSHOP

The kids will be building & maintaining their village using bushcraft equipment, while earning reward pixels & protecting their village from the Creeper! They will have to collect their elements & using the crafting table build their tools, before our Minecraft paper pixel character modelling workshop

WEDNESDAY 20 DEC

DROP PANCAKES, S'MORES, PINE NEEDLE TEA & WAX LEAF DIPPING

Gather round for a day of cookout Christmas Edition! We will make our own drop pancakes, toast S'mores, master the art of brewing pine needle tea & make leaf wax dipping decorations for the tree – Festive fun!

THURSDAY 21 DEC

XMAS CRAFTS: BIRD FEEDERS, EMBROIDERY ART & CANDY CANE HUNT

Today we'll be enjoying a wintery Christmas craft day appreciating the beautiful season of winter. We'll be helping our feathered friends out as we craft some bird feeders. We'll create our own floss embroidery art & there'll be a hunt for the candy canes Santa's elves have left out for us!

FRIDAY 22 DEC

BAD SANTA & SNOWBALL NERF: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, with tactical & team-based Nerf games. There's an imposter dressed as Santa & he's out to steal Christmas – we need help to save our stockings! Come along for battling Bad Santa & a game of Snowball Assault. (Due to the more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended).



For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

East Sussex Concert Band

conducted by Jonathan Bailey

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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