

Park Mead Newsletter

Dear Park Mead families,

As March is upon us, we start to look forward to longer days and better weather.

Our new learning topics are underway in all classrooms and I hope you have had an opportunity to read the term 4 curriculum newsletter letter which was sent out last week.

We end this week with 'World Book Day' and on Friday 17th March we celebrate Red Nose Day.

Behind the scenes we have been busy developing our new Park Mead 'Vision and Values' which will be shared with you soon. A 'Vision and Values' launch project is currently being organised in collaboration with a Southdowns Arts project which will take place in June. We will keep you updated on this.

Park Mead are hosting the Hailsham Rotary Club Quiz competition next week so good luck to all our contestants!

Parents consultation evenings are next week so please make sure you use this opportunity to book a time to see your child/ren's teacher.

Please could I draw your attention to the online safety support and information within this newsletter.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs West

Friends of Park Mead

The Friends of Park Mead have very kindly offered to fund and present each of the children with their very own commemorative Coronation Bookmark in our Park Mead colours!



If you, or your friends and family, would like to order an additional bookmark, they are available to purchase via ParentPay at the cost of £2.30 each.

The cut off date for ordering additional bookmarks is Friday **31 March 2023.**



Executive Head Teacher: Mr James Procter Chair of Governors: Mr Alan Brundle

Online Safety

KCSIE 2022

ONLINE SAFETY POSTER

KCSIE 2022 Part 2: The Management of Safeguarding states that it is essential that children are safeguarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. Education establishments need an effective whole school approach to online safety which protects and educates students and staff in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in, and escalate any concerns where appropriate.

CONCERNS INVOLVING ONLINE SAFETY HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR AREAS OF RISK



Conduct

Online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images such as consensual and nonconsensual sharing of nudes, sharing other explicit images and online bullying.



Contact

Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; such as peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.



Content

Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation, and extremism.



Commerce

Risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams. If you feel your pupils, students or staff are at risk, please report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group.



For more information on KCSIE 2022 or online safety visit: thesafeguardingcompany.com/KCSIE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted — it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



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SCAMS

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

ENABLING FAKE NEWS



POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

LOCATION SHARING







Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are "everyone", 'my contacts' and 'nobody'—choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING 🐖

If your child receives spam or affensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chot. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered Blocking sameone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an aunknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or it it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhotsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; If they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

CHECK THE FACTS



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kour is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital fieracy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web







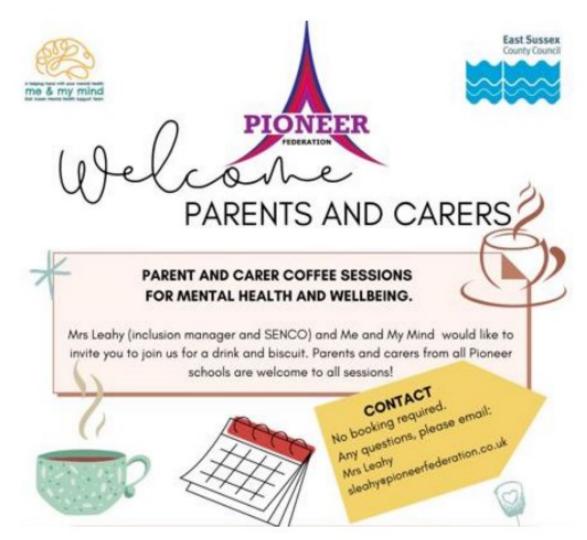


www.nationalonlinesafety.com









Introduction to our new Parent/Carer Practioner Vickie Pelling who works with Park Mead

Would you like to know how to help your child more with their fears and worries? Or maybe you'd like help with something else like getting them to go to sleep or to go to school? Vickie, one of the parenting practitioner's from the 'Me & My Mind Team', would like to set up some sessions at the school to help parents and carers with supporting their child's emotional wellbeing, but first would like to know what would be most valuable for you and your child just now.

Please click this link to complete a short survey.

Vickie Pelling - Parent & Carer Practitioner for Park Mead Primary, Mental Health Support Teams

Updated Dates for Spring and Summer 2023:

3 March 2023 - 'The Thrive Approach and Zones of Regulation' - 2-3pm at Chiddingly Primary School

25 April 2023 - Topic to be confirmed (let Mrs Leahy know of any requests) - 2-3pm at St Marys

16 May 2023 - 'Supporting Adult Mental Health in Adult Mental Health Week' - 2-3pm at Park Mead

4 July 2023 - 'Transitions - between classes and between schools' - 2-3pm at Park Mead

Amaze Face 2 Face



CUPPA, CAKE & CHAT HAILSHAM

For parents of children and young people with SEND in East Sussex

Join us in person and meet other parent carers in your area for a cuppa, cake and chat. These groups are intended as a special space for parent carers only; Face 2 Face also offer WhatsApp and virtual groups for parents who can't come to the Cuppa, Cake & Chats, for example if you don't have any childcare.

This group will sometimes have an emphasis on children or young people with a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ASC, ADHD or dyslexia.

Refreshments are provided.

12:30-2:30pm on Tues 31 Jan, Tues 28 Feb & Tues 28 March

Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham, BN27 3JZ



Diary

March

2—World Book Day

7—Parent Consultations

9—Parent Consultations

10—Willows 1st Swimming Lesson

15—Oaks Preston Manor/Booth Museum

17—Red Nose Day (Mufti—wear something red)

31—Easter Fun Run / Friends Easter Egg Hunt

31—Last Day of Term 4

Weekly Events:

Monday—After School Sports Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday—Drumming Lessons

Thursday—Piano Lessons

Thursday—Golden Assembly

Friday—Guitar Lessons

April

17—1st Day of Term 5

May

1—Bank Holiday

8—Bank Holiday (Coronation)

15—Mental Health Awareness Week

16—Parents Coffee Afternoon (2-3pm)

Theme—Adult Mental Health Week

17—Group School Photos

26-Last Day of Term 5



<u>June</u>

5—Inset Day

6—1st Day of Term 6

13—Year 5 Bikeability

July

4—Parent Coffee Afternoon (2-3pm)

Theme—Transition

7—Sports Day

14—Reserve Sports Day

14—School Reports

18—Leavers Assembly

20- Last Day of Term 6

21– Inset Day

Changes to Key Stage 2 Dates

An additional Bank Holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023.

As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 Key Stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary. Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned.

As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)
 papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

News from Willows

In Willow's the children have been exploring the different tuff trays. We had one full of water and sea

creatures. Rory said to me "turtles sometimes come onto land to lay their eggs".

Another tray was full of flour and tools so that the children could use their fine motor skills to make patterns and shapes. They were scooping, cutting,

pushing and piling the flour.



Goldilocks, punched holes around the edge and then threaded string through.

The children were also using puppets to retell the story using different exciting voices.





News from Chestnuts

Welcome to Term 4!

We kicked off our Meerkat Mail topic with a class trip to Drusillas - thanks to all parents and carers who helped to make the trip a success! The children had a great time exploring the zoo (and the rides!) and we were lucky enough to have a hands on experience learning about some of the animals that they keep there.

In English the children have been looking at story mapping and using the new vocabulary they have gained through the Meerkat Mail text.

Whilst in art we have started to explore the technique of collage - if you have any scrap paper, string, old stamps, brown packaging, please do feel free to send it in with your children as we will be turning it in to something wonderful in the next few weeks!





Chestnuts Visit to Drusillas—Thursday 9 February 2023













News from Maples

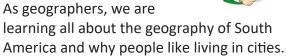
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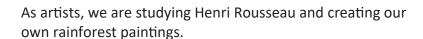


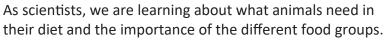


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Maples have started their new maths topic











News from Oaks

In Oaks, we have been learning about Space and the planets. The children worked in groups to jot down facts about the planets in the solar system. They also made up mnemonics to help them remember the planets in order. We had a Harry Potter theme!



Awards KS1

Willows

Hugo—Aiming High
Zachery—Aiming High
Evelyn—Skills Builder Star



Chestnuts

Lacey—Creativity
Harper-Rey—Speaking
Primrose—Skills Builder Star



Awards KS2

Maples

Adam—Staying Positive
Dylan—Aiming High
Zac—Skills Builder Star



Oaks

Freddie W-S—Staying Positive
Charlie—Aiming High
Tiffany—Skills Builder Star





Attendance

At Park Mead we strive to improve the attendance of our students. <u>Every school day</u> provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development so it is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts their progress.

Attendance W	Vhole School—	-Academic Year:	93,45%
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	This Year	This Week
Willows:	94.17%	97.67%
Chestnuts:	94.07%	
Maples:	92.51%	93.48%
Oaks:	93.49%	90.83%

Less than 94.9% - Red 95—96.4% - Amber 96.5—99.9% - Green 100% - Gold











Class Display Boards

Chestnuts—The Great Fire of London

Willows—Transport





Maples—Where in the World Are We?

Oaks—The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China



Willows Forest School

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Willows have been spotting birds throughout the winter and had created their own bird feeders with pine cones. They topped up the seeds on the bird feeders to continue to feed the birds through the coming months.

Willows talked about the story they have been reading in class this week-'The Three Little Pigs'. We talked about the different materials the houses were made of and how, why and if they were good materials for house building.

The children then had a go at using straw, sticks and clay to build different houses. Some of the children thought they could make houses, or nests for birds and most of the children spent time engaging with the properties of the materials, rather than house construction! They spent a long time digging the clay and mud and experimenting with adding water and straw to mix it. Then they pushed their mixture into the frog of a brick to create their own clay bricks with.

The children played independently, climbing the trees, using the slack line and the hammock, playing with the birds, digging clay, mixing clay with hay, making clay bricks and creating in the mud kitchen.

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.

At the end of the session each child shared what they had enjoyed about their session. It was great to hear such good thoughts and witness such great listening skills.

"I like making the bird feeders....the birds keep eating all of the seeds!"

"I liked playing with the birds"

"I liked making food in the mud kitchen...I made pancakes for Doormouse"

"I liked climbing the trees and going on the slack line"

"I like digging in the clay and the mud, if it is too dry, you have to add water"

"I think that the pond could be a home to the ducks, they are not there now, and maybe they flew away, because ducks have wings".



Chestnuts Forest School

Wednesday 1st March 2023

The class looked around the school grounds for signs of spring, using identification sheets to help them. They found daffodils and snowdrops flowering near the gardening area. Then they took a moment to find a quiet 'sit spot' in the Forest School area to observe and listen to the woodland.

This week Chestnuts started to learn a bit about recognising birds. The children played with toy birds and learned to identify them by their

The class spent time building dens from branches, playing in the mud kitchen and climbing trees.

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At the end of the session the class played a game of 'Spirit of the Forest', where they each became a bird and had to get from one side of the forest to the other without being caught and turning into a tree.



colours and bird calls. They talked about the materials birds might use to build nest and had a go themselves with hay, leaves, sticks and clay which they dug from the woodland floor.

The children had a go at making their own birds with card, chalk pastels and sticks and then flew them around the Forest School area.



Easter Fun Run





Novembers Football Fun Run raised £814 which we used to organize three amazing unique sporting activities for the whole school to enjoy.

This Fun Run has been chosen by the children during our school councils to raise money for outdoor learning environment space.

*Don't forget to bring Easter Bunny themed bonnet or headwear to wear whilst performing the Active Mile **MARCH**

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CHOCOLATE EASTER NEST AND REFRESHMENT

The Friends of Park Mead are kindly offering a chocolate easter nest and carton of juice to have after the event. Available via parent pay for just £2 per child.





PARK MEAD PRIMARY | ACTIVE EDUCATION SUSSEX

Active Education Sussex invites you to sponsor your child to complete 9 laps of 'The Active Mile' to raise money for Outdoor learning environment space.

To make it more fun we would like your child to come into school with Easter

Themed Bonnet/Headwear for the Fun Run.

PRIZE DRAW!!

Active Education Sussex are donating two pairs of <u>brand new running trainers</u> for one lucky boy and one lucky girl to win. Along with 10 other fun prizes! Each £5 raised will earn your child 1 raffle ticket into the prize draw. There is no limit to the amount of raffle tickets any one child can earn. For every £5 raised a new raffle ticket with their name on will be entered into the prize draw! Prizes will be drawn randomly week commencing 17th April 2023. Please ensure your sponsorship money is paid on parent pay by 3:30pm Friday 31th April 2023. GOOD LUCK!

Name	Address	Number	Total Sponsorship
			Total: £

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Sponsorship Total: £





YOUR AMAZING GENEROSITY DURING OUR NOVEMBER FOOTBALL FUN RUN HAS HELPED ORGANISE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

APRIL 24 & 25



Skip2BFit will be running an amazing workshop for all students across the school to increase their skills in skipping in a fun and engaging way. The KS2 classes will also get a chance to try their hands at Box2BFit later on in the afternoon. Finished off with a fun and informative assembly.

MAY 25

BEDE'S

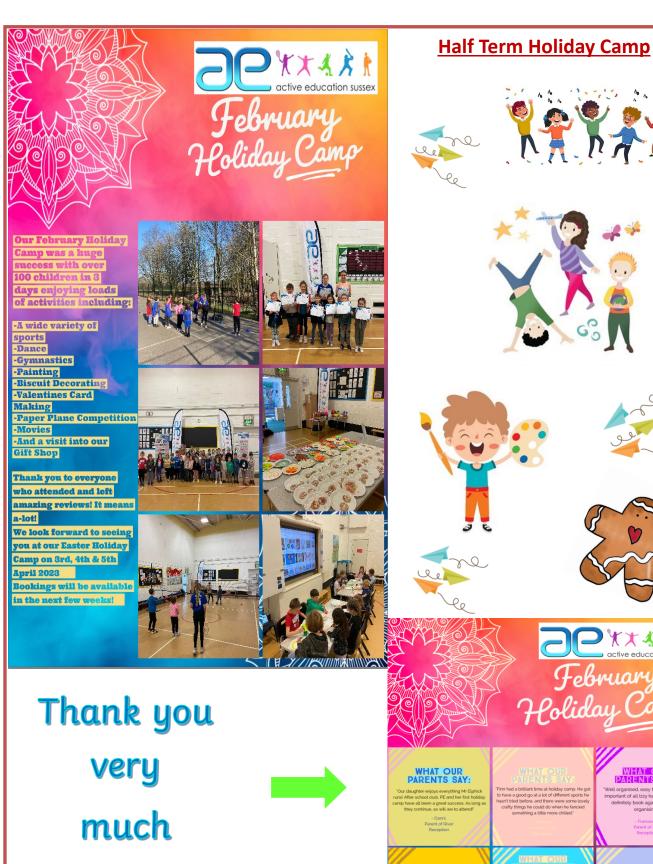
KS2 will be having a multi sport activity day run by the lovely teachers and students over at Bedes Senior School Sports complex. The children will have an opportunity to participate in over 5 different sports run by highly qualified teachers and coaches.

JUNE & JULY - DATES TBC





We are also organising a Dance/Zumba fitness workshop with Fun Fusion Fitness and a Martial Arts Workshop with White Crane Fighting Arts



for

your

Feedback!



Local Events—Streets of Wealden



Streets of Wealden is a community-focused event celebrating Wealden's vibrant high street.

The event will feature various street art performances in different locations across the town and will provide an enriching experience for families, as well as helping to promote community engagement and involvement.

The event will be family-friendly and suitable for all ages.

We will have special activities and attractions for children, including face painting, games, and crafts.

Food vendors will also offer a range of delicious cuisines that will satisfy everyone's taste buds.

HAILSHAM

11 MARCH 11.30am

2.30pm





Dear Pioneer families,

Good news! You can now use the Times Table Rock Stars app on your mobile or tablet. It's a free download and available from the Amazon, Android and Apple apps stores by searching for "Times Tables Rock Stars".

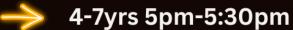
Children login with their usual usernames and passwords. If you need another copy, please contact your child's class teacher.

For most impact, remember to get your child playing little and often. TTRS recommend 3 minutes a day, four or five times a week.

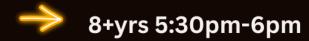


BRAND NEW STREET DANCE





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START DATE: 7th March

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