



## Park Mead Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy term comes to a close with pupils having enjoyed a range of excellent learning and experiences.

Our week ends with an Active Sussex Easter themed Fun Run and Easter Egg hunt organised by the Park Mead Friends.

Next term, with the better weather, we hope to enjoy our grounds more. We will also be starting to plan our new 'Vision and Values' launch as well as our Skills Builder project week.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in term 5.

Thank you for your continued support.

Heidi West  
Head of School



## Playground Safety—Polite Reminder



For the safety of themselves and others, please do not allow your child ride on a scooter in the playground when you are dropping off and collecting from school.

Thank you.



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## Attendance

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

It's amazing how quickly frequent absence from school can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning for your child, for instance:

- ⇒ **95% Attendance** = 9 days absent—approximately 2 weeks of school = **50 lessons missed**
- ⇒ **90% Attendance** = 19 days absent—approximately 4 weeks of school = **100 lessons missed**
- ⇒ **85% Attendance** = 29 days absent—approximately 6 weeks of school = **150 lessons missed**
- ⇒ **80% Attendance** = 38 days absent—approximately 8 weeks of school = **200 lessons missed**

### Attendance Whole School—Academic Year: 93.36%

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>This Week</b>
<b>Willows:</b>	<b>93.95%</b>	<b>86.43%</b>
<b>Chestnuts:</b>	<b>94.28%</b>	<b>97.14%</b>
<b>Maples:</b>	<b>92.02%</b>	<b>86.00%</b>
<b>Oaks:</b>	<b>93.55%</b>	<b>96.00%</b>



*Less than 94.9% - Red*

*95—96.4% - Amber*

*96.5—99.9% - Green*

*100% - Gold*

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS.  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



# Diary

## March

31—Last Day of Term 4

## 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

## June

5—Inset Day

6—1st Day of Term 6

16—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

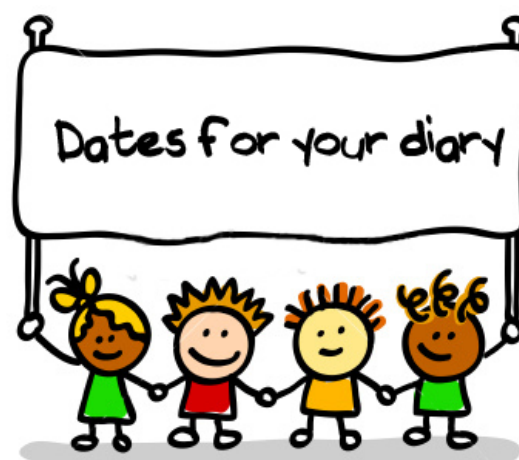
## Weekly Events:

Monday—After School Sports Club 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday—Drumming Lessons

Thursday—Golden Assembly

Friday—Guitar Lessons



## 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)

## Willows—Easter Nest Cake

We looked at the equipment and ingredients we needed to make Easter nest cakes. We looked at how rice grew in China and Cocoa in Africa. We looked at where those countries were on the map.

The children had lots of opportunities for counting, sharing amounts out equally and talking about odd and even numbers.

They used fine motor skills to mix the rice crispies with the chocolate, they snapped the chocolate squares and they pinched the eggs to pick them up and place them on the cake.

They were very good at taking their turn and sharing with their peers.



### Easter Nest Cakes

You will need:

- a bowl
- a spoon
- rice pops
- cup cake cases
- chocolate
- mini eggs

microwave and a fridge

### Where do these ingredients come from?

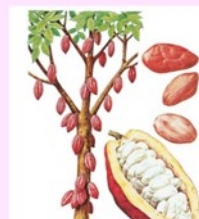
#### Rice

Most rice is grown in China.



#### Chocolate

Most cocoa is grown in Africa.  
Theobroma cacao tree



## News from Willows

Willow's have started something new in the mornings where they complete a different activity through the week.

The activities are:

- busy fingers - fine motor skills
- amazing numbers – maths
- happy friends - turn taking games
- star handwriting - literacy



This is an early morning activity they get involved with when they first come in to school whilst the register is being taken.

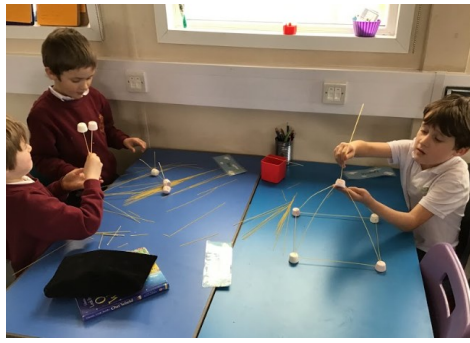


## News from Chestnuts

We have reached the end of another busy term welcoming Spring back to Park Mead!

Our Meerkat Mail topic has seen us explore music from around the world, sort and appreciate all types of animals. Maybe ask your children if they can tell you some characteristics of mammals, birds, reptiles and so on.

The children demonstrated a vast amount of knowledge about how you can tell if an animal is a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore.



In geography we have looked at the oceans and seas that surround the UK, and we have even had a go at making our own landmarks using spaghetti and marshmallows.

We wish you all a restful Easter break.



## News from Maples

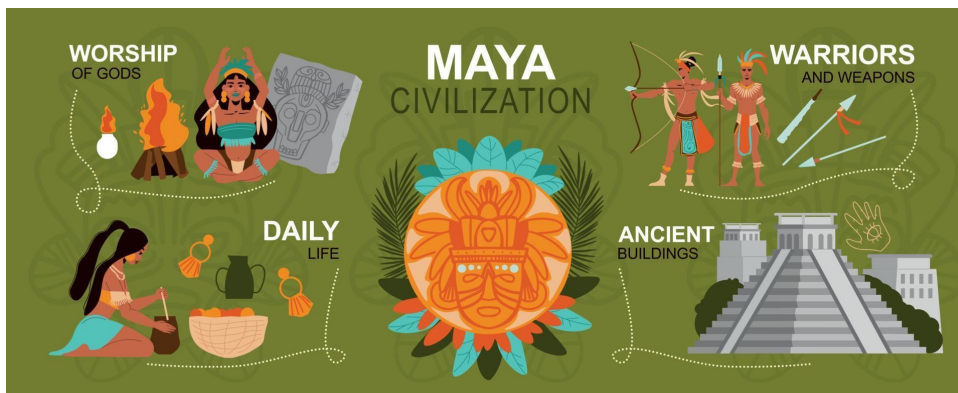
Maples were sad to say goodbye to our fantastic students last week. Miss Searle and Mrs Fry really did have a positive impact on our learning.



We are continuing to learn about the impact of humans on the rainforest and thinking about writing reports. We are really enjoying learning about the Mayan civilisation and finding out why they were so amazing.



Thank you  
For being Part  
Of our TEAM



## News from Oaks

In Oaks, we have had a great time making moon phases with Oreo biscuits. The children enjoyed eating them after recording their answers!

We have also enjoyed developing our printing skills, inspired by William Morris, the children have chosen to either use rollers or screen print their designs.

We all dressed in red for Red Nose Day.



Oaks Forest School—29 March 2023



## After School Sports Club

Book via: <https://activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course/>



# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

After School Club

Activity:

Archery

Where:

Park Mead Primary

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

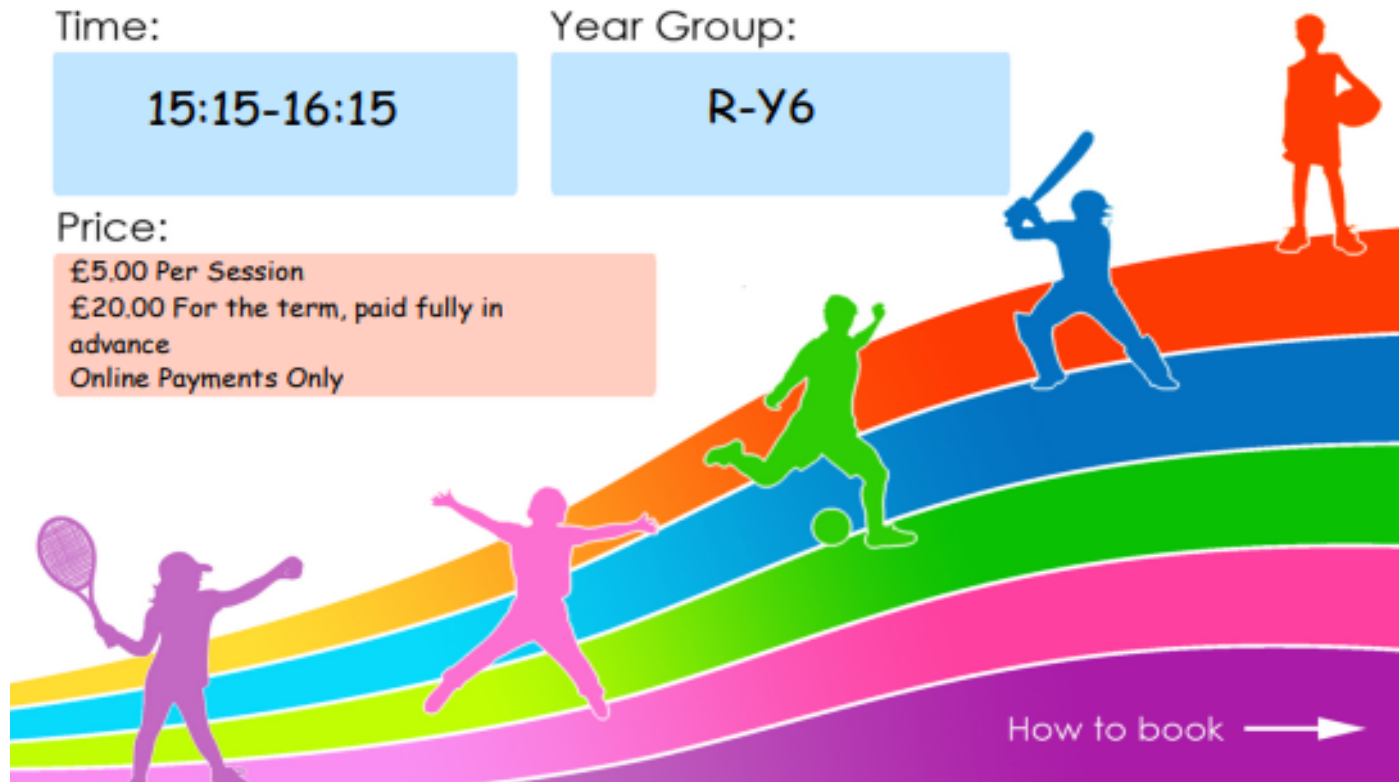
Price:

£5.00 Per Session

£20.00 For the term, paid fully in advance

Online Payments Only

How to book →





## Girls Football Tournament

# BEDES 23.3.2023 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



**OUR YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS TOOK PART IN THEIR FIRST GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT. THEY TOOK PART AGAINST 7 OTHER SCHOOLS: BEDES, SKIPPERS, DALLINGTON, CHIDDINGLY, PEVENSEY, POLEGATE AND ST MARYS.**

**THE GIRLS DEMONSTRATED SOME INCREDIBLE SKILL, DETERMINATION, PASSION AND WORK ETHIC TO COMPETE AGAINST ALL THE OTHER TEAMS, AND CAME AWAY ASKING TO PLAY LOTS MORE FOOTBALL WHICH WAS LOVELY TO HEAR.**

**THE GIRLS DID INCREDIBLY WELL, GIVING THEIR BEST EFFORT THROUGHOUT ALL THEIR GAMES. WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF OUR PARK MEAD GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM COMPETE IN MANY MORE TOURNAMENTS TO COME.**

## Awards KS1

### Willows

Kai—Aiming High  
Freya—Aiming High  
Rory—Skills Builder



### Chestnuts

Charlie—Teamwork  
Harley—Aiming High  
Joey—Skills Builder



## Awards KS2

### Maples

Cody—Aiming High  
April—Listening  
Olivia L—Skills Builder



### Oaks

Ziva—Aiming High  
Elsa—Aiming High  
Aiva—Skills Builder



## Red Nose Day Donations

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

**THANK YOU!  
Together we  
raised**

**£74.00**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AND  
SUPPORTING COMIC RELIEF**

## Companion Dog Show with Obedience

Sunday 7 May 2023—Upper Dicker Village Hall Field, BN27 3PZ

Entries from 10.45am

- Obedience 11.30am
- Pedigree 11am
- Novelty 12.30pm

Car Parking: £1.00 per car

Entry: £1.50 per class

Have a Go Hide and Seek: £1.50

Have a Go Hoopers: £1.50 per run



All Enquiries to Diane Jones 01435 830265 / 07761 788689 **Proceeds in aid of Sussex Pet Rescue**

## 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.

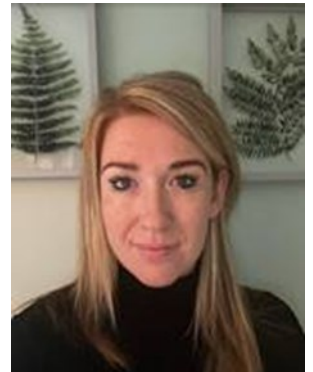
Lucy tells us:

*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.*





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# All Abroad! Bus

Easter Holiday clubs  
11th-14th April 2023

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

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

More  
info &  
bookings  
**HERE**



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

[https://eequ.org/  
allabroadbus](https://eequ.org/allabroadbus)



**Holiday food and fun!**

FREE for families receiving  
benefits-related free school meals.

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