



Be the Best You Can Be!

Newsletter: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It is so lovely to see the first signs of spring at last after all the dreadful rain and wind we have been having. Easter will soon be upon us, so please check out the diary dates at the end of this newsletter to keep up to date with the PTA events scheduled. Due to the generosity of the school community we have been able to order new laptops and have now received them. These are much needed resources and the children will be very happy to have the use of them. With funding from county, we have also ordered some lovely new 'rainbow' coloured picnic benches to be used for packed lunches as the weather gets warmer, and provide a whole class outdoor working area for lessons. Thank you for all the fund raising everyone has done this year, and for the generous gifts the school has received.

With best wishes

Inez Morse

Federation Maths Challenge Y5 Team

A team of federation pupils from Punnetts Town and Broad Oak schools competed in a recent maths marathon. The team came fourth out of ten schools participating in the Maths Challenge. They were one mark off third place and against some very tough opposition. Added to the fact that they were the only team of 3, they were amazing. There were four rounds in total and the team scored 100% in the logic round. The children were very proud of their performance and were very impressed with the delicious lunch that Mayfield Independent school provided!

RELATIONSHIPS Workshops

On the 25th February, David Law, the Prevent Project Officer for the Safer East Sussex Team, delivered a workshop which was on 'Our relationship with the digital world'. This workshop to Elm class covered such things as sharing images, hacking in to other accounts, protecting personal information and abusive behaviour. All of this was discussed within the context of the law. The pupils were asked by David to speak to their adults at home about personal safety in the digital

world particularly in relation to gaming, so we hope they did. Loot boxes are a big factor in gaming nowadays and it is important that young people and those who care for them pay attention to limit settings re finance.

David believes strongly in building resilience to these issues at an early age as it is impossible to totally protect our children from the influences that surround us all particularly via the internet and social media but good communication with adults before secondary school can bring benefits that can last a lifetime.

The GET SMART ABOUT PLAY initiative has produced a video with the popular footballer Rio Ferdinand which is worth watching.

<https://youtu.be/VTwRcVkoDFU>

Play games with your kids. Understand what they play and why.

Learn about family controls.

Ask what your kids think. Discuss ground rules before setting restrictions.

You're in charge. Set restrictions that work for your family.

Further info at Askaboutgames.com

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World Book Day 5th March 2020

Just a reminder that all pupils are invited to dress up on World Book Day on March 5th. They should come to school as their favourite book character, but also wear clothes that are suitable for the playground and are easy to learn in. There will also be a fun quiz for children to do on Thursday 5th March. All children will receive a world book day voucher on Thursday and these can be used at our book fair which arrives on Friday 16th March.

All sponsorship money should be in by Friday 6th March for the sponsored read (separate letter has gone out about this). Certificates will then be given out to those who have been sponsored.

Other News

Elm class had a fabulously educational day when they celebrated all things Scottish on the first day of term, and dressed up in Kilts. Brilliant time had by all!

Councillor Pam Doodes visited the school last week and spoke to the school about the community working together with Wealden District Council to make a better environment for all. She presented the school with a bear which will be awarded to individual classes who show good community responsibility in the school, for instance picking up litter in the school.

Premier Sport came to speak to the pupils about our latest clubs which are starting this week – Benchball for reception to year 6, and archery for pupils in year 3 to 6.

Hazel class worked with Chartwells last week in creating an edible ‘hungry caterpillar’ based on the book by the same name. The smell of freshly cut vegetables coming from the classroom was delicious. The children then got to eat the creations they had made, learning a great deal about healthy eating from this fun workshop.

Key Stage 2 enjoyed the second yoga and mindfulness assembly delivered by one of our parents. It was an active session which they all enjoyed. This picks up on the work we did a couple of years ago on mindfulness and introduces the children to a different way of managing stress.

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Forthcoming DATES TERM 4 2020

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| 4.3.20 | Premier Sport Benchball club starts 3.15-4.15 pm (£4.50) | Y1-6 |
| 5.3.20 | World Book Day, dressing up and quiz | Whole school |
| 5.3.20 | Parent Forum members 2.45 pm in Maple | Parent Forum members |
| 6.3.20 | Premier Sport Archery club starts 3.15-4.15 pm (£4.50) | Y3-6 |
| 9.3.20 | Lead Member decision on closure of Broad Oak School 10.30 am County Hall, Lewes | Public |
| 9.3.20 | Phonics meeting for parents | Year 1 |
| 10.3.20 | Rev. Mitch assembly | Whole school |
| 11.3.20 | Hazel Class trip to the Toy Museum | Y1-2 |
| 12.3.20 | Y2 SATS meeting TBC | Y2 |
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| 13.3.20 | Red Butler music assembly to parents 9.15 am | Whole school |
| 13-18.3.20 | Book Fair | Whole school |
| 17.3.20 | CLASS coffee morning in school hall 9-10.30 am | Cross schools |
| 18.3.20 | Special Assembly - Sikhs | Whole school |
| 19.3.20 | PTA Mothers' Day room | Whole school |
| 20.3.20 | Little Sing Festival at Cross in Hand school 9.45 am (no parents) | Y2 only |
| 24.3.20 | PTA Mufti for Easter Eggs | Whole school |
| 25-27.3.20 | Federation residential at Kingswood, Ashford | Y4 only |
| 25.3.20 | Year 3 Federation Day at Dallington School | Y3 only |
| 27.3.20 | Year 3 Federation Day at Broad Oak School | Y3 only |
| 31.3.20 | Big Dance Festival at Assembly Hall Tunbridge Wells 7 pm | Y5-6 |
| 1.4.20 | Punnetts Town RSE parent meeting at 2.30 pm in the hall | All Federation parents |
| 2.4.20 | PTA Easter Event | Whole school |
| 3.4.20 | Open afternoon for parents to share children's learning 2.45 pm | Whole school |
| 16.4.20 | EYFS allocation day for September 2020 intake | Sept 2020 EYFS parents |

Dates and details are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change. Please always check with the office.

Term Dates 2019-20

Term 4 begins – 24.2.20 Term 4 ends – 3.4.20

Term 5 begins – 20.4.20 Term 5 ends – 22.5.20

Term 6 begins – 1.6.20 Term 6 ends – 21.7.20 (22.7.20 is an inset day for PT)

Advance warning – proposed dates (subject to change) Term 5

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| May | Year 2 end of KS1 SATs – throughout the month | Y2 |
| 5.5.20 | Heydown Farm visit | Beech class |
| 7.5.20 | VE day Cake Bake judging for Heathfield area schools | KS1 and KS2 |
| 8.5.20 | VE day bank holiday – school closed | Whole school |
| 9.5.20 | Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council VE celebrations | Public |
| 11-14.5.20 | End KS2 SATs | Y6 |
| 21.5.20 | Maypole dance celebration at 2 pm | Whole school |

Advance warning – proposed dates (subject to change) Term 6

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| 2.6.20 | Open afternoon 2.45 pm with Chartwells lunch samples for parents | Whole school |
| 3.6.20 | Class photos Tempest | Whole school |
| 8-19.6.20 | Multiplication tables tests | Y4 |
| 11.6.20 | Parents' Forum in Maple at 2.45 pm | Parent Forum members |
| 18.6.20 | Full Governing Board meeting 5.45 pm | Governors |
| 22.6.20 | EYFS vision screening | Beech class |
| 27.6.20 | Punnetts Town PTA Summer Fair at the village hall, PT | All welcome |
| 30.6.20 | HCC taster day | Year 6 |
| 30.6.20 | 'Move Up' Day | Whole school |
| 2.7.20 | HASP swimming Gala at the Sovereign Centre (evening) | Y5 and 6 |
| 8-10.7.20 | Punnetts Town Elm class residential @ PGL Hastings | Y5-6 |
| 13.7.20 | Eco conference celebration beach clean and picnic at Eastbourne | School council representatives |
| 14.7.20 | Bikeability Level 1 10-12 noon (12 pupils) | Year 5 and 6 |
| 15.7.20 | End of year reports out | Whole school |
| 17.7.20 | Open afternoon of pupils learning | All parents |
| 21.7.20 | LAST DAY TERM 6 | Whole school |
| 22.7.20 | Inset day – school closed | Whole school |

Academic year 2020-21 begins Monday 7th September 2020
(Thur 3rd and Friday 4th September are inset days for PT)

6th October Tempest photography, individual photos
27th November State Hall, Heathfield booked for Woodlands Federation Y5-6 carol concert
7th and 8th December EYFS/KS1 nativity
11th December PTA Christmas Fair

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