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Dear Families

We have now reached the end of the Spring term and what a busy week we have had.

Our Easter Service was performed in school through drama and songs and our children did a great job interpreting the Easter story.

We have finished the week with our Easter Bonnet Parade and we have seen some amazing and creative hats. Some of our children had the opportunity to explain their creative and imaginative ideas. I was blown away by the thought and time that has gone into these designs. Well done to the children and parents for supporting this. One last task for Mrs Pollard was to choose the overall winners, what a challenge!

Once again, I would like to thank our very hardworking PTA for their efforts this term.

We say a final farewell to Mrs Pollard and wish her all the best as she starts her retirement.

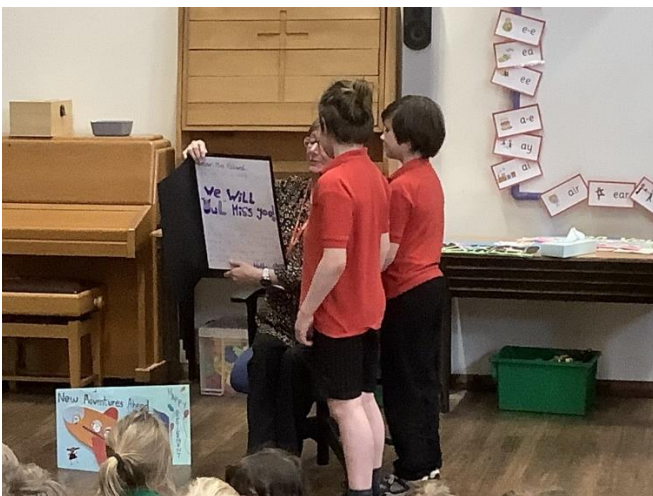
Staffing update

During the Summer term, Mrs Hurren will be taking on the Learning Mentor role on a secondment basis and this will be reviewed at the end of the term.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing Easter break.

God bless.

Mrs Sharrock



NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

As we approach the end of the Spring term, we would like to record our gratitude to a number of folks who have contributed to life at our school, to benefit us all in the past, at the present and into the future.

Firstly, upon her retirement, we must say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Pollard for her 17 years of service to our school. Her unique role as a HLTA, taking care of the special needs of our children, is much appreciated by everyone at school.

Mrs Pollard will be missed not just for her always cheery outlook, but for the extra care that she has taken of those in need and for the special support that she has given to all of our stakeholders. We wish her a Happy Retirement.

As Mrs. Sharrock's first anniversary at school approaches, we must thank her and all her staff for the extra work that they have undertaken, particularly since the start of this academic year, to modify our curriculum offer and deliver this to our pupils.

All our staff have put in long hours to help make these and the other changes necessary to drive the school forward; the governors have witnessed and been involved in all of this and have seen at first-hand how busy everyone has been. We thank them and all our parents and carers who have been so supportive whilst this has been happening.

One niggling problem that has existed for a while is our inability to transport our children to our local church for specific services. In a C of E school our visits to the church are very special events which the children enjoy and the memories of which will likely abide long after they leave us; such occasions are a valuable part of their pastoral care and education. We have been impeded by the inability to cross the road safely but have sometimes been able to manage such visits, all-be-it using costly means. A recent joint initiative by the Governors and the Parish Council involving approaches to our MP, our Police Commissioner and a campaign that we were about to take to higher authorities, has resulted in our local community policing unit agreeing to restore the service of safely stopping the traffic on the A24 during the four times a year that we need to visit church. The July Leavers' Service will be the next service that we can hold in church. Our thanks go out to our community police unit and to our colleagues on the Parish Council for their continued support of our school.

We wish you all a Happy Easter.

John Roche
Chair of Governors

HOLLY CLASS – GUITAR CONCERT



You are invited to a concert on Thursday, 20th April at 11 am to hear Holly Class perform for your pleasure. Chris will be inviting the children who have private lessons to play in the concert too. We hope you can join us.

EASTER BONNETS 2023 – See Twitter for more photos

The overall class winners are: -

- ❖ Ash – Otis
- ❖ Willow – Logan
- ❖ Rowan – Eve
- ❖ Holly – Emilie
- ❖ Oak – Erin



HEAD-BOY AND HEAD-GIRL

Congratulations to Freddie and Grace who have been selected to be the new Head-boy and Head-girl who are looking forward to taking on new roles and responsibilities in the Summer term.

DANI'S DANCE CLUB Y1 – Y6

Dani's Dance Club will restart on Tuesday 18th April until Tuesday 11th July. Please note that Dance Club will not take place on Tuesday 2nd May. For more information contact Dani - Mobile 07863105453.



IMPORTANT - CHOIR CLUB

There will be no Choir Club for the first few weeks of the Summer term; I will let you know what date we will restart. We are hoping to do a little concert at the end of the Summer term and are considering an animal theme, so could children think of ideas for songs that we may sing.

Mrs Stoner

CHARTWELLS MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM

IMPORTANT – To make sure that your child has a Chartwells lunch when they return to school after the Easter holiday (Tuesday 18th April), please remember to order meals well in advance.



FSM, UIFSM and paid meals must be selected 10 days in advance - parents have until 11.50 pm on Thursdays to place meals via ParentPay. We are here to help if you have any queries.

Recent Correspondence

- **Letter to Year 4 parents – Multiplication check in June**

Spare copies are available from the school office.

ROWAN CLASS MAYAN MASKS

Rowan Class have been learning about Mayan masks this half term. Their most recent creations are warrior masks, made out of clay. These masks were designed to be intimidating to those who looked at them. All of the children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed working with Ms. Lyle to design, sculpt and paint their masterpieces.



NEWS FROM OUR PTA

Wow, there were some fabulous Easter bonnets on display this morning. We hope the children enjoy their special treat - well done for all the effort!

If you are looking to burn off some of those Easter calories, don't forget the Grand National Trail Run on Sunday 16th April, starting at Nepcote Green taking in the wonderful South Downs views over 10k. All profits go towards the PTA to support our school. Thank you to Mick Dicker at Raw Energy Pursuits for making this happen.

Please see the link for further details.

<https://m.facebook.com/events/732948325150284>

If you spend any time clearing out and decluttering over the holidays, don't forget to bag it all up to save and bring into school on the morning of Tuesday 25th April for our next Bags to School collection - thank you!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and see you next term ready and raring to go for the Summer Revels!

Any questions, please email findonpta@gmail.com. Many thanks. The PTA Team



DATES FOR 2023

We have added **extra dates in red** to the list below, so please make sure that you regularly check the dates and update your diaries.

Sun 16 April	PTA 'Grand National Run' – See PTA Facebook page
Mon 17 Apr	INSET Day
Tues 18 Apr	Back to school
	Dani's Dance Club starts
Wed 19 Apr	Ash & Willow Sports Club starts – now full
Thurs 20 Apr	Holly Class Key2Music Concert ((& private students) (11am)
Fri 21 Apr	KS2 Football Club restarts
Tues 25 Apr	Bag2School Collection at 9 am
Wed 26 Apr	Holly Class – Computing at Windlesham School (pm) – letter to follow
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 2 May	Messy Church
Thurs 4 May	Worthing Museum visiting Ash & Willow (details to follow)
Fri 5 May	Non-Uniform Day for tombola donations
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
May	Year 2 Assessments will be carried out during May
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
	Y6 SATS Breakfast Club – info to follow
Fri 12 May	Please bring in cakes for the Revels Cake Stall – thank you!
Sat 13 May	Summer Revels
w/c 29 May	Half- term holiday
Mon 5 June	INSET Day
Tues 6 June	Back to school
w/c 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri 16 June	Rowan, Holly & Oak visiting Butser Ancient Farm – details to follow
Thurs 22 June	Sports Day – more details to follow
Mon 26 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15 pm)
Fri 30 June	Class Photos
Mon 3 July	Year 6 Online Safety lesson with Sussex police
	Ash & Willow trip to Arundel Wildfowl Trust
Wed 5 July	Secondary Transition Day for Year 6
Thurs 6 July	PTA Summer Disco
Thurs 20 July	Leavers' Service at church

