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Dear Families

We have had an extremely busy week in school. The week started with our Year 6 National Curriculum Statutory Assessments. We invited all of our Year 6 children in for breakfast every morning. The children enjoyed this and it gave them all the opportunity to eat together, chat and prepare for these assessments. They have been a credit this week working really hard on these tests and coming together as a cohort. A very well done to you all and thank you to Mrs Stoner and our staff for organising and providing these breakfasts. The papers have now been sealed, bagged and collected by the courier and results will be available on Tuesday 9th July.

Also this week, the School Council, Ms Lyle and I did some work on the school Spiritual Garden. We wanted to give the garden a 'Spring' clean so that all classes can use it as a reflective area during our class worship sessions. It is also a good use for shade during the warmer months. The School Council worked really hard cleaning the seating areas, weeding and generally tidying up. They really did do a great job with a positive attitude and were not at all phased by the 'muck'! Thank you to our School Council.



Our KS1 children took part in the Locality Year 1 and Year 2 Football Tournament and played really well. Mrs Bush gave me an update and relayed that the children had an excellent attitude and were good ambassadors for our school. Take a look at our Facebook page for a full report and photos.

Lots of preparation behind the scenes is taking place to get everything ready for our Summer Revels event on Saturday 8th June.

Some of our governors visited school this week to work alongside our subject leaders. We did some monitoring of books in Art, Science, French, Geography and RE. This enables us to evaluate our new curriculum, and to identify our next steps.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

SUMMER REVELS – SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

We are all looking forward to the Summer Revels and the PTA team is working tirelessly, planning and organising the day.



The timings for the day are as follows:

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| 10.30 am | Children dropped off at school. |
| 11 am | School process to Pond Green for country dancing.

Return to school field for Maypole dancing (Rowan, Holly and Oak) and crowning of the May Queen. |
| 12 noon | Fair is officially opened and children are returned to the care of parents. |

Traditionally, children wear either dresses, skirts, shorts, tops or trousers and we would ask that sports kits are not worn on this occasion please. Trainers or plimsolls can be worn for the dancing. May we also remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

With the end of term fast approaching, please remember to order meals in time for the children's return to school on Tuesday, 4th June.



BOOK OF THE MONTH – MRS LAX

My book of the month is Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett. This is a wonderful story about a boy who makes friends with a dragon that he finds under the stairs. He writes to people in the community to ask how he should take care of his surprise visitor. See what happens when Alex tries to take care of his new friend. It shows how letters are a fantastic way of communicating.



AUTHOR VISIT

Reception children had a very special visitor today to read their book to the children. Rachel Louise May read her book, 'Aunty Planty and the Eco Warriors' to the children outside in our nature area – a perfect setting for her story, which is all about taking care of our planet. The children came away inspired with ideas on what they could do to look after their environment, such as, grow some vegetables, pick up litter and reuse things as much as possible. Thank you so much Rachel, for sharing your lovely book with us.



NEWS FROM THE PTA

Happy Friday! Can you believe it is only 3 weeks until the Summer Revels and we are keeping everything crossed for good weather!

As you may have seen, the link for volunteer sign up has been sent out (volunteersignup.org/HF8B4) and we also have our volunteer board, which we will try and have out at most pickups between now and the big day. We really do need your support. Slots are only an hour for each stall, which means you won't be asked to volunteer for the whole 4 hours. Without volunteers, this event will be unable to go ahead so anything you can do is appreciated SO much. Also, we really need as much help as possible to set up on Friday 7th June from 3.30pm so please do let us know if you can help with this too.

THANK YOU to those who have kindly offered to have an advertising board for the Revels and these will be going up in the next few days!

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd May at 6pm at the Black Horse skittle alley. Predominantly, this will be to discuss the Revels and finalise everything, so please do come along!

Have a great weekend
The PTA Committee

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RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Premier Education Summer Sports Clubs – spaces still available
- Before and After School Club booking forms



DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Tues 21 May	Y5/Y6 Handball tournament at The Angmering School (3.45pm)
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 23 May	New Reception intake 2024 parent meeting (6pm)
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Thurs 6 June	PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels
Fri 7 June	Class & Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!
Sat 8 June	SUMMER REVELS
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
w/c 10 June	Y1 Phonics screening
Thurs 20 June	Sports Day (am)
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 8 July	KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks
Fri 12 July	NEW REVISED DATE – PTA SUMMER DISCO
Wed 17 July	Leavers' Service at school (9am)
Mon 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)
Tues 23 July	Last day of term

