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Dear Families

Newsletter No. 24 – Friday, 24^h March 2023

We are at the end of the penultimate week of the Spring term and the weeks have just flown by. We had our termly Fire Safety Practice yesterday and managed to get the whole school out in under 3 minutes. A big well done to the staff and all the children. The termly practice does enable us to review and evaluate our systems and processes to ensure we are keeping everyone safe.

Our Easter Service will take place in school next week but we have been liaising with the community police team to put a plan in place for future services. News of our plans will follow.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Sharrock

CHORAL WORKSHOP

On Monday 20th March, eight pupils from Year 5 attended a choral workshop at Christ's Hospital School. Over two hundred children from West Sussex enjoyed an interesting day of singing with conductor, David Lawrence.

We worked on five songs; 'Aliens', 'Deep Down in my Soul', 'All that Glitters', 'Pop Idol' and 'Let's Do It'. My personal favourite of those was 'Aliens'. David

Lawrence helped us to learn these in an enjoyable way and we were ready to put on a concert for all the parents at the end of the afternoon. It sounded amazing, especially when it echoed around the chapel.

While we were there, we watched the famous Christ's Hospital band parade through into the dining room. We had a delicious lunch of spaghetti and salad. It was all absolutely remarkable and I'd love to do it again.

Ruby, Year 5

Follow the link for a little snippet of the day -

<https://www.facebook.com/christshospitalchool/videos/1292522184808444/>



NETBALL CLUB

Premier Education Netball Club has now finished for this academic year.

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB



We have emailed new booking forms to Rowan, Holly and Oak parents. The club restarts on Friday 21st April.

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.

EASTER BONNET PARADE – FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2023



The Easter Bonnet Parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly donated.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- ❖ A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- ❖ Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- ❖ Papier mâché balloon to make an egg.
- ❖ Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am.

Recent Correspondence

- **KS2 Booking forms for Chelsea FC after school club**
- **Before and After School booking forms**

Spare copies are available from the school office.

NEWS FROM OUR PTA

*****IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE*****

The Revels non-uniform day, which is held in exchange for tombola prizes, has been brought forward to Friday 5th May. All children can wear their own clothes on this day and bring in something that YOU would be happy to win as a tombola prize - bottles of alcohol/non-alcoholic, toiletries, candles, games, toys, sweets, food (in date) for the Summer Revels on Saturday, 13th May. (No soft toys please.)

In other Revels news, Michael Jones Estate Agents, one of our sponsors, would like to fully advertise the event for us, with more of their advertising boards on display around the village, Findon Valley and on the main A24. Is there anyone who would be happy to have a board up in their front garden? Can you ask local friends and family too? The boards would go up around 3 weeks before the event and be taken down swiftly. Please get in touch with one of us or email for more information. Findonpta@gmail.com





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.

Mon 27 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Tues 28 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Wed 29 Mar	Year 2 Parent meeting – KS1 SATS (2.30 pm)
Thurs 30 Mar	Easter Service at school (9 am)
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade
w/c 3 Apr	Easter Holiday
Sun 16 April	PTA 'Grand National Run' – info to follow
Mon 17 Apr	INSET Day
Tues 18 Apr	Back to school
Wed 19 Apr	Ash & Willow Sports Club starts – now full
Fri 21 Apr	KS2 Football Club restarts
Tues 25 Apr	Bag2School Collection at 9 am
	Dani's Dance Club restarts
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
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
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

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING - APRIL 2023

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.
There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Meet at Findon Rectory for Bacon Butties, then Walk through village with donkey to Church Worship & Praise at Findon with John & Barbara Taylor Eucharist at Patching (Meet at Dulaney House 9.45am for procession with donkey)
Monday 3rd April Monday of Holy Week	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Findon
Wednesday 5th April Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at Findon Stations of the Cross at Patching
Thursday 6th April Maundy Thursday	4.00pm 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Clapham Eucharist and Watch at Findon
Friday 7th April Good Friday	9.45am 10.45am 12.00noon 2.00pm	Messy Church at the Rectory, then Walk of Witness to Pond Green (Worship at Cross) Meditation at Findon Meditation at Patching
Sunday 9th April Easter Day	6.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Sunrise Service at Findon Eucharist at Findon Church Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 16th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 23rd April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 30th April 4 th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Parish Eucharist at Patching



Next Messy Church - Tues. 2nd

3.30-5.30pm in Findon Village Hall.

All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

Lambs Tails - Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers.

Tues. mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. (every third Tues. at 11.00am in Findon Church).

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