

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a very restful break over the Easter holiday. We have been very pleased to have seen the sunshine over the last two weeks and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing out on the field.

Easter Services – I would like to congratulate our children for the two wonderful Easter services held on the last day of term. The children yet again surpassed themselves with their singing, dramatic performances, prayers and paintings. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents join us for the Services (some of you for both Services!) and I know you all enjoyed listening and watching our children take part in the Service.



Reception, Year 1 & 2 Easter Service



Year 3,4,5 & 6 Easter Service

Easter Bonnets and Hats – The creativity of the Easter Bonnets and Hats worn by our children to school was fantastic. Thank you for all the effort you have put into helping your child make their bonnet or hat. We all enjoyed seeing them wear them to their Easter Service.



Hawthorn's Easter Bonnets and Hats!



Where did you get those hats Elder?



Chestnut's Easter parade!



Damson show off their Easter Bonnets and Hats!



Hats off to Beech Class!



Ash Class wore their hats proudly!

Eggs for Extravaganza – Congratulations to the many entries for the junior Eggs for Eggstravaganza entries! The children really thought outside the box and came up with some amazingly, creative and effective ideas. The detail included was also impressive!



From ET to Space Eggsplorer!



From Dinosaur Eggsploration to Eggie the Eagle!

Mrs Smitherman, Mrs Saunders and I found it extremely difficult to choose Easter Bonnet / Hat and Eggs for Eggstravaganza winners, as the standard for both competitions was high! We deliberated for a long time eventually choosing the winners for both Easter Bonnets & Eggs for Eggstravaganza.....



Josiah, Finley, Ethan, Katie, Ruby, Oliver



George, Harry, Will, Mollie, Sophie, Jake, Daisy, Joseph, Sofia, Tammy Grace / Lacey Rose

Easter Egg Tombola - The children enjoyed visiting our Easter Egg Tombola on the last afternoon of term. A Huge thank you to the Ambassadors, who really helped our younger children find the right Easter egg which matched their ticket. They were all very kind, helpful and supportive to their peers.



Easter Eggs galore!



Reception children were very pleased to receive an egg!

All money received from the Easter Egg Tombola will go towards a treat for all the children at the end of the Summer Term for their hard work over the year!

Operation Encompass –

We have signed up Holy Trinity CE Primary to be part of West Sussex Police's Operation Encompass Strategy. This means that I will be notified by the police if they are called to a home where a domestic violence incident has taken place and a pupil lives at that address. This joint working together will help us support any of our children in school if they have witnessed such a traumatic incident.

Parking –

We received a complaint from the doctor's surgery opposite school about a number of parents who are parking in their car park. Please may I remind all parents that the surgery car park is only for the use of patients attending the surgery and last week several elderly patients were late for their appointments, as they were unable to park in the car park. Sadly, a few parents have been aggressive and abusive to the surgery staff when challenged about parking there. This is clearly not acceptable and we have advised the surgery staff to take a photo of the car and report any abusive behaviour to the police.

Grounds Team –

Thank you so much to the Grounds Team who worked so hard in the grounds last weekend, weeding, planting and burning brambles. A huge thank you goes to Ms Brewerton and Ms Plumley for donating plants to school which were planted around the Year 2 classroom doors. We really appreciate all the hard work completed by the Grounds Team.

Key Stage 2 SATs –

Like all Year 6 children around the country, our Year 6 children will be sitting their tests during the week Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May. All our children have worked very hard for these tests and we wish them good luck! We know they will do their best. If any parents need to ring school during that week, we would ask that they try to avoid calling between 9.15am – 10.30am, when a few Year 6 children will be sitting their tests around the main office area, so that they are not distracted by phones ringing.

School Uniform –

We have a few children who have started to wear trainers to school. Trainers are acceptable for PE, but not as all day wear. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their black school shoes.

Ofsted –

As you will be aware, we had our long expected Ofsted visit! The Inspector visited classrooms, spoke to children, staff, parents and governors during his visit. He looked at children's books, their progress, internal and external data including attendance percentages and met with the school Senior Leadership Team. Our report should be with us just before the half term break and we shall be sending the report to parents once we have it.

Prittsticks

We are desperate for children to bring in Prittsticks / non branded glue sticks. If you feel you could donate any new ones to school we would be very grateful.

Could you be the new Church school Governor we are looking for???

We are seeking a new foundation governor (appointed by the church and diocese) to join the governing body of our fantastic church school in Cuckfield. More details have been sent out on a separate Parentmail – please do consider supporting the School.

A wet afternoon in April – I walked around school on a wet Wednesday afternoon to see what learning I could find. This is what I observed! Beech Class were busy matching French animals to their names and practising saying the animal name in French. Hawthorn children were thinking about people who help us in our community in RE. Silver Birch Class were busy designing and making a 3D model of a mosque, after researching the 40 most beautiful mosques in the world.



Oak and Maple Classes were designing a front cover for their exercise book, based on their core text “Varjak Paw” Power of Reading book. Juniper children were thinking about rules in different religions during their RE lesson. Rain stopped play for Willow Class, who had to exchange a rounders game for cup stacking! Luckily, both games encouraged good hand eye co-ordination!



Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

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Ash –Ruby, Beech - Barnaby, Chestnut –Amine, Damson – Teddy, Elder – Josiah, Hawthorn –Cameron, Juniper –Jack, Lime -Samantha, Maple – Harleigh, Oak –Joshua, Pine – Daniel, Silver Birch – Luke, Willow – Kacey



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Ash - Kali, Beech- Joel, Chestnut – Joshua, Damson - Verity ,Elder – Delilah, Hawthorn- Alfie LG , Juniper- Katie , Lime – Marley, Maple –Ryan, Oak – Freya, Pine – Jennifer, Silver Birch – Daisy, Willow - Ollie



Congratulations:
Mighty Multiples :

Bronze:
Damson - Dylan, Tahlia

Platinum:
Juniper – Cara, Ned

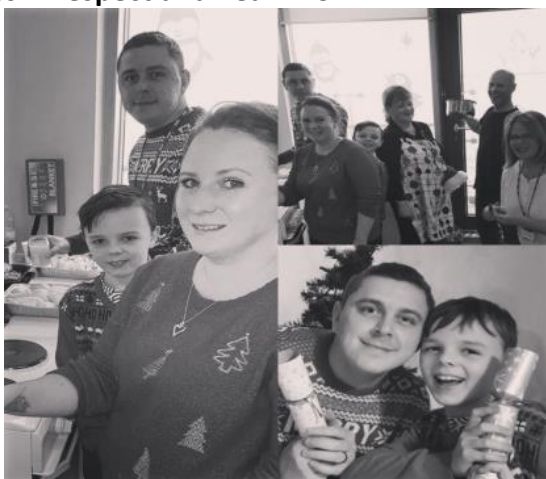
Pen Licences :
Juniper – Robert, Ella, Imogen

Silver Birch – Francesca achieved her level 5 swimming award & can swim 10 metres

Juniper – Nate won a street dancing trophy

Silver Birch – Archie played in a boccia team, making the Grand Final of the Regional Final, with his team taking 2nd place

Luke Haffenden-Jones – A late but well deserved Special recognition goes to Luke who gave up his time on Christmas day to cook Christmas lunch at the Royal Alex children's hospital in Brighton with his mum and dad. He did a really good job in helping prepare vegetables, setting tables and helping the children. In doing so he also helped raise £470 for Ronald McDonald House in Brighton. Well done Luke – a great example of some of our core values – Respect and Teamwork.



Congratulations to:
Best Class Attendance
Reception & KS1 - Beech 100%
Key Stage 2 - Pine 100%

Housepoints
Donaldson 1004
Rowling 787
Morpurgo 765
Dahl 721

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 – 2018 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

SUMMER TERM 2018 (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

INSET DAYS 2017 – 2018 Friday 8th June, Friday 6th July

Thursday 3rd May – PTA Meeting 7.30pm Rose & Crown

Wednesday 9th May - Year 2 SAT's

Wednesday 9th May – Tennis- Warden Park 10-3(selected children)

Thursday 10th May – KWIK cricket festival – Ansty Cricket club – 1pm – 5pm

Friday 11th May – Non School uniform day

Monday 14th May – Year 4 Visit Holy Trinity Church

Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATs

Friday 18th May – Year 1 visit to Wakehurst Place

W/C 21st May – year 2 SAT's

Tuesday 22nd May – Kids Cookery to visit Year 6

Wednesday 23rd May – 3.30pm Year 5/6 Sex Education information meeting for parents

W/C 28th May – Half term

Monday 4th June – Class photographs

Tuesday 5th June – 6.30pm – Reception September 2018 Parent Meeting

Thursday 7th June – Dress Down day in exchange for donations for the Summer Fair

Thursday 7th June – Year 3 walk to holy trinity Church

Friday 8th June – INSET Day

Monday 11th – Friday 15th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

Wednesday 13th June – Father's Day Worship

Thursday 14th June – PTA Meeting

W/C 18th June – Year 6 Bikeability training

DATES continued.....

Tuesday 19th June – Reception trip to Washbrooks farm

Thursday 21st June – 9.30am – Reception & KS1 Sport's Morning, 1.15pm – Key Stage 2 Sport's Afternoon

Friday 22nd June – Area sports day years 3/4/5 – Oathall school

Saturday 23rd June – Summer Fair

Thursday 28th June – KS2 Eucharist

Friday 29th June – Moving up day – all classes

Tuesday 3rd July – Reserve Sports day

Friday 6th July – INSET DAY

Monday 9th July – Year 5/6 production - times TBC

Tuesday 10th July – Year 5/6 production – times TBC

Tuesday 10th July – Year 6 Leaver's Service at Worth Abbey

Wednesday 11th July – Area Sports – Year 6 – Harlands School

Thursday 19th July – Whole school talent performance – times TBC

Friday 20th July – Cups Worship – times TBC

Monday 23rd July – Year 6 leavers service – Holy Trinity church – times TBC

Tuesday 24th July – Inflatable and Party day

Term ends on Tuesday 24th July.