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Dear Parents/Guardians

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The House Cup was won by Mercury this week



Mrs Kington

We're delighted to be able to share with you the good news that Ava Poppy Kington arrived safely on 6th February weighing 6 ½ lb's. Mother and baby are doing well.

School arrival times

A gentle reminder – school gates open at 8.45am, school starts at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive on time, we have noticed an increasing number of families arriving late. So if everyone could start next term on time that would be great!

If your child(ren) do arrive late you **MUST** sign them in in the late book. The late book has two functions:-



1. Fire - we need to know who is in the building if there is a fire drill or a real one!



2. School dinners - the kitchen check to see if there have been late arrivals and whether they will need a dinner cooked. If they don't know that your child has arrived then there will be no dinner!!!

Good Book Certificates 10th February

Yr 1 Bodiam – Lily-Anne
Yr 1 Arundel – Erin
Yr 2 Leeds – Harley
Yr 2 Pevensey – Jasmine
Yr 3 Lewes – Patricia
Yr 3 Deal – Finn
Yr 4 Dover – Melissa
Yr 5 Hever – Emily
Yr 6 Rochester – Caitlin

School Nurse - reminder

School Staff Nurse Catherine Mars will be offering a health clinic on Wednesday, 15th March at St Marks School from 8:30-10:30am. Catherine can offer advice on most child health related issues including day and night time wetting, constipation and soiling, treating head lice, sleeping, healthy eating and lifestyle, managing behaviour or hearing tests. Please email catherine.mars@nhs.net to book a confidential appointment.



Collecting children early procedures

On some occasions children need to be picked up early for a variety of reasons. Please ensure that you let the school office know that you need to collect your child early and then they will go and get your child for you.

Please do not try to go and collect them yourself as:-

1. The class will not necessary be in their classroom, they could be in either of the halls, the computer room, or your child maybe having 1:1 or group support.
2. Other children who are learning may be disturbed.

Finally, please avoid early pick up as much as possible it disrupts your child's learning.

Folly Animal Rescue Centre Visit



Early Years enjoyed a visit from Kezzie, a volunteer from Folly Animal Rescue Centre. She talked to the children about hedgehogs and other animals and the

work they do at the centre. We all learned lots of interesting information including the fact that badgers like eating peanut and jam sandwiches and hedgehogs can swim! The children then met



Mr Prickles the hedgehog who sniffed his way round the circle to introduce himself. The children were very interested and were so enthusiastic about helping that we have decided to try and raise enough money to adopt a hedgehog at the centre - watch this

space for Early Years fundraising events!

Early Years Forest School Day

On **Monday 20th Feb** (the first day back after half term), Windsor and Camber class will be having a **Forest School day**. This will conclude the children's learning on Stanley's Stick. The day will involve many exciting activities such as willow weaving crowns, making a fairy or elf garden and making dens and collages with natural materials.

The children will need to come dressed in appropriate **outdoor clothing**. They must wear their usual school polo shirt and jumper or cardigan. They should wear something comfortable on their bottom half such as jogging bottoms, leggings or jeans - this may get muddy- you have been warned! In true forest school fashion, the activities will take

Dates to remember

February

- 10th Last Day of Term
- 20th Children back for Term 4
EYFS Forest School Day
- 24th Maths Road Show Y4 & Y5
- 24th 3.15pm Talk about Residential visit for Year 4 and 5, in Year 6 classroom
- 28th Parent Consultations

March

- 1st Parent Consultations
- 2nd Parent Consultations
- 19th 4 pm SM@SCH In the school hall
- 18th The Big Cheese Night
- 21st 9.10 am Year 4 Assembly
- 28th 1.45 pm Easter Service at Church
- 31st Last day of Term

April

- 19th Children back to school

May

- 26th Last day of Term

place whatever the weather so the children will need **wellies** and a **waterproof coat**.

We are very excited about our outdoor day and think the children will love it too!

The Early Years Team

Breakfast Club – new payment arrangements – reminder

Thank you to all parents who have already paid and booked their children into Breakfast Club next term.

As a reminder from the beginning of the new term:-

- Payment for sessions must be made in advance.
- Payment should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the dates for which the payment is for, handed into the school office for the attention of Mrs White.
- Toni and Sarah will not be accepting payment at breakfast club, and if the payment has not been received then they may have to ask you to stay with your child until normal drop off time, rather than accept your child into the club.

It is regrettable that we are having to change the more flexible arrangement that the club operated under previously, but as the club gets busier we need to know in advance the numbers that will be attending so that breakfast supplies can be purchased, and sadly there are a number of parents who habitually pay late and need to be chased creating unnecessary administrative work.

Residential visit 27th -29th September

The cost of this trip has now been finalised at £110 per child. The next payment of £45 is due on Wednesday 15th March, or before. Thank you.

Attendance 30th January – 3rd February

Congratulations to Dover for their attendance this week. Sadly chicken pox, sickness and unauthorised holiday has knocked attendance for 6 this week, with a very low 92.7%.

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
EY Camber	86.7	13.3	0.0	86.7
EY Windsor	90.7	8.6	0.7	90.7
Year 1 Arundel	94.0	4.7	1.3	94.0
Year 1 Bodiam	94.3	5.7	0.0	94.3
Y2 Leeds	98.3	1.7	0.0	98.3
Y2 Pevensey	91.6	7.6	0.8	91.6
Year 3 Lewes	90.4	8.0	1.6	90.4
Year 3 Deal	93.8	6.3	0.0	93.8
Y4 Dover	95.7	0.9	0.0	99.1
Y5 Hever	89.6	7.0	3.5	89.6
Y6 Rochester	93.3	4.8	1.5	93.3
Totals	92.4	3.9	0.8	92.7

Attendance is an area that Ofsted look at!

Ofsted Report

I am delighted to inform you that the Ofsted report has now been released and will soon be appearing on the school website (there are technical problems that we are trying to resolve - sorry). It will also appear on the following website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/> in due course. Please input the URN 118613. Thank you again to all the parents and children who completed the Ofsted Survey.

Have a great break and I look forward to seeing children and parents back to school on Monday 20th February.

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