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The House Cup was won by Neptune

Bug Day

The sun shone for the Early Years Bug Day on Tuesday. We had a very exciting visit from a bug road show which included many fascinating creatures like a praying mantis, silk moths, cockroaches and even a glowing scorpion. The



children were able to look at, touch and, for the brave, hold the insects (the adults



were not so brave!) We started to develop a quiet nature space in our outside area and furnished a very cosy looking bug hotel

which is now ready to welcome visitors. The rest of the time the children worked on their tree climbing and den building skills. A lovely day was had by all.

Class Photographs

Children were given proofs on Tuesday, if you wish to purchase copies please send your orders with payment back to us by Friday 19th May. Thank you.



School Trips

It seems that they are all happening at once, and for parents with more than one child in the school I can only apologise that you are being hit with so many permission and contribution slips at once, HOWEVER, I do truly know that these trips benefit the children enormously, reinforcing the learning from the classroom and giving many children the opportunity to go to events and places that they might not otherwise go to.

Gangsta Granny – year 3

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their permission slips and contributions. There are a few children whose parents still haven't returned them. Mrs White will be purchasing the tickets on Monday, so please ensure that those of you who are slightly late in returning have done so by then.

Children without permission slips will not be able to go; they will be placed in the nearest appropriate year group.

If you have lost your letter then there are spare copies at the office.

Brighton Sea Life Centre – year 4 and 5 – 14th June

Slips and contributions in by today please! Sadly the response at the moment (Thursday) is poor which means that there is a strong possibility that this trip will be cancelled. I will be able to let you know more on Monday.

Dates to remember

May

22nd Year 2 Drusillas/NO ECO CLUB
24th KS2 Disco 3.15pm/NO CHOIR
25th Y3 Assembly
26th Last day of Term

June

5th Return to school
8th General Election – no entry from Saunders Road
14th Y4 & 5 to Brighton Sea Life Centre
22nd Gangsta Granny Y3
27th Y1 to Hastings Aquarium
28th E-Safety Y5/Y6

July

1st PTA Summer Fayre
3rd 2pm Y6 leavers show
4th 6pm Y6 leavers show
14th Reports to parents
17th Sports Day
18th Leavers Service @ Church 10am
19th Reserve Sports Day
20th Last day of term

September

5th Children return to school

Daily Reading

Year 5 have reported that they have 8 children reading daily. That's only 36% of the class. If just 1 more child read the class would reach 40%. 3 more and they would reach 50%.

Come on year 5 lets see if you can make it!

Year 2 Pevensey had 9 daily readers this week a leap of 4.

Year 1 Arundel had 1, but they beat Bodiam who had 0, with 8 children not reading at all this week. ☹️

Hastings Blue Reef Aquarium – year 1 – 27th June

Slips and contributions in by 9th June please.

Final payment for Yr 4/5 trip to Grosvenor Hall

It's now time for the final payment to be made. Please would all parents ensure that their final payment is with the school office by 3rd July. Thank You.

Phonics Sessions for Year 1

Mrs Rule and Miss Porter are offering a short phonics "drop in" session next week after school. This is an opportunity for parents to pop in and ask any questions they might have in the run up to the phonics screener in June.

Mrs Rule and Miss Porter will be available from 3.15 - 3.45pm on Wednesday 24th May. If you are unable to make it but have questions about the screener or phonics in general, please do let them know.

Good Book Certificates 19th May

Yr R Windsor – Immanuel
Yr R Camber - Sophia
Yr 1 Bodiam – Bethany
Yr 1 Arundel – Erin
Yr 2 Leeds – Imogen
Yr 2 Pevensey – The Class
Yr 3 Lewes – Aimee
Yr 3 Deal – Brandon
Yr 4 Dover – Taylor
Yr 5 Hever – Lucia
Yr 6 Rochester –Lora

🌟 Good Book 🌟

Mrs Crane has seen such fabulous story writing from her class that she really couldn't choose one individual to award, so for the **first time ever** the whole class are awarded the certificate. WELL DONE.

Please don't!

Please do not let your children hit/swing the hanging baskets or pick flowers, Sarah and Toni have worked hard to make the school look extremely attractive and we would all like it to stay that way! Thank you.

Attendance 2nd – 5th May

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	Year to date
EY Camber	98.0	1.3	0.7	98.0	95.7
EY Windsor	99.3	0.7	0.0	99.3	93.9
Year 1 Arundel	99.7	0.3	0.0	99.7	94.3
Year 1 Bodiam	97.1	2.9	0.0	97.1	94.9
Y2 Leeds	99.6	0.4	0.0	99.6	96.7
Y2 Pevensey	98.4	1.6	0.0	98.4	94.7
Year 3 Lewes	93.0	7.0	0.0	93.0	95.9
Year 3 Deal 🌟	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	96.4
Y4 Dover	98.2	0.9	0.0	98.2	95.4
Y5 Hever	90.4	9.6	0.0	90.4	94.7
Y6 Rochester	99.6	0.4	0.0	99.6	96.0
Totals	97.7	2.1	0.1	97.7	95.3

Wow Deal again, they now draw level with Leeds as the class with the top attendance over the year. Well done. It has also been a great week for other classes with many showing 98 or 99 percent, meaning that the overall school attendance for the week was a brilliant 97.7%.

Yours sincerely

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