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The House Cup was won by Jupiter

Message to Year 5 parents

Mrs Hammond and I were delighted to see so many of you at our double information meeting after school on Wednesday where we talked about the Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education (PESE) and also the forthcoming Sex and Relationships lessons next term.

For those who were unable to attend please note that I am today sending home a sheet and leaflet which I gave out during the PESE talk.

May I take this opportunity to reiterate what I said on Wednesday that parents are very welcome to come and see either myself, Mrs Hammond or Mr Bird if you have any further questions or worries about any of the above areas of School life.

Class Photographs

Many of you are asking when the photo's will be back. Mrs White has called the company and hopefully they should be with us towards the end of the week beginning 5th June.

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.

Dates to remember

June

- 5th Return to school
- 8th General Election – no entry from Saunders Road
- 12th Hayesbrook Taster Day Yr 5 boys
- 13th Y6 to Rochester Cathedral
- 14th Y4 & 5 to Brighton Sea Life Centre
- 22nd Gangsta Granny Y3
- 23rd PTA non-uniform day - bottles
- 27th Y1 to Hastings Aquarium
- 27th SKA learning day Yr5
- 28th E-Safety Y5/Y6
- 29th Yr 1 assembly 9.10am

July

- 1st PTA Summer Fayre
- 3rd 2pm Y6 leavers show
- 4th 6pm Y6 leavers show
- 10th Class swaps
- 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



Healthy Schools



Phonics Sessions for Year 1

Mrs Rule and Miss Porter would like to thank the 6 parents who came to the session. They had some valuable questions about how phonics is taught in the year group which I am sure will help them when they are listening to their children read.

As you know we are trying to encourage all children to read daily, either to a parent or an elder sibling/aunt/uncle/friend would also be great. By reading daily the children not only develop their reading skills, but also concentration, and by understanding the themes within the book they are learning all sorts of other life skills.

Hastings Blue Reef Aquarium – year 1 – 27th June

Slips and contributions in by 9th June please.

Forest School in the Early Years



Forest School is a long term approach to education providing all children with the opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem and to build resilience and curiosity through hand-on learning activities in an outside area with trees. Each child is encouraged to follow their own interests and to take appropriate risks to their level of development. Forest School has shown to improve children's social, communication and problem-solving skills.

Mrs Evans is currently training to be a Forest School Leader. Part of her course is to teach 6 lessons to a small group of 15 children.

Unfortunately, there are not enough weeks left in the school year for her to teach all the children in Early Years so we have decided to make Friday afternoons next term our Fun Friday.

This means that while some children are at Forest School the others will have a special “Skills and Sports” session with Henry. These sessions will provide opportunities for children to practise and develop ball and game skills.

We will send a separate letter home with the children who will be participating in Forest School, outlining what your child will need to bring each Friday. Those who do not receive a letter will need to have their PE kit in school and a pair of trainers. Thank you.

Stepping Up Into Primary Workshop

The Ark Children's Centre, on Broadwater Lane, are hosting a 2 hour workshop on Friday **14.07.2017 at 1pm**.

This workshop is designed to enable parents and carers to reflect on their own feelings about their child starting primary school, what to expect and how to best prepare and support their child in the transition.

To book a place call The Ark on 03000 414600, spaces are limited.

Please note, this is not a school event.

Daily Reading

Thank you Arundel parents. What a fantastic improvement, 1 daily reader last week, 6 this week 😊.

Year 5, had 7 daily readers that's 30% of the class, our target is 50%+

Bodiam – 4 daily readers, 11 didn't read at all 😞.

Please, please, please read. The teaching staff can only do so much, we need your help and support, PLEASE.

Good Book Certificates 19th May

Yr R Windsor – Henry
Yr R Camber -Henry
Yr 1 Bodiam – Brianna
Yr 1 Arundel – Libi
Yr 2 Leeds – Joshua
Yr 2 Pevensey – Ashton
Yr 3 Lewes – Matilda
Yr 3 Deal – Everyone
Yr 4 Dover – Riley
Yr 5 Hever – Isabel
Yr 6 Rochester – Ellen



Miss Bennett, was so pleased with all her students that she couldn't choose just one, so the whole class was awarded their certificate for having such a great week. WELL DONE.

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

Thank you to all those parents who have replied, I am pleased to say that this trip will be going ahead. There are still a few parents who have not replied. Please would they do so asap, without a permission slip your child will not be able to go. They will be able to spend the day in a different class.

The Winged Lion – school newspaper -20p

What a fantastic publication, thank you to Toni and Sarah for putting the paper together, copies available from Toni and Sarah, and there are one or two in the school office.

Attendance 15th – 19th May

Leeds topped the table this week which means that they are now one award above Deal. Next term is 7 weeks, so still plenty of opportunity for Deal, or any other class to top the table.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Dugate
Headteacher

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	Year to date
EY Camber	99.7	0.3	0.0	99.7	95.8
EY Windsor	97.3	2.7	0.0	97.3	94.0
Year 1 Arundel	93.0	7.0	0.0	93.0	94.3
Year 1 Bodiam	93.9	2.1	0.4	93.9	94.9
Y2 Leeds 🌟	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	96.9
Y2 Pevensey	97.2	2.8	0.0	97.2	94.8
Year 3 Lewes	98.3	1.7	0.0	98.3	95.9
Year 3 Deal	96.7	3.3	0.0	96.7	96.4
Y4 Dover	98.2	1.8	0.0	98.2	95.5
Y5 Hever	96.1	3.9	0.0	96.1	94.7
Y6 Rochester	83.8	5.8	0.8	93.5	95.9
Totals	95.7	2.9	0.1	96.6	95.3