

(12th May 2023)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who this week sat their end of Key Stage 2 National Assessments. All members of the school community are incredibly proud of their positive attitude and determination towards the assessments.

Next week, we look forward to our Year 6 pupils working with a local artist to complete a unique piece of artwork linked to their transition to secondary school.

Attendance and Punctuality:

This week, we have seen a significant improvement in pupil's punctuality. Arriving on time, ensures a positive start to the day and means that all children are ready to engage in their learning at the earliest point.

We aim to build on this and make this a positive habit for all.

This week's attendance has dropped slightly from last week and is at 94.7%, which is 1.3% below our target. Congratulations to Year 6 who have the highest attendance across this term at 98.2% closely followed by Year 3 at 96.1%.

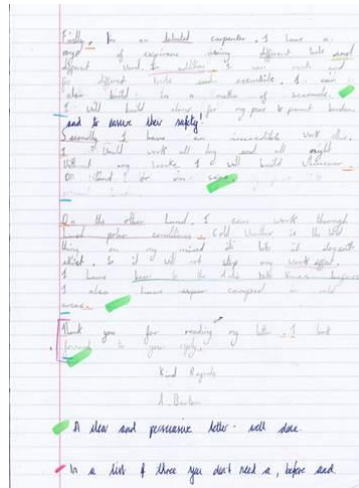
Relationship and Sex Education:

Next week is our whole school RSE week, (except Year 4) where children will be learning about relationships and sex education appropriate to their age group. Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshops for these.

On Wednesday this week, pupils in Years 5 and 6 will also be engaging in further workshops with the NSPCC.

Learning and Progress:

It has been wonderful to see the children engaging in a range of exciting learning activities. Pupils in Reception Class were surprised to find a crashed hot air balloon in their playground, Year 1 have been finding a number of clues related to a new animal in the classroom and Year 2 have written their recounts following their recent trip to Arundel Castle. I was particularly impressed by the writing from our Year 4 pupils, who last week wrote under candle light as they reflected on what it would have felt like the night before Shackleton's historic expedition to the Antarctic.



School Charity:

A reminder that we are encouraging all members of the school community to engage in the Snowdrop Trust Sponsored Walk. Earlier this year, our School Council voted to support this charity. To learn more about the event please view their website:

<https://thesussexsnowdroptrust.com/event/arundel-walk-sunday-14th-may-2023/>

Home learning:

This half term, we have seen a reduction in the number of children engaging in their home learning tasks. Research shows that over a year, regularly engaging in home learning can increase progress by an average of 4 months. Completing the set tasks really does give your child an advantage in their learning.

If you have any questions regards our approach to home learning, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Sports Days:

It has been lovely to see the sun shining this week and the children engaging in a number of summer sports. After half term, children across the school will be developing their skills of running, throwing and jumping in preparation for our sports days. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the events:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 21st June 9:00 – 11:30am

Years 3 - 6: 22nd June 9:00 – 11:30am

Out of School Achievements:

Over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to hear of children's achievements outside of school. We have had children acting in local performances, representing their sports teams, winning dance events and earning new badges with their Scouts, Beavers and Rainbows groups.

If your child is engaged in activities and events outside of school, please encourage them to share them with their class teacher and myself. Pictures of events can also be shared via Class Dojo.

Events can also include being advocates of positive change, which may include raising awareness or attending this weekend's Snowdrop Trust sponsored event.

Times Table Rockstars:

At the half way point of our current battle, Year 4 are leading the way with an impressive 24,689 points. This is a fantastic lead, but there is still time for other year groups to catch them.

Encourage your child to log on and earn points for their house:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online/tournaments?t=battle-of-the-bands>

Support for Families:

Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are running five parent workshops on 16th May covering anxiety, sleep, managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts, autism and challenging behaviours and eating disorders. The workshops are being run online, if you would like to book onto one of the courses please see the attached flyer for the link to book.

Red Book:

Each week, two pupils are entered into their class Red Book for displaying the school's Christian Value and/or for going above and beyond in their learning. The pupils listed below have been recognised in our whole school Collective Worship today.

Congratulations to:

Aiden J (YRAS), George R (YRAS), Ned H (Y1), Polina G (Y1), Teddy E (Y2), Charlie S (Y2), Rex J-N (Y3), Skylar H (Y3), Evie H (Y4), Mary G (Y4), Riley U (Y5) Alan G (Y5), Whole Class (Y6)

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about why your child has been selected for the Red Book.

Letters sent home:

Date	Class	Details
Tuesday 9 th May	ALL	The Big Battery Hunt
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 2	End of Key Stage 1 Assessments
Tuesday 9 th May	Reception	Reception Bus Trips
Wednesday 10 th May	Year 2	Headlice
Wednesday 10 th May	ALL	Sussex CAMHS Parent Workshops – 16 th May

Upcoming events:

Date	Class	Details
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th May	Year 2	Year 2 SATs
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th May	Reception	Bus Trips
Monday 15 th May	Years 5 & 6	NSPCC Workshops
Monday 15 th May	ALL	Friends of South Bersted Meeting (2-3pm)
Tuesday 16 th May	Various	Year 6 Quidditch Transition Event (PM)
Tuesday 16 th May	Reception	EYS Screening – School Nurse
Wednesday 17 th May	Reception	EYS Screening – School Nurse
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 5	Outdoor Learning
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5	Swimming (AM)
Friday 19 th May	Year 4	Outdoor Learning

Thank you.