



Newsletter 9th February 2024

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. Lovely to see lots of you on the gate this week. Just a few things from me this week.

Firstly, I can confirm our next "Ground-force day" will be on Saturday the 16th of March. We are hoping for good weather and the opportunity to improve our outdoor environment. Last time back in November we had a great day and teachers, staff, parents, carers and children achieved so much. We will be in touch with more details re the 16th after half term.

On the staffing front for the summer term we will be informing you very soon of changes as we have Ms Rosental returning to our school in the summer term. In addition, I would formally like to let you know that Mrs Shurmer will be beginning her maternity leave in the summer term. We are finalising one or two minor elements of the staffing so will bring parents up to speed after half-term.

Could all parents and carers ensure children do not ride scooters inside the school boundaries. Beginning and end of the day are very busy and we are very keen to avoid accidents.

Today was our fundraising day which was to include "welly walk" and non uniform. Unfortunately due to the very wet conditions the "welly walk" was postponed but the non uniform was really well supported thank you everyone.

I hope you all have a really good half-term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th!

Best wishes,
Mr Ball

#DeviceFreeDinner



Internet Safety Week

This week, all children have revisited their online safety learning. As part of this, we would like to challenge all families to a '**Device Free Dinner!**' At the end of this newsletter, you will find a family contract to sign to help you set up your family time. We hope it will provide you with valuable time together and an opportunity to discuss online habits of all members of your family.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week, the children have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week by focusing on strategies and ways of helping themselves to feel positive. Across the school, children have practised some mindfulness, talked about their feelings, considered how they can show gratitude and learnt about the important links between physical and mental health. We hope the children now have lots of ideas and resources that they can use in the future.

Mindful
MONDAY

Year 1: I loved mindful looking and following the bubble around the screen. Kaden

Year 2: I have enjoyed rainbow breathing because it helps me to feel calm. Bertie

Year 3: I enjoyed thinking about what I am good at and what I am proud of. I loved the mindful colouring! William

Thankful
Thursday

EYFS: I liked thinking about what we are thankful for. I am thankful for my mummy and for chocolate. Harry

Year 5: I enjoyed Mindful Monday because I liked trying the different mindful activities and they made me feel better. Bobby

Year 4: I loved painting on Mindful Monday because it was relaxing and creative.

Year 6: I enjoyed Mindful Monday because we did some mindful colouring and drawing to calm our minds for the day. I like being in a peaceful space and expressing my creativity through drawing. - Nathan

TALK
TUESDAY

Wellness
Wednesday

FITNESS
FRIDAY

As artists, **Year 2** have been developing their sculpture technique to model Arctic animals. They are now experts at applying mod roc.

Soon, the children will experiment with the mediums of watercolour and wax resit to create an icy setting for their animals. They will use their sculpture and background in a stop-motion animation - watch this space!

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BPSCA - Unfortunately we've had to postpone the Welly Walk as it looked like it would be a Welly Wade; the school playing fields are drowning after the last few days' rain! We hope to get a new date as soon as possible. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates. Keep raising money for the Welly Walk through our JustGiving page
Many thanks to Fowlers Estate Agents who sponsor the BPSCA!

Year 5 & 6 Basketball festival at the Weald

A team of eight Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a basketball tournament at the Weald this week and were an absolute credit to the school. The session focused on skill development initially, coached by Weald students and Mr Meaney, and led into a tournament. We were really impressed with the improvements the children made each game and they worked together fantastically. Most importantly, they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves too!

Please can all parents and carers remember that the school premises are non-smoking zones and that includes vapes and e-cigarettes – Thank you!

Parham winning house!

Cowdray
910

Goodwood
895

Parham
1028

Petworth
961



Upcoming dates: February/March

Monday 26th February – Year 6 SATs information meeting, 3:30pm KS2 Hall

Tuesday 27th February – Year 6 Weald Book Awards Event, Weald, 6-8pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

w/c 4th & 11th March – Extended Parent Consultations

Monday 11th March – Science Week begins

Thursday 14th March – 2.45pm open classrooms for Science week

Tuesday & Wednesday 19th & 20th March – Parents' evenings

Tuesday & Wednesday 19th & 20th March – Book Nook

Save the date!

Thursday 14th March
Open Classrooms
Science Week

Letters home this week:

Year groups regularly post photos of children and learning so please follow your child's Year Group on X



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