



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 1

9th September 2016

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!

Welcome back everyone and I hope you enjoyed a lovely restful summer break. Thank you to everyone for welcoming Mr Davison and me to All Saints' & St. Richard's. It has been a pleasure to meet several of you and we plan more opportunities in the future. Welcome to all new children and staff – we hope you will be very happy with us. We have lots planned for the coming year using our beautiful outdoors as well as our lovely school environment. We will be inviting you in to school to see our learning environment on Thursday 6th October and more details will be sent home soon. We start the school year with a two-week theme of 'Magical Marvellous, Unique Me' as we get to know each other and settle into the new school year. I look forward to the year ahead with the children, parents and staff whilst sharing my time between the other schools in the partnership, St John's Meads CEP, Frant CEP and Mark Cross CEP. There is so much to share and learn from each other in partnership through the coming year.

Mrs Flynn

I have enjoyed a brilliant first week at All Saints' and St Richard's with everyone being so friendly and welcoming. There is a lovely community spirit here, like a large family, which I think is fantastic and really helps us build a strong and positive learning environment. The children have settled back in very quickly and are showing a real enthusiasm for their learning in their new classes. Thank you for your understanding about the arrangements for dropping off and picking up the children at the start and end of the day. The children have responded extremely well to this change and have started their school year positively and independently. We are delighted to welcome the new Barn Owls (reception children) who are joining us in small groups over the next week. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Mitchell (Teacher – Buzzards), Mrs Williams (TA – Buzzards) and Mrs Samuel (TA – Treetops) to the school. I am looking forward to meeting more of you and getting to know the children in the coming weeks.

Mr Davison

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PLT (PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM)!



Keep an eye out for more PLT news in future newsletters.

Zander
Evie
Harlee
Leo
Tayen
Josie
Zoe
Millie
Reece

Mr Davison met with the team on Tuesday afternoon and they are all keen to support the school community and build and develop their roles in the future. They have hit the ground running and so far they have been buddies for the reception children, supported others at lunchtime and are planning the Macmillan event with Mrs Lane. The PLT are also thinking of ways that they can have an impact on developments around the school. *This week Zander has suggested that he runs a games table in the lunch hall for children who have finished their lunch and are waiting to go out! Great idea Zander! We will certainly give this a go!*

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FOREST SCHOOL IS BACK!



We are really pleased to tell you that Forest School will be continuing at ASSR. Mrs. Farley (TA in Treetops) will be our new Forest School leader, ably assisted by Ms. Kift (School Governor). Both are Forest School trained and qualified and have an action-packed Forest School lined up for the coming year. More details will follow (including opportunities for parents to help as well), but the timetable for the year will be:

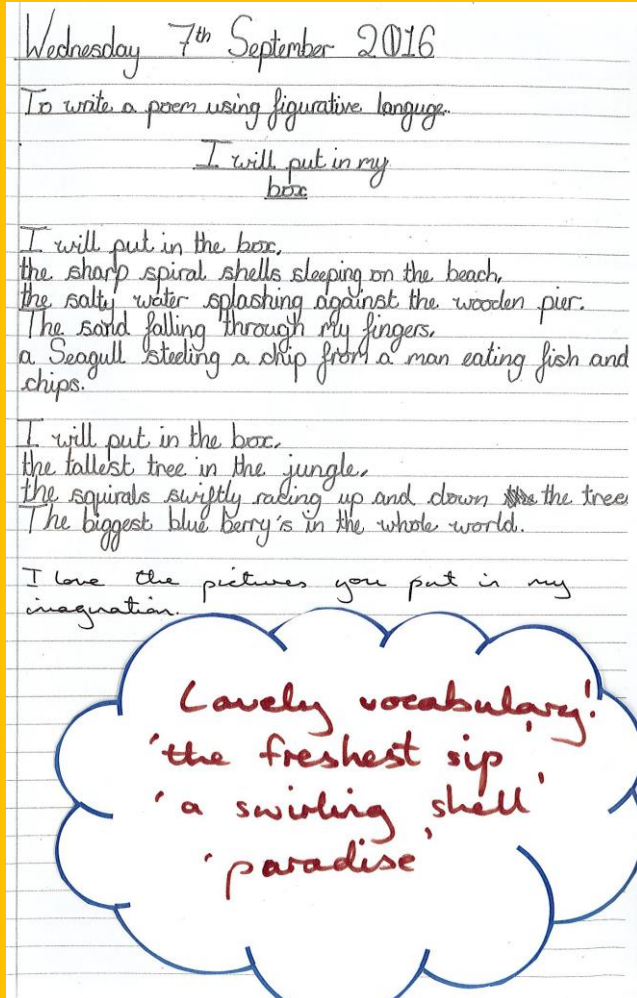
Buzzards – 6 weeks – starts Thursday 22nd September

Sparrowhawks – 6 weeks – terms 3 & 4

Treetops – 6 weeks – terms 5 & 6

WORK OF THE WEEK!

In Buzzards class the children have been writing poems in the style of Kit Wright's Magic Box. Harlee Day produced this lovely piece of writing that we are very proud of!



SOME PHOTOS AFTER GROUND FORCE DAY

Thank you to those who helped make our outside areas lovely and tidy for the new term.



COMMUNICATION

We are on a mission to improve communication throughout the school. Please check the data sheets carefully that have come home to you this week to make sure we have up-to-date email addresses and mobile phone numbers, as it is our intention to communicate via email (including newsletters!) and text when possible from now on. If you need to contact us, please email the office@ email address any time or call the school office between 8.30am and 4pm. Mrs McCowan and Mrs Lane can then forward any messages to the correct member of staff.

We will be using different platforms to improve communication in the future as well.

If you wish to opt-out of electronic communication please speak to the office.

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children receiving Gold Awards on Friday 9th September:

Treetops – Oliver Barton , Gracie Cannings

Sparrowhawks – Oliver Clark, Maddie Clover, Nesta Pring

Buzzards – Madalin Bowerman, Zander Harding

ATTENDANCE

BUZZARDS – 100%

SPARROWHAWKS – 100%

TREETOPS – 99%

What a great start to Term 1!

GOVERNOR UPDATE - *The Roof of the School and the Solar Panels*

During the holidays the work on the roof started. The inside of the hall is now finished. The Victorian part of the school had no roof insulation. It now has the highest amount possible, and so the hall and the classroom should be warmer. We will be installing new more efficient heating in the hall shortly. The roof had become dangerous as the tiles had become degraded and from time to time fell off, it also leaked. We will have a weather tight, safe roof. The money for the roof came from government funding. Each year we have to bid for money to do capital work. We applied for money to do a lot of work on the school including new windows for the newer part of the school, efficient heaters, resurfacing of the playground, and an awning for the top part of the playground. We were only given money for the roof. We will apply for funding again this Autumn for the other work which needs doing.

Solar Schools

We have been given a donation of £9000 from British Airways which will allow us to complete the Solar Roof. The panels should be installed by the end of September and should start to generate electricity immediately. It is estimated that this will save the school in the region of £2500 per year. It will also reduce the School's carbon footprint.

Thank you to all of you who gave donations or supported the Solar School's project in other ways.

Emma Gower – Chair of Governors



Did you know that Heathfield Community College operates a voluntary one-way system at the start and end of every school day?

To help ease the traffic around the College we ask that you follow the voluntary one way system shown in the map below to avoid congestion when bringing and collecting your child as it helps to keep traffic flowing. If our parents can follow this system too it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



We are here

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (changes/additions highlighted in yellow from issue 2)

2016:	
Tuesday 13 th September	Ms Barlow from Heathfield Community College to visit year 6 children
Wednesday 14 th September	Courier Newspaper to photograph Reception children
Wednesday 21 st September	Cross-Country – Burwash School – year 5/6 team
Tuesday 27 th September	PTA AGM 7pm in School Hall – ALL WELCOME
Friday 30 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th October	PTA Movie Night 6.30pm – details to follow
Monday 24th – Friday 28th September	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Saturday 3 rd December	Heathfield Christmas Afternoon (1-5pm)
Friday 9th December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 21st December	LAST DAY OF TERM
2017:	
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	START OF TERM 3
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 15 th March	Big Dance – Assembly Halls, Tunbridge Wells - Buzzards
Friday 31st March	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 18th April	INSET DAY
Wednesday 19th April	START OF TERM 5
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 20th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 21st July	INSET DAY