

All Saints & St Richard's Church of England Primary School



School Newsletter

issue 8



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a peaceful and restful break and welcome everyone back to a busy and exciting term.

On Monday we had a visit from Jethro Carr at 'The Kitchen Academy'. The children enjoyed an assembly based on healthy eating at the beginning of the day. Thereafter each class joined Jethro during the day for some cooking time.

This was a fun and enjoyable way to promote healthy eating and the children learnt so much from the experience. We look forward to welcoming Jethro back later in the term for 'Bike Smoothies' and a parent and child workshop.

We are also planning visits from Chris Roche for 'E Safety work' with both children and parents. This is an essential addition to all of our learning in this day and age with the internet being such a big and important aspect of our lives.

Sparrowhawks enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to learn more about their topic of Ancient Greece when 'Hands on History' visited them on Tuesday. This was certainly a stunning start to their topic.

As the term progresses we look forward to many more exciting opportunities including the HASP Netball tournament, a local poetry competition and the Buzzards class will be preparing for their 'Big Dance'.

Our school 'Pond Project' is underway with vital funding coming from 'Tesco Bags of Help'. You can add tokens to our pot at the local branch in Station Road. Please help us to win the top prize of £5,000 by voting for us with your tokens.

Work continues on our new website and we are now very close to launching it with a view to developing it throughout the year.

We are extremely pleased to be able to add more morning and after school clubs to our timetable which is now looking even more comprehensive. This will continue to build with more clubs to be added later in the year.

Kind regards

Mr Davison





Muffi Day!!

On **Friday 27th January** we are having a **Muffi Day**, raising **money for 'Muscular Dystrophy UK'**



The event is 'Team Orange' and is nationwide. Your money and support will help to beat muscle-wasting conditions in the UK. This is of particular interest to our school as we have a member of staff's family who suffers from Muscular Dystrophy.



In order to help we need:



orange decorated cakes to be sold off at the end of day via PTA.

Children to wear something orange

Children to bring in £1 as a contribution to the charity.

Children can bring in spare coins as we would like to spell out the word 'muscle' in the playground with all the coins brought in.

There will also be a related assembly during the week.



School Pond Project 'Tesco Bags of Help'



Please help us by depositing tokens to our bin situated at local Tesco branches; Heathfield, Crowborough, Forest Row and Uckfield.

Please help us win the top prize of £5,000 by depositing your tokens.

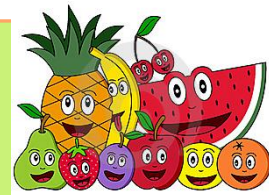
Ends 28th January.

We are now collecting Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers. Box in reception...



Parent help!

Can you or do you know someone who can help provide hay bales, marquee rentals, hog roast or any local beer suppliers. Heathfield Community College are holding a 'Writing Festival' next June '17 and are looking for people to support and quote for this event. If you can help please speak to school office. Or HCC direct. Many thanks



OUR HEALTHY SCHOOL!

The Kitchen Academy came in to run a series of Healthy Cookery classes throughout terms 3 & 4, starting with a whole school cookery day on Monday 9th January.

Some of the children commented on the first class:

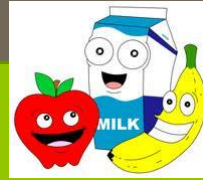
Lily said: 'We did some cooking, we watched someone making a rainbow salad and yummy coleslaw'.

Skye said: 'We used a bridge and a claw. A Claw is where you put your hand out flat, arch it, and then put your fingers in. The bridge is where you put your two first fingers down and chop. Utensils are kitchen tools which for us it was a knife and grater'.

Tayen said: 'I really enjoyed making food with Jethro and eating the food because it tasted AMAZING! I also loved how we could do all the chopping and get really involved. I can't wait to make smoothies on a smoothie bike'.

Overall a great start and success!





SCHOOL DINNERS!!

Chartwells are cooking special menu days again this term on 19th & 20th January. Menu sent previously for those 2 days. **As 19th January is Census day**, the more children that have school dinners on that day the better as that means more funding for us, so please help us with this if you can! **Don't forget**, ALL children in years Reception, 1 & 2 are entitled to Free School Meals every day, regardless of circumstance. You don't need to sign up, you just order a meal for your child. If your child(ren) are entitled to Free School Meals due to your circumstances, then not only does your child receive free lunches, but the school also receives additional funding to help support them in other areas too. If you think you may be entitled to these (even for KS1 children) please complete a form from the office or complete the attached form. Your application would of course be treated in confidence. Many thanks Mrs Lane & Mrs McCowan



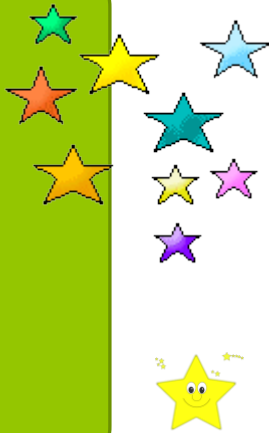
**Work of the
Week!!
By Ned
Chapman -
Treetops**





Friday 13th January

Jinx Talbot
Megan Baker
Ellouise Lower
Ruben Montebello
Anais Hagan
Eddie Peter
Toni Peter
Tom Whitston
Jinx Talbot
Megan Baker



News Update:

To add to our fabulous ipad resource, we have finally replaced our weary old laptops! 15 new laptops will be up and running for classes to use this year, thanks to the Capital budget we receive from the Diocese. We will be looking to update the classroom desktop computers in 2017/18 as well.

ATTENDANCE
Term 3

BUZZARDS – 95.1%

SPARROWHAWKS-96.8%

TREETOPS – 96.3%



Please Help!
Please can we ask for any shoeboxes for our Buzzards class to use in Science. Any small box will do. Many thanks



Our huge thanks to the PTA team, especially Ronnie and Rachel for selling a massive amount of Courier newspapers for the recent 'Christmas Fayre Challenge' competition. They actually won the competition with your help by buying copies of the newspaper!!

More details will follow but basically:

The school has won £300

We have also won 50 places for a P&O coach trip!

The Courier Newspaper will be contacting us shortly to present our prize. More details to follow. Thank you PTA and all parents who helped us win!!!

PTA Update

PTA News - Another prize won from the Courier, what an amazing and supportive group of children and parents! Let's cross our fingers that we can win the £5,000 from the Tesco scheme. Keep putting in the tokens. We don't have long left but think what a fabulous Forest school area with a pond we could achieve!

There are many plans in the pipelines for this year and I hope your continued support will enable the school to offer extra opportunities for our children. More details in the next newsletter but for now please remember to sign up to the facebook page if you haven't already and join the easy fundraising page. This is providing a trickle on money into the account which helps with the annual expenses the PTA fund.



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



2017:	
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	START OF TERM 3
Thursday 12th January	Forest School resumes – Sparrowhawks class
Friday 27th January	Muffi Day – ‘Go Orange’ – Muscular Dystrophy UK
Thursday 2nd February	Last Sparrowhawks session
Tuesday 31st January	E Safety Parent talk and workshop – Chris Roche , School Minister – details to follow
Thursday 9th February	Sparrowhawks – Greek Day!!
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 23rd February	Sparrowhawks – Drusillas Zoo (Flying High topic)
Wednesday 15th 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

