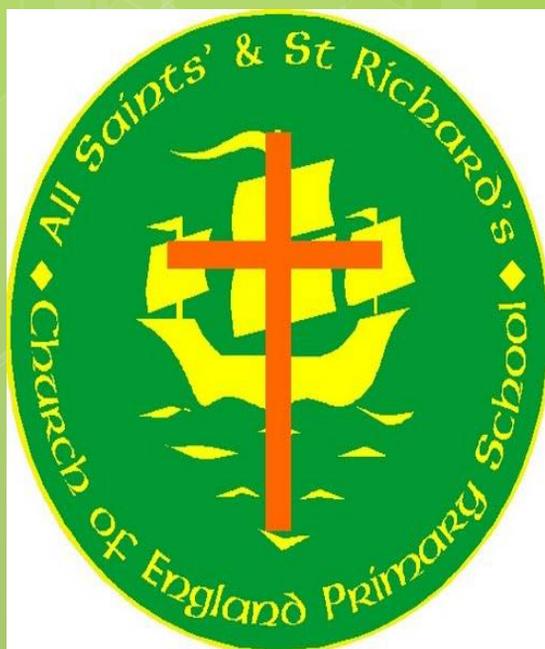
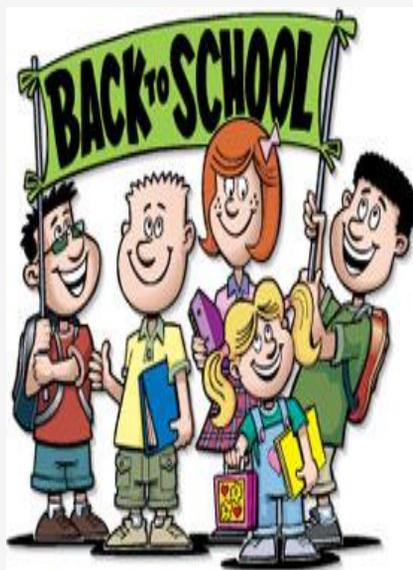


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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of probably the busiest term so far this year. I cannot help but think about how fast and how quickly things are progressing and moving on.

We are a strong community and as the children say: 'We are a family!'. This has been encapsulated by the incredibly successful PTA Spring Fair that was held at Kings Church on Saturday 18th March. I would like to thank all who supported this event and Lucy Golding and the PTA team who organised a brilliant event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who help us with our sporting endeavours and trips. From driving the children to events, to leading teams, and taking photos and cheering the children on. It really helps and certainly builds upon our strong community spirit.

A big thank you must also go to Gwen and Penny who organise and arrange these events amazingly well and ensure that all children are able to take part.

We now look forward to the Summer terms and I am hoping there will be something new for the children to enjoy outside when they come back in Term 5.

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 19th April.

Many thanks
Mr Davison
Head of School





Handwriting at ASSR

We are currently having a renewed focus on handwriting.

In Reception the children are taught to form letters without a lead-in, but with a flick at the end of the letter. In Year 1 the children are taught to begin all letters on the line with a lead-in. Through Year 1 and Year 2 the children are taught to fully join their letters with the aim that they are able to write with a joined and legible style by the end of Year 2. In Key Stage 2 they will practise using a pen. When their writing using a pen is consistently cursive, legible and correctly formed they receive a pen licence and their own pen. We would be very grateful for your support at home in developing children's best handwriting. Please see our website for our handwriting styles.



Remember we have a staff Inset day on Tuesday 18th April – the children return on Wednesday 19th April. Enjoy the break!!



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



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



Welcome to our new pupils, we hope you enjoy being part of our family.

Beatrix Lindsay Yr 4
Angus Lindsay Yr 1



Sparrowhawks 'Sing It!'

Sparrowhawks are really enjoying 'Sing It' on a Thursday afternoon. If the children want to take their booklets home they can log on to the website. Here they will find the backing tracks for this term's songs in the 'Sing It' section.

www.robertpoultonfoundation.org.uk

Clubs Update

Clubs will recommence after the Easter break from week commencing 24th April.

Please see office for signing up for all clubs for Term 5.

Everyone needs to start afresh in order that children who were previously on the waiting list can now have a turn. Please sign up your child at the office from Wednesday 19th April.





Huge congratulations to
Madalin Bowerman
Year 5

For winning the North
Wealden Sports Logo
competition!!

Madalin wrote:

"I started my design by
writing down all the
words that I think best
describes sports. Then I
chose the three best
words.

**1. Determination and
resilience** - this is shown
by the person in the
circle jumping over the
hurdle.

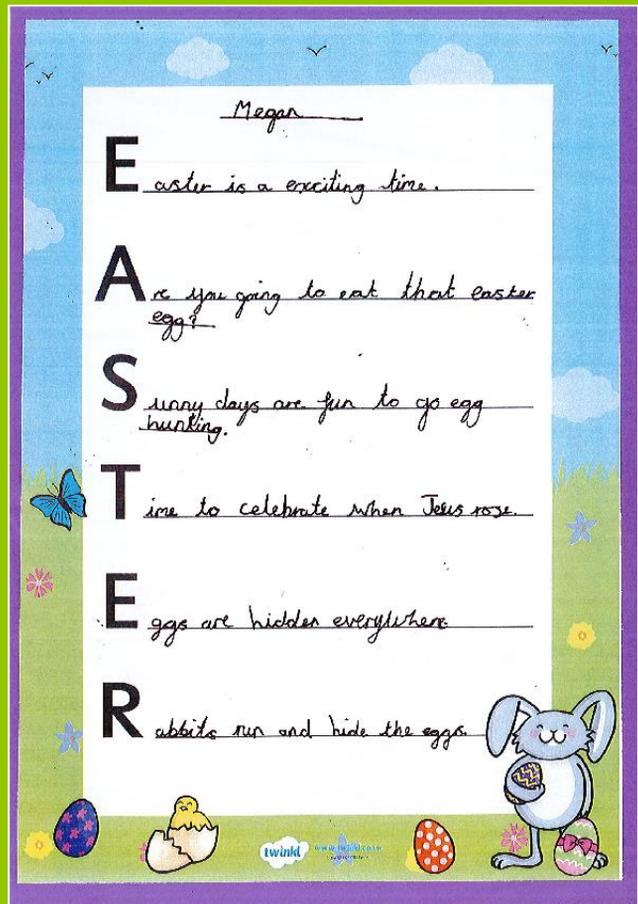
2. Team Spirit - this is
shown by the circle of
people holding hands.

3. Passion - this is shown
by the different colours
of the people which
means we all like doing
different sports and we
are all good a different
types of sports, but we
all have passion for
sports



Work of the Week!!

By Megan Morgan Year 4



GOLD AWARDS
For 24th March 2017

Louis Thain
Ellouise Lower
Jessica Bullock
Beatrix Lindsay
Rosa Bonnick

GOLD AWARDS
For 31st March 2017

Xander Golding
Cillian MacNeill
Tom Whitston
Nesta Pring
Alexandra Mihalcea
Harlee Day
Leo Debrito
Owen Baker
Otto Everest
Gemma Pye



KS2 Hockey Tournament @ HCC
on Friday 17th March

We took 3 teams to the HASP Hockey tournament at HCC. Once again all 3 teams were a credit to the school! The children represented the school perfectly and we are very proud of them indeed.

Considering the children had only played hockey a few times, they were up against some strong teams who play regularly. All of our 3 teams won at least one game and finished their groups in the respectable position of 4th place.

ATTENDANCE
End of Term 4

BUZZARDS – 93.3%

SPARROWHAWKS - 96.5%

TREETOPS – 94.3%



Sparrowhawks for Term 4!!



Our new Website is now live! We believe the wait was worth it! Have a look and see.

cassr.org.uk



Buzzards - Netball Tournament @ HCC on 22nd February

On Wednesday 22nd February we took 2 teams to the HASP Netball tournament at HCC. The A team did extremely well with some excellent results against teams they had been beaten by in the past friendlies. Their team spirit and attitude was excellent! The B team played brilliantly as well and were crowned winners of the B team league. What a fantastic achievement!



ParentPay

After the Easter break Chartwells will be moving us to a cashless system for our lunch payments and bookings. This will mean that ALL parents, regardless of whether or not you pay for your children(s) school dinners, will need to register online and book lunches for their children using the system. You will be able to book in advance to save this being done on a daily or weekly basis if you find this useful.

You will receive a letter with full instructions and an activation code for each child on the Wednesday we return after Easter, and we will be 'going live' on Monday 24th April.

It is our intention to move all school payments to this system once the Chartwells part is up-and-running, but there will be more information on that nearer the time.

We hope that you will be supportive of this move.
Regards Penny, Bursar.

Date for the Diary 'Charity Fun Morning'

Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council are organising a Charity Easter Bunny Hunt and Fun Morning on Saturday 15th April

9.30 am – 12pm. Meet at Parish Council Office in Heathfield to start the hunt! They would love lots of children to join in the fun. There will be chocolate prizes for all participants of the Bunny Hunt as well as a cake sale, colouring competition and various other stall. All proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research UK.



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Buzzards - The Big Dance @ Assembly Halls, Tunbridge Wells

On Wednesday 15th March Buzzards class participated in 'The Big Dance Extravaganza' at Tunbridge Wells Assembly Halls. They joined all of the other schools in Heathfield and danced to a well practised version of 'Grace Kelly' by Mika. The children were amazing (if only a little tired) by the end of the evening! They were a credit to our school.



Easter Service @ St Richards Church

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter service at St Richards Church. A Special thanks also to Jane Eales and Peter Weaver for their own contributions to the service. As a church school this is a special time of year for us and we really appreciate parental support. A huge thanks also to the children for their individual readings and wonderful behaviour during the service.

Forest School News by Penny Kiff – School Governor

This week was Kestrel's second session this term but their first in Vines Woods. There is so much more space here and games such as '123 where are you are?' is much more fun to play as there are so many places to hide! We started with this one and we also played 'you are only safe if' which helps us learn the names of trees. In Vines Wood there are really big trees called Hornbeams as well as Ash trees and Hazel nut bushes. We then sat around the fire circle and had a snack while Mrs Farley explained about the various activities she had prepared for us to do and also reminded us of the boundaries we needed to stay in if we wanted to do free play, so we would stay safe.



One activity was fire lighting and we took turns in groups of 5 to do this. It was really difficult to start with, even to just get a spark, but with lots of perseverance everyone managed to light a ball of cotton wool. This showed a 'growth mindset' and 'can do' attitude which we knew would make Mr Davidson proud of us! We also thought it was great fun and went on to light many more balls of cotton wool until it was someone else's turn. Another activity made us think about Spring and the animals and birds that hibernate or migrate and return in the Spring. Using clay we made Hedgehogs out of Teasels and Swallows from cardboard cut-outs and we made nests and small dens for them to live in. We also made a big den, working as a team with Mrs Farley, but the tarpaulin kept blowing away! However, the best bit of all about Vines Woods is the mud!



Some of us got stuck in the mud and we had to build a bridge to rescue people! As if there wasn't enough mud, others added water to make a mud slide down one of the banks! Mr Leeder wasn't very impressed when we all tried to get back on the mini bus so Mrs Farley hosed down our wellies and we put our over-trousers in bin liners so Mums could sort it out later at home. Good old Mum!



A massive thank you to Lucy and Vicky for organizing a fantastic Spring Fair. They raised £1103.50 and then Santander match funded and donated another £1000.

Lucy Golding - Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, biscuits & pies, donated chocolate, bought raffle tickets, helped get raffle prizes, shared our poster online, donated & made decorations, helped set up the hall & tidy up afterwards. Thank you to all who kindly ran stalls & thank you to everyone for coming along on the day.
The event would not have been possible without all of your support.

The PTA hope the children all enjoyed their Easter egg hunt on Friday afternoon and thank you to parents for their £1.50 donation.

Toni , Harlee's mum in Buzzards is organising a stall at the Heffle Fair on 22nd April for the PTA. Any help is always appreciated, even if it is just running the stall for half an hour.

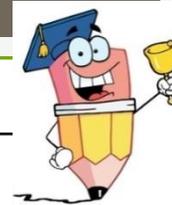
Sponsorship forms are in your bags for the welly walk. Please remember to ask people to agree to gift aid as this means we raise an extra 25% on top of their sponsorship.

Have a great Easter break and see you all next term.
Rachel

Rachel Windus



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



2017:	
Rescheduled to Term 5	Phonics Workshop for parents Reception, Yr 1 & 2 - date to follow
Tuesday 28th March	Kitchen Academy 2-4pm & 4.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 29th March	Easter Service @ St Richards Church @ 2.30pm – all parents welcome
Friday 31st March	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt – donations welcome
Tuesday 18th April	STAFF INSET DAY
Wednesday 19th April	Start of Term for all children
Saturday 15th April	From 9.30-12pm Charity Easter Bunny Hunt and Fun Morning. Meet at the Parish Council Office, Heathfield High Street to start the Easter bunny hunt!
Tuesday 18th April	INSET DAY
Wednesday 19th April	START OF TERM 5
20th April – 6th July	Yrs 3,4,5&6 Swimming @ St Leonards's pool, Mayfield - more info to follow.
Monday 24th April	PTA - Welly Walk and Spring Party – more info to follow
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
School Photos – Tuesday October 17th	From 8.30 am – more details will follow nearer the time.