



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term it has been and how quickly the holiday has come round! This week has seen many children taking part in enrichment activities.



We are so proud of our Year 5 Hockey team who took part in a tournament in East Grinstead on Wednesday. They came third overall and were thrilled to receive bronze medals. I was especially proud of the match report they read out in our Celebration assembly this morning where they congratulated each other for specific achievements.

Our Year 6 pupils showed exemplary behaviour during their trip to Newhaven Fort on Wednesday. They asked and answered many questions confidently and have clearly learned so much about WW2 this term.

Year 1 pupils went for a very wet Spring walk yesterday afternoon around the local area. Again, our pupils' attitudes and behaviour were excellent. Thank you to our parent helpers.

Over the course of this year many children have volunteered to play an instrument in our Celebration assembly. They are all at different stages of learning but have all shown bravery when performing in front of 400 of their peers. Lots of children have taken up an instrument as a result of seeing others having a go.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, two members of staff in EYFS will be moving on after Easter. To ensure continuity and to maintain skill levels we have chosen Mrs Potts as the best person to fill one of these roles. Mrs Potts is a skilled, conscientious and respected member of staff. She is sorry to leave her current role in Year 1, where she has demonstrated adaptability, expertise and a can-do attitude, but she is keen to experience a new setting and to deploy these skills in EYFS. To complete the full team, we have a new member of staff joining us in EYFS, Ms Paul. Year One also has a new member of staff to join their team, Mr Liu, who will be with them after Easter.

Thank you to all our very hard working staff who work tirelessly to ensure the best possible experiences and outcomes for our children. Have a good Easter. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday 17th April.

Natalie Langtree
Head teacher

Do you love the outdoors? Mr Blake, our Forest School Lead is still looking for parent/carers volunteers to help out at Forest School. If you or a relative are interested please email Mr Blake via premises@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

Do you have any unused or opened packets of either grass seed or flowers? As forest school has been running over the winter and it has taken a bit of a pounding it needs some seeds so it can recover over the next month ready for the next sessions in May. Many thanks. Mr Blake.



London Meed Hero Awards

Name of Child	Class	Reason
Billy H.	6B	For showing curiosity during our trip to Newhaven Fort and for always having an ambitious attitude to learning. Keep it up, Billy!
Harvey H	6K	For demonstrating fantastic subject knowledge during our Newhaven trip. You asked and answered questions brilliantly and showed courage during the scary bits!
Millie M	5D	For writing and improving a Viking saga, where she created her own world, hero and villain and used powerful figurative language when describing key scenes. Well done, Millie!
Charlie K	5S	for having a good attitude to learning and being a diligent independent learner; challenging himself to always do his best.
Seth M	4O	For an improved attitude towards work and for excellent writing in our Big question: 'What was life like as a Mayan?'
Scarlett E	4P	For becoming more confident in using and applying decimals and linking to fractions.
Bethany	3M	For writing a fantastic story about Nu Wo using direct speech, pronouns and prepositions.
Mason	3C	For working well with his maths partner, to investigate different number problems.
Spencer	2DJ	For working well and showing resilience when learning to tell the time. Well done!
Elsie	2M	For showing resilience in all areas of her learning and always being happy.
Norman	1W	For his resilience when designing and making a land vehicle for The Jolley Rogers. It looked fantastic!
Lillie G	1S	For working really hard to be independent with her learning.
Bobbie	Cherries	For showing resilience in phonics all term.
Elsie	Apples	For trying her best in all lessons and being a good friend.

National Online Safety - Top Tips for Helping Children and Young People with Managing Device Stress and Anxiety



According to recent figures, a third of 5 to 7-year-olds in the UK have at least one social media profile; 69% of 8 to 11-year-olds play games online; and a whopping 97% of 12 to 15-year-olds use messaging apps or sites. Whichever way one slices it, digital devices are an increasingly integral part of how today's young people live their lives.

There are many positive aspects to this, of course, but what's also true is that the lure of their screens and the frequently brutal law of the online jungle can create a huge amount of additional stress for youngsters. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has some practical advice on how parents and carers can help their child to manage the pressures of living online.

London Meed Loves Reading

Happy International Children's Book Day - Sunday 2nd April 2023

International Children's Book Day is an annual celebration of children's literature, held on or around 2nd April every year. It aims to encourage children to appreciate literature and develop a love of books and reading. The event emphasises the importance of books for young people.

Which book will you read to celebrate International Children's Book Day?

Why not pop along to the Book Nook Fair in school this afternoon to choose a beautiful new book!

Fun times in our libraries

There are some exciting storytime and craft activities for children taking place in selected libraries during the Easter school holidays.

These 'Go Wild in the Library' special events are free to attend but places are limited and must be pre-booked via [Go Wild sessions](#)

Y5 Christs Hospital



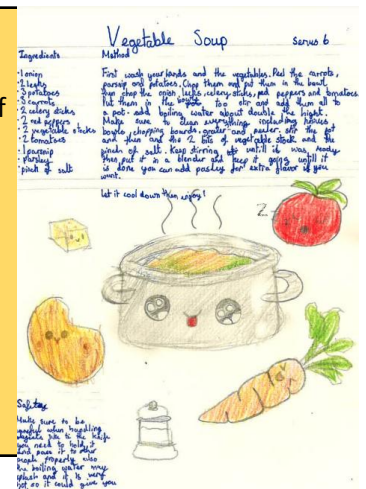
A group of Year 5 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Stacey, Mrs Geer and Ms Smith, took part in a Choral Day at Christ Hospital last week. They had a fun-filled day experiencing the school, taking part in learning and performing a number of songs together with other year 5 pupils from other local schools. They even got a performance from the famous school's marching band which Mrs Stacey was very excited by. The children behaved impeccably and showed huge community spirit representing our school, well done.

Y6 Soup Making



On Thursday, during Year 6 soup making, we learnt about different techniques of cutting and slicing vegetables, whilst using the knife safely. We also liked peeling the carrots and potatoes.. Our favourite part was tasting the soup - it was delicious although a bit hot!

The children then wrote the recipe out -well done Melissa from 6B for a beautifully presented soup recipe!





Y6 Trip to Newhaven Fort



On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Newhaven Fort. We learnt new facts about WW2 and how people survived during that period. Also, we had the opportunity to hold some guns and grenades and look at some missiles. At the end, we liked going up the hill and looking over the harbour. What a lovely day we had!

Y1 Buggy Making



As part of their DT, Year 1 children made their own buggies. On Wednesday, the children got to push their vehicles around the Large Hall as part of their evaluation on their vehicles.

Year 4 Reptylers visit



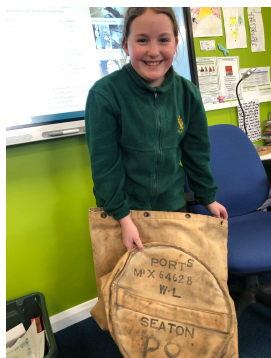
The children in Year 4 have had a fabulous finish to their Under the Canopy topic. They had a visit from the Reptylers and found out about amphibians and reptiles that live in the rainforest. They met and held some amazing creatures.



Thanks also go to all our special helpers who donated their time and patience to help us with sewing our butterflies. The children have really enjoyed this project and have learnt many new skills including sewing on buttons.

Y3 BeeKeeper visit

Year 3 children had a talk and demonstration from our local BeeKeeper, Piers P who commented :“I really enjoyed being with the children; they were very well behaved and their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject impressed me a lot.”



WW2 Artefacts

Graci brought in a kit bag that belonged to her great-grandad, who was part of the British Navy during WW2. He was on the HMS Hood (battlecruiser of the Royal Navy) when he got hit by a missile. Fortunately, he was one of the seven survivors.

Thank you, Graci, for sharing these amazing facts with us.

Can you help The Orchard?

The Orchard are looking for some bits and bobs and loose parts to help develop their learning environment. If you are having a spring clear out over the holidays, or work for a company that may be able to help, and have any of the following that you wouldn't mind donating, we would be extremely grateful: leftover bags of soil or compost, thin wooden planks, Astro turf / fake grass, blackboard paint, small cable reels, bags of small stones / gravel, wooden crates, old material / sheets / duvet covers, plastic pegs, wooden spoons / wooden spatulas / old kitchen utensils like mashers / plastic spoons / tongs etc, old plastic plates, bowls, cups and cutlery, my little ponies, Sylvanian family toys.

Ongoing throughout the year we would also be very appreciative of donations of: the front of children's birthday cards when you've finished with them, old flowers or plants, (for our mud kitchen), children's magazines to cut up, any old craft bits and bobs you no longer want / need.

We are also desperately short of spare school clothes and in particular would love some donations of boys trousers and shorts, especially (age 3-6). Many thanks. The Orchard Staff

Rainbow Promise



On Tuesday 29th March, Daisy and Poppy from 1W, showed our school value, bravery, when they took their Rainbow Promise. They attended a special Rainbow session because 8 children were doing their promise, and 3 were going 'over the rainbow' (moving on to Brownies) so the leader said they could all come wearing 'princess clothes'. It was also the first time parents and families were invited to watch since covid restrictions were lifted!

The girls were very proud of their achievement. Well done Daisy and Poppy!



West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent Haywards Heath that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance.

They can help you with:

- finding childcare
- applying for free childcare entitlement
- finding local activities and support services
- pregnancy and early child development
- Parenting
- health advice for you and your family
- how to access local housing services
- crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities
- personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to.

For further information please click on the link in the title.

Spring term dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 31st March	Last day of the Spring term

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Summer term dates for your diary

17th April	Children return to school
Week commencing 17th April	Year 6 Bikeability week
Mon 1st May	Bank holiday - school closed
Mon 8th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tues 16th May	Y6 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Mon 22nd May	Class Photos
Tues 23rd May	Y4 Residential Parents meeting at 3.15pm
Thurs 25th May	Parents/Carers will be invited to a School Picnic from 1.30-3.30pm - details to follow
Fri 26th May	INSET day - school closed
29th May - 2nd June	Half term holidays - school closed
Mon 5th June	INSET day - school closed
Sat 10th June	LMA Colour Run/Summer Fair - details to follow
Wed 14th - Fri 16th June	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 19th June	New Parents Evening for children starting school in Sept 2023. Details to follow
Sun 25th June	Burgess Hill Children's Parade - details to follow
Wed 28th June	Your Space Parent/Carer Workshop in the small hall 1.20-2.50pm. The workshop is called Overcoming Overwhelm. Further details to follow.
Thurs 29th - Fri 30th June	Y4 Residential
Wed 5th July	Transition Day. Children will meet their new teachers. Details to follow.
Fri 7th July	Annual reports sent to parents.
Week commencing 10th July	All clubs finish for the term.
Wed 12th July	A chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher and say goodbye to their existing teacher. Details to follow.
Fri 14th July	Sports Day from 1.10pm - full details to follow
Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm. Details to follow in due course.
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 7-9pm.
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents will be invited to the Goodbye Assembly.

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Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Thursday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Monday - the children can wear their PE kit. They will need to bring in a swimsuit (no bikinis)/trunks, goggles and towel). Wednesday is Outdoor PE.
Year 6	Monday and Thursday



4-11 year olds

OFSTED REGISTERED

Activity Camp

Spring themed Sports, Challenges, Arts and Performance!

FREE HAF funded places for eligible pupils

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April
Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th April

AT

Harlands Primary School
Haywards Heath*

Manor Field Primary School
Burgess Hill*

St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Burgess Hill

8.30am - 5.00pm
*Extended sessions available

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Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.pdf

Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

Spring term 2023

Last day of term Friday 31st March

Summer term 2023

Starts Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays - Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET DAY - Friday 26th May

Half term 29th May to 2nd June

INSET DAY Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July

Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2023

INSET DAY - Friday 1st September

Starts Monday 4th September

INSET DAY - Friday 20th October

Half term 23rd - 27th October

Children return Monday 30th October

Last day of term Friday 15th December

Spring term 2024

Starts Tuesday 2nd January

Half term 12th February to 16th February

INSET DAY - Monday 19th February

Children return Tuesday 20th February

Last day of term Thursday 28th March

Easter Holidays 29th March to 12th April

Summer term 2024

Starts Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - 6th May

INSET DAY - Friday 24th May

Half term 27th May to 31st May

INSET DAY Monday 3rd June

Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July



Easter HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

1 – 16 April

EXPLORE, LEARN AND HAVE FUN THIS EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Join in our Easter Egg Trail and take part in our have a go activities around the 40 acre site.

Whether you are 5 or 95 there is something for everyone to enjoy!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW



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PLAYDAYS

FREE family fun

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 1030AM - 12.30PM
ST JOHN'S PARK, BURGESS HILL RH15 9AA



see you there!

Have a go at new sports with local clubs

- ✓ TRIATHLON TASTERS
- ✓ TENNIS, CIRCUS AND FRISBEE
- ✓ CRICKET, RUGBY AND FOOTBALL
- ✓ CLIMBING WALL
- ✓ GYMNASTICS
- ✓ CRAZY GOLF

- free drop in event
- no need to book
- sport equipment provided

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Get a wiggle on and join the fun this Easter

30 March – 23 April 2023



Children go free!

Superworm™

Wakehurst

For details visit kew.org/wakehurst
Booking essential



Royal Botanic Gardens **Kew**

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BRAMBLE RETURNS

3 - 14 APRIL

Collect your map from the Help Point

Follow the clues around the town

Return your map to the Help Point to claim your prize!

FREE ACTIVITY!

Check out our social media to see what Bramble and his friends are up to!

Join us for the Easter Trail!

Email communityteam@burgesshill.gov.uk for more info

Burgess Hill Theatre Club

2023 SPRING OPEN MORNING

Saturday 1st April, 10am - 12.30pm

- Refreshments - Arts and Crafts -
- See our theatre and find out more about BHTC -
- Box office open for 'On Golden Pond' -

All welcome! Find us at the bottom of Church Walk.



Kids Trail

Ludo's Easter Race

This Easter holiday, follow the story trail of Ludo the Lamb as he prepares to enter the Lamb National Race.

1st - 16th April, 10am-5pm daily
£4 per trail, plus admission to include a prize. Free to Members
BORDEHILL.CO.UK

STEM IN THE PARK

Taking place in Memorial Gardens, Crawley

Saturday 20 May

11am - 4pm

Just turn up! Enjoy a FREE family fun packed day
Employers from various STEM industries and local businesses will be available to offer careers information and advice.

- Pop-Up Planetarium
- Engaging STEM Displays
- Solar Powered Car
- Fly Drones
- Interactive Engineering Rigs
- Science Shows

More engaging STEM activities at Crawley College

Sponsored by

Family Fun Sessions

for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The King's Church
-in The Auditorium
Tuesday 4 April
ages 11 and under 10-11.30am
ages 12 plus 12.30-2pm

FREE ADMISSION
Tickets must be pre-booked via TicketSource, by calling The Help Point on 01444 247726 or in person at 96 Church Walk

- Easter themed arts and crafts
- Information services
- and more.....

Follow the Town Council's social media or check our website for updates

Co-organised by

Any questions contact the Community Team on 01444 238206 or email communityteam@burgesshill.gov.uk

Family Fun Sessions

Booking is now open for the Family Fun Sessions on Tuesday 4 April for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Burgess Hill Town Council, in partnership with The King's Church Mid Sussex, aims to make the sessions inclusive and accessible to all those in the SEND community.

The sessions on Tuesday 4 April will be:

- 10 - 11.30am for children 11 and under
- 12.30 - 2pm for young people 12+

We understand there will be some crossover with ages and invite families to choose the session they feel best fits the age of their children.

Trainmaster Sussex will be bringing along their giant train track, as well as arts and crafts, and a story time led by the library -with more still to be announced!

Tickets can be booked via the Help Point at 96 Church Walk, by calling 01444 247726 or via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/burgesshilltowncouncil>

For event updates follow the Town Council's social media platforms or keep an eye out on our website <https://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/family-fun-sessions/>.