





Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Last week, the stage went up in the hall ready for our nativities. The children are working really hard to practice their songs and lines for these and get themselves ready for the performances. On Friday, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 went to Haywards Heath for an indoor athletics event. They came 6th out of 7 and are looking forward to saying 6/7 in assembly when they tell the rest of the school! We had 'Break a Rule' Day on Friday where the children got to choose one rule to break (within reason). They loved this and we had so many different rules that they broke. And it all helped for our Christmas Fair! I also had Hot Chocolate Friday and spent time with some of our children. They said the hot chocolate was better this time!



This week, we started the Christmas countdown with a fantastic performance of Snow White performed by M&M Theatre productions. We squeezed the entire school into two thirds of the hall and it was the first time our Reception children had been in with the rest of the school. It was brilliant and the children absolutely loved it. A huge thank you to our LMA who paid for the school to have this treat. It was really worth it and we have booked for next year!







This afternoon some of our Year 5 children are off to Sports Crew training to support the younger children at lunchtimes. Year 5 has their last swimming session tomorrow. On Wednesday morning, we have an Open Morning for the prospective new Reception children for September 2026. We also have the ROAR final that we will be watching in school that morning. The ELF run will be on Wednesday too - a busy day! On Friday, Year 1 and Year 2 are having their dress rehearsal for their nativities.

Friday is our Christmas Fair and we cannot wait. The LMA have been working hard behind the scenes to get this ready for you. The children can wear their own clothes on Friday so they are ready to go straight to the fair after school. The Christmas Fair starts at 3.15pm and finishes at 5.30pm. There are so many stalls and activities for you and your family including refreshments and a BBQ. The event will take place in both halls and in the Key Stage 2 classrooms - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. We have extra raffle tickets for sale in our office so make sure you have bought yours ready.



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We really look forward to seeing you all at the fair. They still need some helpers so if you can help, please use this link to sign up - https://volunteersignup.org/9KPQ4. WOW club will be in Apples and Cherries just for this evening.

Next week, we have our nativities. Year 1 and Year 2 have their nativities on Monday 8th at 2.00pm and Tuesday 9th at 9.30am. On Tuesday 9th, we have our Junior Governors meeting at 2.30pm. Reception have their nativities on Thursday 11th at 2.15pm and Friday 12th at 10.00am. For all of our nativities, we will be asking for donations which will go directly to the classes involved to buy resources with. Please bring pennies with you for the donations. We will have tea and coffee available too. Friday 15th is our Christmas jumper day so children can wear their favourite Christmas jumpers along with their uniform on their bottom halves.

Christmas Countdown:

As the next few weeks are busy with Christmas activities, we have provided a handy Christmas countdown.

Wednesday 3rd December:

Elf Run - they will need a pair of trainers for this. We provide the elf hats and the tunes.

Roar Final - 10.30am to 12.00 - we will be watching this with the winning team.

Friday 5th December:

Year 1 and Year 2 dress rehearsal for the whole school at 10.00am.

3.15pm to 5.30pm - Christmas Fair

Monday 8th December:

Year 1 and Year 2 nativity at 2.00pm

Tuesday 9th December

Year 1 and Year 2 nativity at 9.30am

Wednesday 10th December:

Reception nativity dress rehearsal at 10.00am

Thursday 11 December:

Reception nativity at 2.15pm

Friday 12th December:

Reception nativity at 10.00am

Christmas jumper day



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Monday 15th December:

Book fair in the small hall run by The Book Nook. A great chance to buy some extra Christmas presents.

Tuesday 16th December:

Book Fair in the small hall run by The Book Nook. A great chance to buy some extra Christmas presents.

Carol concert rehearsal in the morning

Wednesday 17th December:

Christmas Party day - children can wear their party clothes all day. Please can your child bring in a small cake, a packet of crisps and a drink for this, in the afternoon. This will be on top of their normal lunch.

Christmas lunch - make sure you have booked this

Thursday 18th December:

Key Stage 2 carol concert at St Johns church at 10.00am. We will be looking for volunteers for this and the form will come out on Tuesday for this. Please come and join us for this although it will be standing room only at the back.

Friday 19th December:

Reading raffle

Winning house extra playtime

Hot chocolate Friday at 11.30am.

REMEMBER WE BREAK UP AT 1.30PM ON THIS DAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Facebook:

Please remember to check out our Facebook page for what is going on in school. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580110393113



Miss Dowley





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<u> Elf Run</u>

This Wednesday is our much anticipated annual Elf run. We have our amazing DJ visiting to ensure there are festive tunes for the children while they run! We can not wait. We hope the sponsorship is going well and we will share with you as soon as we can how much we have raised for St Peter and St James Hospice, a charity that has offered support to so many of our school community.

Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics event

On Friday morning, Miss. McConnell and Mr. Dalgleish took 18 of our year 5 and 6s to an indoor athletics event at Haywards Heath college. They all represented the school really well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the event. We won quite a few of the track and field events, and placed 6th out of 7 schools. It was a fantastic morning and all the children had a great time (Mr. Dalgleish even took part in the teacher's javelin throw!)
Well done, Year 5 and Year 6!

Shoe Boxes Needed

Our Y4 pupils will be immersing themselves in a new DT project this week but we are in need of 10 empty shoe boxes. If you do have any we could use, please could this be dropped off at our school office.

& Christmas has arrived

Today the Christmas tree and fairy lights were placed in the reception area by the office for all the children to see. They were very excited. It was very much a community effort decorating the tree with the children taking it in turns over the lunch period. Fantastic team work:







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Class	Name	Award
1M	Mason	An amazing poster to help us plant more trees and for listening carefully to show you are ready. You have also been subtracting by jumping back accurately along a numberline. Well done Mason :)
1C	William	For writing clear and precise instructions on how to plant a tree. You used bossy verbs and time connectives very well.
20	Liam	For setting a fantastic example to others by being ready and respectful. You also completed some excellent independent writing this week. I am very proud of you.
2S	Elliot	For showing the school values of resilience, curiosity and respect every day. You have worked so hard to develop your independence in Year 2. Well done Elliot, we are proud of you.
3T	Zack	Creating fantastic work in all subjects, but particularly English. You have written some very impressive poetry and narratives, and you showed excellent understanding of fronted adverbials this week. Keep up the good work!
3N	Louis	For being such a kind and considerate friend. Louis always works hard, tries his best, and enjoys sharing interesting things he has done outside of school during 'show and tell'. We are so proud of him! Well done, Louis!
4SB	Merlin	For his phenomenal work and effort in every maths lesson. Merlin always gives 100%, shares his excellent ideas and loves to get stuck into the tricky challenges. Thank you Merlin, you are an inspiration to the class!
4A	Harry	For always being ready to learn and respectful to others. This week Harry has produced a super, descriptive narrative based on The Secret of Black Rock.
5B	Lani	On using the formal written method for multiplication to accurately complete her calculations. Well done, Lani!
5M	Lucas	For being ready to learn in every lesson. Your resilience and determination have supported your development this year and you are making fantastic progress! You should be extremely proud of yourself. Keep up the great work, Lucas!
6H	Cooper	For demonstrating a wonderful attitude to learning. Cooper contributed some fantastic ideas when planning a persuasive speech as part of our writing unit. He has also shown determination and resilience when learning to simplify, compare and find equivalent fractions in Maths lessons. Excellent effort Cooper!
6D	Olivia	For being an excellent example in our class and within the wider school community. Olivia is always listening carefully and treating everyone around her with respect and kindness. This week, she has also shown curiosity in her learning as she strengthened her inference skills in Guided Reading and produced a thoughtful response to the set questions. Well done, Olivia, for all of your hard work!





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Forthcoming diary dates

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Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below Apples - Monday and Friday Cherries - Monday and Friday

Yr1 - Tuesday and Thursday Yr2 - Monday and Wednesday

Yr3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr4 - Thursday and Tuesday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr6 - Wednesday and Friday







Friday 16th Jan 3pm

> Uniform donations welcome

Cash and Card accepted









Chat & Chill coffee morning for parent carers

Parenting a child with SEND can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone.

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning, connect with other parent carers, and take a well-deserved break - We are also thrilled to say that the first drink is on us!

Thursday 20th November 10:00am - 12:00pm

The King's Church 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR No need to book, just drop by! We'd love to see you there.