

### Parent Forum

We are very pleased to be holding our first Parent Forum on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm** to discuss the topics of communication and bullying. We will be holding future Parent Forum meetings at other times of the day / evening, to gauge best attendance numbers. In Parent Forums it is an opportunity for parents and school leadership to work together and find solutions to any difficulties that may have arisen. However, it is not the right audience to discuss specific concerns relating to your own individual child or name other children. If you are concerned your child may be having friendship issues, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance to make them aware. I do hope you will be able to join us and contribute to our school moving forward, to become an even better school.

### Interim Reports

All Year 2 & 6 children will be receiving an interim report on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This report will inform parents what reading, writing and maths National Curriculum Expectations their child has achieved recently and the areas or aspects they need to practise and continue to work on. We are sending these reports out, so that parents can support their children over the half term break, if they wish to do so. Both year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their SATS assessments in the Summer Term and early reports will help parents early on recognise learning gaps for their individual child. All other Year groups will receive their child's Interim Report before the Easter break.

### World Book Day

We are holding our World Book Day event on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We would like your child to dress up as a book character on that day. There will be a prize for the best character costume! We will also be holding a Spellathon on that day, to raise money for classroom book areas and teachers will give the spelling lists and sponsor forms to the children next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. We will also be having our annual Book Fair the following week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, for children to purchase books if they would like to.

### Illness

We have had a case of chicken pox and of scarlet fever in school in the two days. NHS Choice provides information on symptoms if you have any concerns.

### Nits

Please could parents inform us if their child has nits, so we can ensure letters are sent out to other children's parents in the same class. We will also contact parents, if we notice your child has nits too. It is important once you have used the lotion on your child, to keep checking and combing through your child's hair, so they are not re-infected once being treated.

### Reception



**Sienna, Joshua, Amine, Ayla and Jocelyn enjoyed dressing up in Indian clothes**

This week the children have enjoyed joining Sailor Bear on his travels to India and finding out more about the country and their customs. The children have experienced creating Mehndi hands and Rangoli patterns. They have also practiced Bhangra dancing in PE. The focus in math's has been on doubling numbers. The children also have enjoyed drawing and writing about animals found in India.



**Children in Beech Class are concentrating hard on their drawing and writing skills**

## **Year 5 / 6**

This week in math's the children have worked hard on converting measures from ml to l, mm to cm, cm to m, m to km and g to kg and solving measures problems. They have also practiced the 24 hour clock. In art lessons the children designed the front cover for their Power of Reading Shackleton book. In English the children have polished their motivational speeches and have also been looking at the key features of newspapers, ready to plan their own newspaper report. Science has continued to focus on timing of paper helicopters to hit the ground and the factors needed to ensure it is a fair test. This has also been written up and conclusions drawn from their investigation. Volleyball skills were also very much enjoyed by the children!



**Pine Class using technology to solve 24 hour clock problems**



**Willow Class eager to show off their knowledge of the 24 hour clock**

## **Year 1**

This week in RE Year 1 have been looking at the similarities and differences between a mosque and a church. In math's the children have practiced telling the time to O'clock and half past, as well as sequencing the days of the week and the months of the year. They all enjoyed creating their own storymaps then writing their own story of the Robot and the Bluebird. I am delighted to say the writing stamina of the children is certainly improving and they are definitely making progress, in fact so much so we have had to order more Headteacher Award stickers! In science the children have been looking at mammals, vertebrates and grouping the animals.



**Ethan, Immie, Mia and Georgie wrote about the similarities and differences of mosques and churches.**



**Freddie, Isaac, Lyla and Cady painted beautiful Paintings of Artic animals.**

## **Year 2**

Our Year 2 children have enjoyed investigating capacity in math's and using standard scales to measure the amount of liquid in different size containers. They have worked hard in gymnastics, creating their own sequence of travelling, rolling, jumping and



holding shapes. In English the children have focused on writing the story of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” making sure their stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. They have also sorted different materials by their properties and used the scientific language to talk about the materials. In art the children have started to create their own design ready for a printing pattern.



**Elder Class enjoying gymnastics, travelling, jumping and rolling!**



**Hawthorne Class reading scales to measure the amount of liquid each container holds.**

### **Year 3 / 4**

This week the children have worked very hard on fractions, ordering them on a numberline and finding equivalent fractions in their maths lessons. In science the focus has been on magnetism, finding magnetic materials and magnetizing a hairclip to make a compass. The children have practiced sketching in art, using techniques of shading and light, to add detail to their sketches. In English lessons the children have thought about the key features of non-fiction leaflets and started to plan their own leaflet to help Ivan, ( the boy in their core text “ The Ice Palace” ) reach his brother. The children have enjoyed swimming and outdoor activities in PE.



**Larch Class finding magnetic materials around school**



**Maple Class are ordering fractions on a numberline.**

### **Congratulations to our Leaves of Achievement:**

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Ash –Elodie, Beech - Jacob , Chestnut –Charlotte, Damson -Holly , Elder –Kaylin & Samantha, Hawthorn – Zeph, Larch – Freya, Maple- Harleigh, Oak –Oliver, Pine-Fred, Silver Birch –Josh, Willow - Marisa



### **Congratulations to:**

**Our Basketball Team who played in their first ever tournament with 8 different matches – Ollie H, Ellie, Sophie D, Jennifer, Fifi, Cole, Josh C, Fred**

**Bronze Mighty Multiples – Georgie H , Henry P, Grace F, May B**

**Silver Mighty Multiples – Arthur J, Emily H, Ruby R, Katie B**

**Gold Mighty Multiples – Arlo M**

**Platinum Mighty Multiples – Annabelle S, Arlo M**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

**INSET DAYS**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**SPRING TERM 2017** (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Forum 2.00pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 SATs meeting]

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Netball Match v Lindfield away

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February Cricket match v Harlands - Central Sussex College

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 & Year 6 Interim Reports out

February 20-24 Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Inset Day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March Quicksticks Hockey - Downlands School

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day Dress Up as a book character & Spellathon

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Netball Tournament - Downlands School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March SEND Coffee Information Event

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March IEP Reviews

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March KS" Eucharist

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Netball Tournament - Downlands School

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March Grounds Day 9.30-1.30

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - School Bookfair

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Open Afternoon

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Reception, Years 1,3,4,5 Interim Reports out

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Non Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Egg Donations

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Reception, Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Competition & Key Stage 2 " Eggs for Extravaganza" Competition

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Chocolate Tombola

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service