



13.06.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write, our outdoor learning day is in full swing and I am keen to get outside and join in with the activities! Thank you to everyone who donated logs, branches and various other bits and pieces. These are being put to full use as the children den build, saw, explore and basically have a great time enhancing their outdoor skills. We have been blessed with good weather and days like this really do make our job so special!

I am sure that the children will have many stories to tell when they get home this evening. I believe they will also be very tired!

Have a good weekend,

Tracey Newbold

### Phonics Screen

Well done to those children in year 1 and a small group of year 2s who took the phonics screen this week. I cannot give too much away at this point however if the pass mark remains the same as in previous years we are anticipating a record score. This is testament to the work of the entire KS1 team and to the children's own hard work and commitment to their learning.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Kennedy who have stepped in so amazingly to Hedgehog Class. Their expertise is already ensuring that the children have a great end to their school year.

### Sing Up Day

This is a reminder that we will be taking part in this year's Sing Up day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. This is a fabulous opportunity to join with thousands of children across the country to explore self-belief and the power of singing. We are all learning a specially commissioned song which can be accessed by following information at:

<https://www.singup.org/sing-up-day/get-involved>

We will be recording ourselves as we raise the roof on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

### Holiday Absence

Unfortunately, this remains the same with further holiday requests this week. This really does need to change next year.

Again, I politely remind you that this is not OK. Regular school attendance is both compulsory and essential if children are to meet their potential.

Children should not be taking holidays and day trips in term time; this simply undervalues education which I cannot condone. This also applies to children who have regular days off when they could / should be at school.

Sorry to sound grumpy but it matters!

### Wheelie Wednesday

This week's winner was Arabella in year 6.

It is great to see so many bikes and scooters coming to school. Thank you for supporting this initiative which is really helping towards our Green Flag award application.



### Cake Sale

A message from Florence in year 6

Barns Green Eco Warriors are going to be holding a bake sale on Thursday 26th June to raise money for Sussex Green Living. Sussex Green Living are a local eco charity who have delivered many free workshops to all children at the school over the past 2 years.

We would love to make this event as Eco themed as possible by asking families to use their local shops or even gardens for ingredients. Perhaps you might even be able to use reusable silicone cupcake cases? We would also love to see some eco themed colours and decorations.

We understand not all the cakes will be Eco themed as people have very busy lives and so would value all donations equally.

The Eco Warriors thank you for your support with this event.

(Florence, Fox Class Eco Warrior)

### Crime Scene Science @ CH

Well done to those children who participated in a fantastic day of learning at Christ's Hospital this week.



I understand that they represented the school amazingly and were fully engaged in the learning. They even managed to solve the crime correctly. Future scientists?

### Staffing for 2025-26

Sadly, Ms Friedli will be moving on in September and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and wish her the very best for the future. She will be missed.

I am delighted to be able to share with you staffing for next year and we have made a wonderful new appointment. Miss James will be joining us in September. Miss James is young, enthusiastic and creative. She has four years of experience teaching in Crawley and is currently teaching in New Zealand. She comes highly recommended! We had over 26 applicants for the position!

Miss James will be ideally placed to teach Squirrel Class next year, with experience of this year group.

You will be informed of your child's class when you receive the summative, summer report.

When choosing classes, we look at many complex factors, thank you for trusting the school here.

The class structure will be as follows:

Dormouse, Year R and 1 - Mrs Al-Tarafi

Hedgehog, Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Nicholson

Squirrel, Year 3 and 4 – Miss James

Otter, Year 4 and 5 – Mr Griffin

Fox, Year 6 – Miss Bishop

As always there will be time for children to meet their new teachers in preparation for next year. We always consider individual needs in this process.



### PTA news update

School 10th Birthday celebrations summer fete – Saturday 12th July.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up through the poll on the PTA Facebook page. It's a fantastic start but we do need more help to run the event. We welcome anyone - uncles, aunties, grandparents, previous students. This event is a birthday celebration for all.

Sign-up sheets will go up next week at school, we ask for additional help running the stalls, volunteering for a 30-minute slot.

### Donations – next few weeks



Over the next few weeks, we are asking for donations. The first, **Friday 20th June**, we ask for a **filled jam jar of wrapped sweets** for the sweet tombola, the most popular stall at the fete! Along with **bottles for the bottle tombola**.

The following week, children will bring home a small envelope, this is for the money tree and ask for a cash donation sealed in the envelope, if possible, a minimum of 50p. Also on this Friday, any clean, washed cuddly toys for the animal friend stall.

### Next PTA meeting

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 18th June at Barns Green School from 5.15pm**. This meeting will focus again on summer fete planning and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible to help plan this big celebratory event.

### Dates for your diary

- PTA fete planning meeting – June 18th at 5.15pm - Barns Green School
- Friday 20th June – school fete donations – filled jars for sweets & bottle donations for tombola
- Friday 27th June – school fete donations – money tree envelope donations (more details to follow) and clean soft toys for animal friends
- Summer Fete – Saturday 12th July.

### Dates

#### June

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Otter and Squirrel trip to the British Museum

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Yr 6 Railway Roadshow Trip

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Otter and Fox Wyrd Sisters theatre visit

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 swimming lessons

Weald Big Sing

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (afternoon)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Otter and Fox trip to Lodge Hill

#### July

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 3/4 swimming lessons (last session)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church (**at the village hall**)

Year 6 swimming (details to follow)

Dormouse and Hedgehog sharing afternoon 2.30pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability

Dormouse and Hedgehog Classes Preston Manor trip

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class trip to Hever Castle

Dormouse Class assembly 2.45pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Reports sent out

Whole school transition afternoon

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete 12-3pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 swimming (details to follow)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - End of year production – Yr 6 and all of KS2 to attend - 6pm

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Leavers’ assembly 2.45pm (for families of Yr 6) followed by adults v children rounders match (3.30-4.30pm)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – last day of term – break up at 1.30pm

### **September**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – All children back to school

### **October**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Flu vaccination