



Quality, excellence and passion

14.07.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the fact that the end of term is approaching, life in school remains ever so busy. We have a number of events that have been entirely inspirational and I know that the children have enjoyed them thoroughly.

The other day, pupils met their new class teachers and spent the day familiarising themselves with the arrangements for the next academic year. I visited all classes across the day and spoke to the children about the activities they were completing. As I visited, they were contributing towards a whole-class art display which we are looking forward to seeing in the corridors in early September.

You may well have received or will be in receipt of your child's end of year academic report. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their effort and determination this year. It was a pleasure for the team to read the extent to which pupils have demonstrated our school values this year:

Respect



Curiosity



Independence



Resilience



Aspiration



Our school values underpin every part of our school life/curriculum. It is, therefore, so important for our children to recognise how they have upheld them this year.

Reception Pupils 2023 and Year 6 Leavers



It was a treat to welcome our new reception pupils to school last week and today to help our youngest members familiarise themselves with their new classrooms. The children enthusiastically explored all the activities available and their new learning environments. We cannot wait to see the children again in September with their parents and carers. I am in no doubt that our pupils in school, as well as our wider families, will welcome them into the Heron Park community.

As a parent, I remember the reception welcome sessions well and I am constantly staggered as to how quickly Year 6 arrives! The time comes when the children are ready for their next adventure at various secondary schools. Our Year 6 pupils returned to school last week and shared the exciting experiences they had encountered in their Y7 placements. Most memorable moments were related to some chemical reactions in Science! It is thrilling to see that the children enjoyed this. They now focus on their final performances and their Year 6 party which we look forward to hosting next week in recognition of all their work at our school.

Summer Fayre

It is likely that you will receive this newsletter before the PTFA summer fayre takes place-hopefully you are in school enjoying this event with us! I would like to personally thank all our volunteers and PTFA leaders who have made the fayre happen. It is a mammoth task. Throughout, our PTFA team has demonstrated amazing resilience and passion for the school, alongside a fair amount of good humour. Raising funds for the school is so important for our children and will help us realise some new playground markings in the future. I aim to write to you before the end of term when I hope to be able to share the final total raised by the team.

Music at Heron Park

I have mentioned before that our Key Stage Two music teacher, Mrs Dalton, is stepping down from teaching this year. Prior to her final day at Heron, Mrs Dalton put together a music concert for all pupils in Year 4 and representatives from Years 5 and 6. It was a fantastic event! The level of the children's music coordination and confidence was quite spectacular. I remain staggered as to how a whole orchestra of children can play various instruments together in utter harmony. In September, we have a new practitioner from Sussex Music School, Mr Ibbotson, who will be teaching the music curriculum across each of the Key Stage Two classes. I met with Mr Ibbotson last week and look forward to working with him next year.

In addition to our own music concert, we were delighted to welcome a touring Jazz Band to the school last week. The children enjoyed watching the performance which included international players. A group of our children also received a bespoke Jazz band instrumental session. Pictures of the event are contained within the newsletter.

Accelerated Reader Books



Please can all accelerated reader books be returned back to school by Wednesday 19th July.



Safeguarding

Should you ever have any concerns about a child and require advice, you are able to contact ChildLine or our school Senior Leadership Team/some members of our Safeguarding Team: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crees, Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Morgan.

Please do have a look at the bulletin in the newsletter which outlines what parents need to know about Spotify. The guide provides some helpful information about the platform, including the age at which children should be to have the app.

Attendance



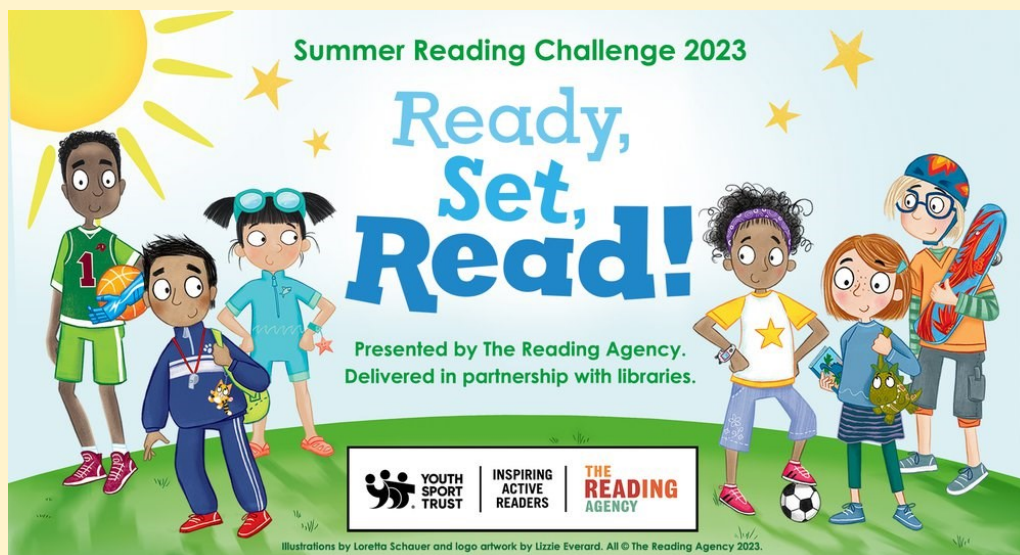
Attendance continues to be a focus for the school. At Heron Park we continue to have high expectations related to attendance. Our school target is over 95%. Consistent attendance enables pupils to have the best chance at realising success now and in their futures.

It is equally important that children are in school on time. Just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days lost learning across a year.

I have recently received a number of requests for holidays in term time. I wanted to let you know that, in line with our attendance policy, **I am unable to authorise such requests.**

I do thank you for your commitment in ensuring that the children are in school each day and on time. Maintaining good attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school. Should you need any support in this area, please do contact our school office.

Class winners: Ducks



The Summer Reading challenge bookmarks have (or will) be sent home with your child. There are a range of activities and resources on the website. Click on the image above and you will be redirected to the website where you will find book recommendations as well as videos from authors which your child may be interested in. It is so important to keep the children reading over the summer break. I cannot stress how important it is to look at books with your children and allow them to read to you or even retell a story if they are still learning to read key words. I hope you find the website and the initiative useful over the summer.

As always, we look forward to the week ahead in school. There are many more exciting events to come. Have a safe and restful (if that is possible) weekend when it arrives.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Crees
Headteacher



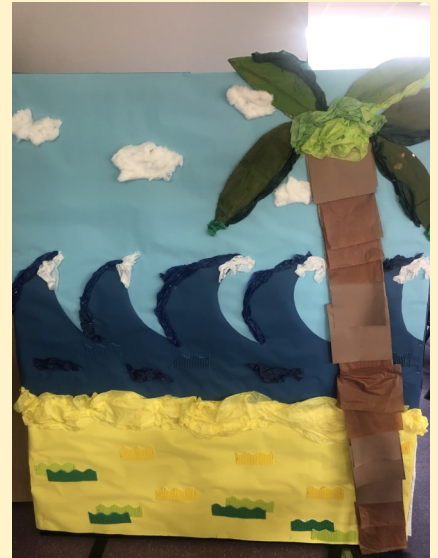
Music at Heron Park!

The fantastic Jazz workshop!



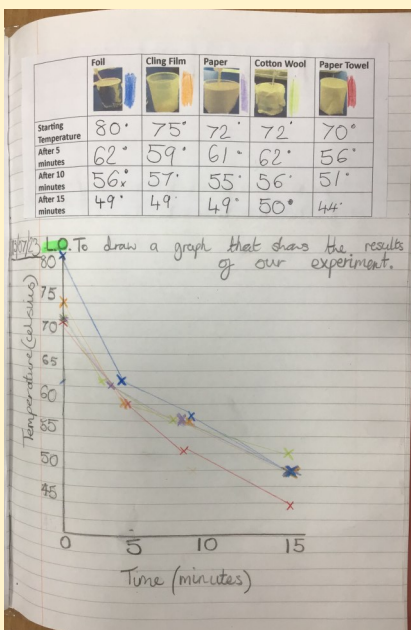
Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been practising for their end of term performance - they can't wait to show the parents next week! However, behind the scenes a group of very talented children have been working hard by making props and preparing the setting with Mrs Phillips and Mrs Jones. We wanted to say a big thank you to them all!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 conducted an experiment to find out what would keep a liquid warm. They found out that the best insulated was cotton wool and the best conductor was a paper towel.



Tuesday 22nd June
 LO: To plan a fair test enquiry, recognising and controlling variables.
 We are investigating... which materials make the best thermal insulators and which are thermal conductors.

We could change...
 The liquid The material The size of cup

We could measure/observe...
 The temperature The amount of liquid The condensation

We will change...
 The type of material

We will measure/observe...
 The temperature

We will keep these the same...
 The size of cup The type of liquid The amount of liquid

I predict that...
 the cotton wool will be and stay the hottest and is a good insulator.

Method - how are you going to carry out this investigation?
 First, we will fill the cup.

Then, we will take the temperature.

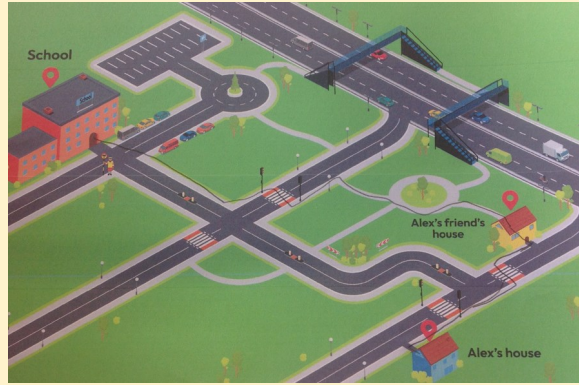
Finally, we will record the test results.

Equipment...
 We will need:
 Cups Different types of material Hot water Thermometer Timer

I found out that the best insulator was cotton wool because it had the highest temperature at the end.

I also learned out that paper towel was the best conductor because it had the lowest temperature at the end.

Year 4



Rail and Road safety has been the focus of our wellbeing lessons in Year 4 over the past two weeks. The children came up with some wonderful rules across their sessions:

"Look left and right before you cross!"

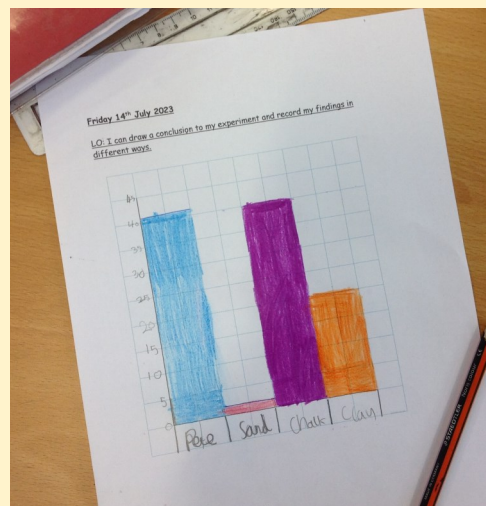
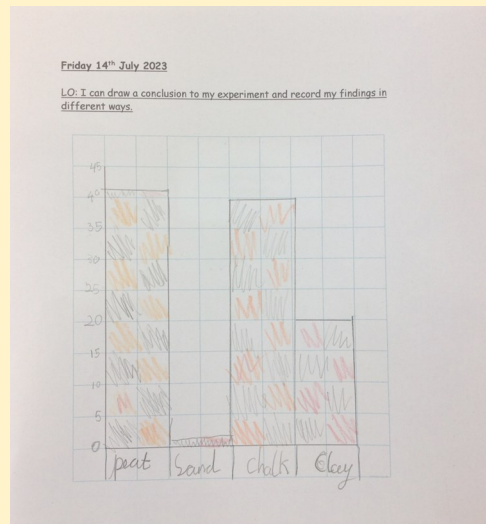
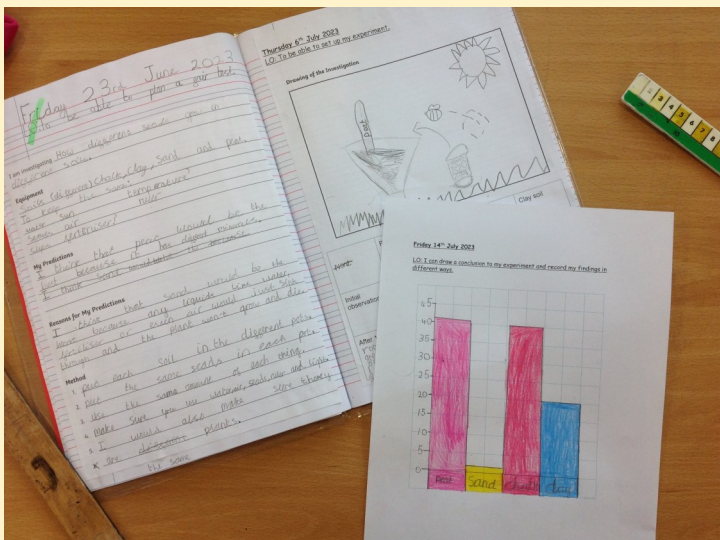
"If you are not crossing, then stay as far away from the side of the road as possible."

"Always walk across the road!"

"Never follow objects into the road."

It was great to see the children apply their understanding when they planned safe

Year 3

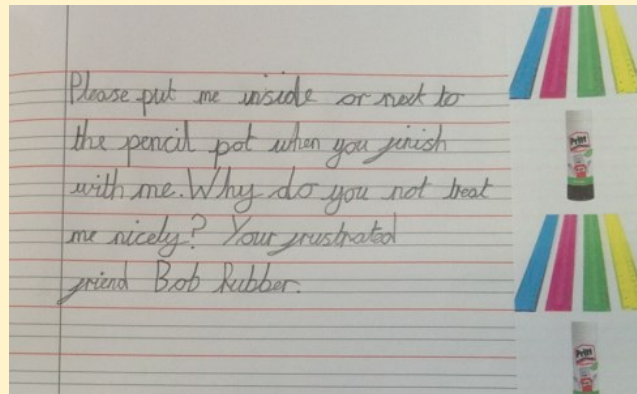
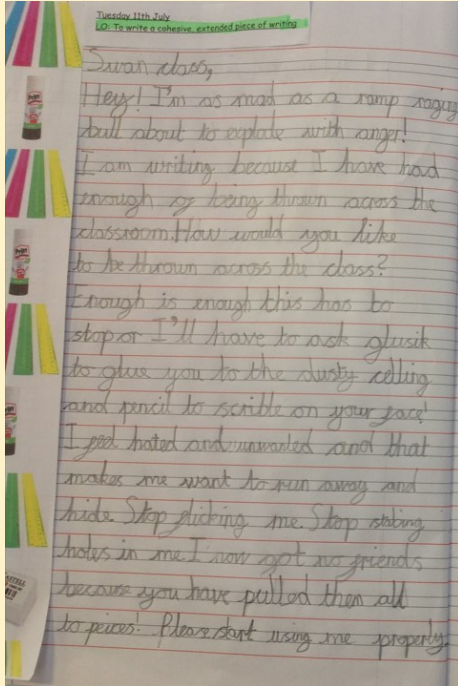


Year 3 have been conducting their own experiments exploring how plants grow and using bar charts to represent results. They have enjoyed exploring to see if their predictions were correct!

Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils completed some 'market research' this term and established the pizza toppings their peers would like to taste! The smell from the school kitchen all the way through to the children's classrooms was an utter delight. I happened to be completing a tour with new families at the time the children were cooking. They were certainly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and the extent to which they were evaluating their final products. Delicious!

In addition to this, the children have been finalising some extended writing based on their study of the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit!* The text is full of fun and this certainly came through in the children's writing.



Year 1

I let Year 1 children onto a little secret this week....I am hopeless at sewing! I have tried, year on year to improve my skills to absolutely no avail! I need not worry though, the children in the year group are certainly equipped with the skills and knowledge to help me. They have made the most wonderful hand puppets and were quick to tell me, 'Mrs Crees, it is easy, you just thread the needle, go through the material then back through it and keep repeating this.' The puppets really are a delight and so were the children's helpful comments. Fantastic!



Reception

$$8 + 3 = 11$$
$$7 + 2 = 9$$
$$10 + 6 = 16$$
$$6 + 3 = 9$$
$$6 + 2 = 8$$

$$5 - 1 = 4$$
$$6 - 2 = 4$$
$$4 - 2 = 2$$
$$3 - 1 = 2$$

Our Reception pupils have been developing their understanding of numbers within 10 and completing some fantastic addition and subtraction calculations in their mathematical environment. Wonderful work indeed!

Nursery

This week our nursery pupils have been reading Rosie's holiday. They have been talking about their own holidays and exploring what they may find on the beach.





Revive!

tuesday wednesday friday

Free Community Café

with hot drinks and snacks

Tuesdays 9.45am – 10.45am

Wednesdays 10.00am–11.30am

Fridays 12.30pm – 2pm

in the large hall at the
Willingdon Trees Community
Centre, Holly Place, BN22 OUT





Weekly menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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| Sweet N Sour Chicken Served With Rice | Pork Sausages Served With Mashed Potato And Gravy | Roast Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy | Beef Bolognese Served With Pasta and Garlic Herb Bread Wedge | Breaded Fish Served With Chips |
| Chinese Vegetable Stir Fry Served With Noodles | Quorn Sausages Served With Mashed Potato And Gravy | Cheese and Potato Puff Served With Gravy | Vegetable Bolognese Served With Pasta And Garlic Herb Bread Wedge | Cheese And Pepper Quesadilla |
| Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna | | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna Mayo | Baked Beans |
| Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | |
| Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Ham or Cheese | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | |
| Served With Tortilla Chips and Crudites | Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | | Served With Tortilla Chips and Crudites | |
| Lemon Shortbread Slice | Iced St Clements Cake | Chocolate Chip Biscuit | Chocolate Beetroot Cake | Strawberry Ice Cream |

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt and Homemade Bread

*Baguettes only available for year 5 & 6

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food with thought



Weekly menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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| Sticky Five Spice Chicken Served With Noodles | Beef Chilli Con Carne Served With Rice | Roast Gammon Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy | Homemade Beef Lasagne Served With Garlic Bread Wedge | Pork Sausage Served With Chips |
| Basil and Tomato Pasta Served With Herby Bread Wedge | Chunky Vegetable Chilli Served With Rice | Quorn Roast Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy | Homemade Mac N Cheese Served With Garlic Bread Wedge | Vegetable Omelette Served With Chips |
| Jacket Potato With a Choice of Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna | | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna | |
| Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Baked Beans |
| Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Ham or Cheese | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | |
| Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | | Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | |
| Apple Crumble And Custard | Fruity Jelly | Traditional Iced Topped Sponge Cake | Sultana Rice Crispie Cake | Arctic Roll |

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Homemade Bread

*Baguettes Only Available For Year 5 & 6

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Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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| Chicken Curry Served With Rice And Naan Bread | Shepherds Pie Topped With Mashed Potato | Roast Herb Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy | Beef Burger Served With Wedges | Fish Fingers Served With Chips |
| Sweet Potato Curry Served With Rice And Naan Bread | Lentil And Vegetable Pie Topped With Mashed Potato | Roasted Vegetable Hotpot Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy | Quorn Burger Served With Wedges | Quorn Vegan Nuggets Served With Chips |
| Jacket Potato With a Choice Of Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo | Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna | | Jacket Potatoes Served With Cheese, Beans Or Tuna | |
| Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Seasonal Vegetables | Baked Beans |
| Sandwiches, Wraps, Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Cheese or Ham | | Sandwiches, Wraps or Baguettes* Filled With Either Ham Or Cheese | |
| Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | | Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites | |
| Fruity Flapjack | Eve's Pudding And Custard | Raspberry Ripple Sponge | Vanilla Shortbread | Chocolate Ice Cream |

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Homemade Bread

*Baguettes Only Available For Year 5 & 6

01.05.23 22.05.23 19.06.23 10.07.23

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All menus will continue in September.

**School finishes on
Friday 21st July at 3pm**



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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| MONDAY ALL YEARS | BASKETBALL |
| TUESDAY ALL YEARS | DODGEBALL |
| WEDNESDAY ALL YEARS | GYMNASTICS |
| THURSDAY ALL YEARS | FOOTBALL |
| FRIDAY ALL YEARS | CLIMB AND JUMP |

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Bereavement Support for Children & Young People

Seahorse Stroll

Helping young people know they are not alone in grief

Saturday 9th September

2-4pm

Helen Gardens, Eastbourne Seafront, BN20 7XL

Seahorse Stroll is a chance for children and their families to come together and remember loved ones who have died.

Join us for:

A picnic and games in Helen Gardens

A short stroll from Helen Gardens to the Italian Garden on Eastbourne Seafront

Laying lanterns in the Italian Gardens

Any bereaved child is welcome to join and bring up to two adults. Entry is free, donations to the hospice are welcomed

Register at stwhospice.org/seahorse-stroll



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SUMMER HOLS GAMES DAYS

SAT AUG 26 +
SAT SEPT 2
3-7PM

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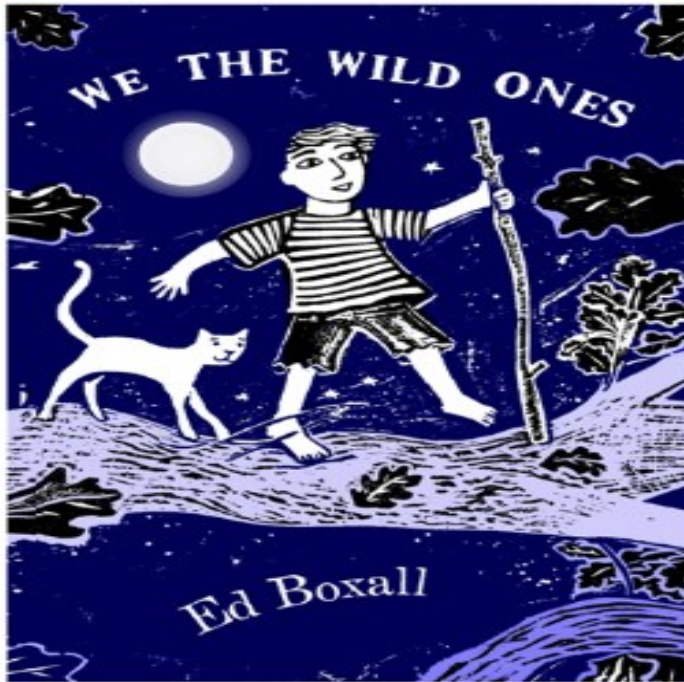
*Board Games / Retro Video Games /
Trading Cards / Dungeons and Dragons
Come and learn and play - for free!*

If you can play a mini-two session campaign for Dungeons and Dragons (13+ and attending both days) please contact us so we can reserve a space - spaces are limited!

*For more information contact Ruby on 07419900455 or
youthandcommunityhp@parishpartnership.co.uk*



We The Wild Ones with Ed Boxall



This summer, enjoy Wolves, Bears, and the Far off Lands of Unsomewhere.

Join Ed for a fabulous mix of stories, poems and songs based on his new book 'We The Wild Ones' and his popular 'Carried Away wit...

Click on the image above to find out more about this event in August.



4 August 2023 - Battle Library 11am - 12noon

4 August 2023 - Wadhurst Library 2pm - 3pm

11 August 2023 - Hollington Library 11am - 12noon

11 August 2023 - Hampden Park Library 2pm - 3pm

Diary Dates:

Term 6

Tuesday 18th July - Y6 Play 1:45pm

Wednesday 19th July - Y6 Play 1:45 pm

Thursday 20th July - Y6 Leavers Disco 5pm-6:20pm

Thursday 20th July - Y6 Leavers presentation 6:20 – 7pm- parents invited.

Friday 21st July - LAST DAY OF TERM 6

Term 1 2023/2024

Friday 1st September - INSET DAY

Monday 4th September - INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th September - FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

Friday 20th October - END OF TERM 1

Monday 30th October - FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Friday 10th November - INSET DAY

FRIDAY 15th December - LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd January - FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Friday 9th February - END OF TERM 3

Monday 19th February - FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Friday 8th March - INSET DAY

Thursday 28th March - LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Monday 15th April - FIRST DAY OF TERM 5

Monday 6th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 24th May - END OF TERM 5

Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June - FIRST DAY OF TERM 6

Friday 28th June - INSET DAY

Friday 19th July - LAST DAY OF TERM 6