



Quality, excellence and passion

16.06.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 6 has got off to a splendid start! Since our return to school, the children have experienced various visits. More details about these are included in the main body of the newsletter, but I have to say that I could not be more proud of our school community. Our teachers and volunteers noted the exemplary behaviour of all our pupils during their visits to the beach. I have already passed on my congratulations to the children personally. They have certainly evidenced that they have demonstrated our core values of respect, curiosity, independence, resilience and ambition beyond the school gates and into the community. I always write about how much effort goes into preparing and conducting these visits to make them memorable for the children. A huge thank you to our staff and to our volunteers who supported pupils. I have it on good authority that a few of the trips resulted in about 18,000 steps being completed in one day! A well-deserved rest was needed after that considerable effort-thank you!

This term, we look forward to a number of events where we ask you to join us; we have our sports afternoons planned for next week. You should have received a letter last Friday detailing the timings for the sports afternoons. Completing sporting activities is extremely important for our children. They will welcome your warm support and encouragement as they participate in their events.

The school garden to the rear of the school, developed by our pupils last term, is beginning to take shape. The winning designs have been combined. Mr Platt and his team are currently working on a pathway which will enable raised planters to be accessed all year round.

Fundraising and volunteers



The PTFA have done a marvellous job setting up a range of fundraising events since they formed in April. Team members are currently planning the Summer Fayre which will take place on Friday 14th July. All fundraising is being completed so that the school can purchase playground markings for the children in both the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 areas. Achieving this will be absolutely fantastic and add further value to the experiences that the children have during their playtimes. If you are able to offer some time to run a stall at the Summer Fayre, please contact the PTFA using the following email: hpppfa@auroraacademies.org

There are the most amazing prizes on offer for the Grand Raffle. If you are able to, please do try to sell some of the tickets to friends and family. On Friday 29th June, we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for some tombola gifts for the Summer Fayre. The PTFA have sent out their newsletter asking for certain items. We do hope that you are able to support this event and help us raise the all-important funds for the children.

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 refer to the children section on the school website which contains advice and support about how to keep your children safe online



Term dates 23/24

The term dates for the next academic year are now on the school diary. In addition, we have scheduled the Inset dates for the next academic year.

Term Dates September 2023-July 2024

Term	From	To
Term 1	1 September 2023	20 October 2023
Autumn school holiday	23 October 2023	27 October 2023
Term 2	30 October 2023	15 December 2023
Christmas school holiday	18 December 2023	1 January 2024
Term 3	2 January 2024	9 February 2024
February school holiday	12 February 2024	16 February 2024
Term 4	19 February 2024	28 March 2024
Spring school holiday	29 March 2024	12 April 2024
Term 5	15 April 2024	24 May 2024
May school holiday	27 May 2024	31 May 2024
Term 6	3 June 2024	23 July 2024

Inset Dates September 2023-July 2024

Inset Dates
1 st September
4 th September
10 th November
2 nd January
8 th March
3 rd June
28 th June
22 nd July
23 rd July

You will notice that the year ends on Friday 20th July rather than Tuesday 23rd of July which is the official end of the academic year. For those who would like to take advantage of booking a holiday before the official start of the summer break, the earlier term end may benefit. I am receiving a considerable amount of term time holiday request and I am unable to authorise these. It is also important to understand that absence over a certain number of days can result in a fine being issued from the Local Authority. I thank you for your support in ensuring that holidays are booked when the children are not due to be in school.



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 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.

Sun Safety



The weather continues to be warm! Please ensure that your child attends school having had sunscreen applied and with a sun hat. It is also really important that they have a water bottle with them too. Thank you for your support with this.

As always, the newsletter captures some of the wonderful activities that have been completed in school in since we returned from half term. I do hope you enjoy having a look at the learning the classes have been completing. I wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week at our forthcoming sports days.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Crees
Headteacher



Year 5 Residential to Hindleap Warren

Some of our Year 5 pupils have had the most wonderful experience at Hindleap Warren this week. Mrs Morgan, Mr Bond and Mrs Vitelli accompanied the children and have commented on their resilience and ambition throughout the visit. I was fortunate enough to pop up to Hindleap on Wednesday and managed to see the children enjoying a very delicious meal and taking some time out playing various games. The excitement was palpable. I would like to pass on my congratulations to all the children for their teamwork and sense of good fun throughout their visit. I also pass my thanks onto the staff for supporting the children across the week.



Year 6

Smugglers Adventure

The Year 6 cohort spent some time in Hastings earlier this week, consolidating their understanding of this historical period and how it impacted the locality. The children loved completing this visit and worked hard asking and answering their historical questions. The children also used this opportunity to explore Pirates as characters in readiness for their future production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean!'



Year 5

Year 5 visited the Pier this week to find out more regarding the history and geography linked to this Eastbourne landmark. The children composed some very interesting questions regarding the coastline and by all accounts enjoyed a very welcome ice-lolly during their lunch break. It is clear from the pictures that the geography fieldtrip was gratefully received.



Year 4



Our Year 4 pupils have furthered their map skills over the last two weeks, focusing on the specific symbols on local maps to help them locate landmarks. They have also begun a DT topic where they are hoping to make jewellery boxes. As a starting point, the children have looked at ready-made boxes to examine how they are put together and to consider how they might create their own designs. I look forward to seeing the final product!

Year 3



Year 3 pupils also enjoyed their expedition to the Seafront as part of their 'Postcard from the Seaside' topic. The children developed their geography fieldwork skills and answered questions about key features along the coastline. I know that the children had a marvellous time!

Year 2

Year 2 pupils have been working hard to read the points on a compass and to use this to help them navigate from one area of the playground to the other. The children found it extremely interesting to explore the four compass points and where North and South were in relation to the school. They certainly enjoyed directing one another around the playground using their new knowledge.



Year 1



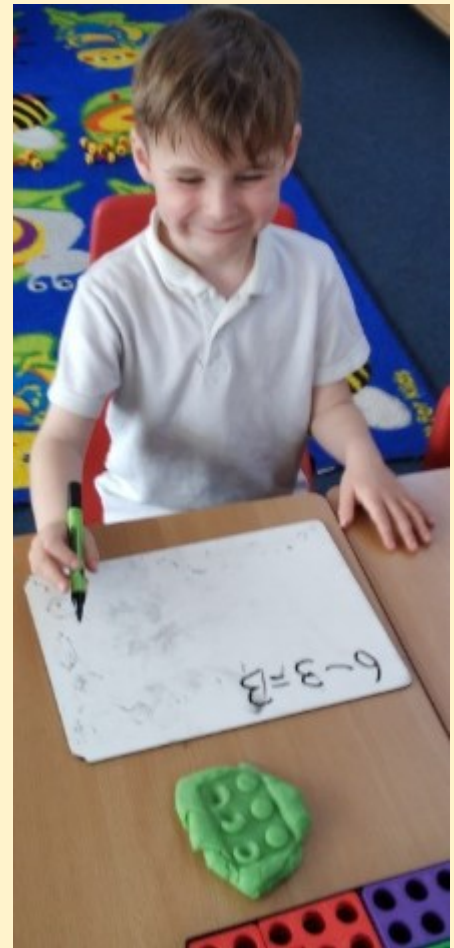
Our Year 1 pupils are currently exploring how to make puppets with the view to designing and making their own. Having looked at the puppets in class and thought about their overall purpose, the children are currently considering their plans and the materials they need to create their final puppet design. We look forward to the puppet shows that follow.

You will have read that all our pupils are currently completing Geography units across the setting. Year 1 are no exception. The children looked at maps of the school site and followed them to locate key landmarks across the school. I am sure they will look forward to developing these skills in year 2 when they look at the importance of the compass. A huge well done to the children.

Reception



Reception pupils have been practising their maths skills this week, focusing on subtraction. It is wonderful to see the children making use of Numicon to establish the difference between two numbers and really understand what subtraction means. Well done to all the children!



Nursery

This week our Nursery children have been reading Handa's Surprise. The children have really enjoyed tasting specific fruits from the story and have enjoyed experience across the setting including exploring a campsite roleplay area. It was fantastic to see the independent skills the children were developing! Of course, independence is one of our school values. Fantastic!





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 0UT



Reminders:



Please can children not bring Prime drinks into school in the mornings. They are not an appropriate drink to consume on the way to school and when spilt, they attract insects to the classroom.



Below is a link to ROSPA, a road safety guide for parents should you feel you need to use.

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

hello



P.T.F.A.
Scrabble= 9 points
Our school=
PRICELESS



Wishlist

Mrs Cree spoke with the children and following that discussion we have decided to fundraise to purchase new playground markings. This is to include a mile a day track for the **KS2** playground and something for the KS1 and reception/nursery playground which is yet to be decided.

Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to get those raffle tickets in! Prize list is shown down on the next page.

There is more available at the office with Miss Beckett should you want them.

We have some amazing prizes but you have to be in it to win it!

*Money raised from the summer fayre will be going towards **NEW** playground markings*

(If you don't wish to buy/sell them, please return them to the office)



Sports Day

We will be at this year's sports day selling refreshments. We will have a variety of fizzy drinks available as well as bottles of water. Please be aware these are for the adults only, **NOT** the school children taking part in sports day. Please also ensure your empty cans/bottles are disposed of in a bin and not the school field. Thank you



We now have a Facebook page set up, you will find updates on what events are coming up, when are next meetings are and lots more. Please check it out and give us a like and a follow- [Heron](#)

[Park PTFA](#)





Weekly menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

17.4.23 02.05.23 05.06.23 26.06.23 17.07.23

HARRISON
food with thought



Weekly menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

24.04.23 15.05.23 12.06.23 03.07.23

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food with thought

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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



PE DAYS TERM 6

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1 Ladybirds & Bumblebees	Year 3 Hedgehogs	Year 6 Oak & Willow	Year 4 Badgers	Year 2 Ducks & Swans
Year 3 Rabbits	Year 5 Sycamore	Reception	Year 5 Horse Chestnut	

Swimming:
Year 4
Foxes

For term 6, children will have 1 PE slot

Children should come dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.



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



St Wilfrid's Hospice



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Diary Dates:

Term 6

Monday 19th June - Reception Sports Day 1:30pm

Tuesday 20th June - Sports Day Y1, Y2 & Y3. 12:30pm

Wednesday 21st June - Y4, Y5 & Y6. 12:30pm

Friday 30th June - INSET DAY

Monday 3rd July - INSET DAY

Friday 14th July - PTFA Summer Fair - 3:15pm

Tuesday 18th July - Y6 Play 1:45pm max 2 tickets

Wednesday 19th July - Y6 Play 1:45 pm max 2 tickets

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

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