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




Dear Parents/Carers,

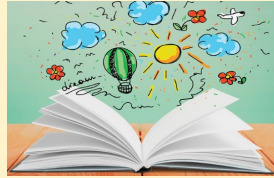
We have reached the end of the term and it has certainly moved at a rapid pace. All pupils have worked incredibly hard and we are all so proud of the progress that they have made. Having written about our Year 6 pupils and their SATs effort in the last newsletter, it only seems fitting that we mention how fantastic our Year 2 children have been in the completion of their assessments across May. They too have demonstrated resilience and ambition throughout. Congratulations to all the children.

There have been many wonderful school visits in the last week and each one has been such a success. One pupil, on return, told me that it was the best day ever! Well, that comment certainly made our day. During each visit, the children have demonstrated immaculate behaviour and represented the school beautifully. I would like to say a special 'thank you' to the staff and parent volunteers who prepared and accompanied the children on the trips. You will read more details about the children's experiences below.

Our parental engagement events have been very successful over the past two weeks; it has been an utter pleasure to welcome you into the school to join in with a range of art and phonics activities. As a mum, I know how important it is to have the opportunity to pop into your child's class to see what is going on. It certainly sheds light on what your child is doing in school, especially when a daily response to 'what did you do today?' is usually, 'I can't remember.' I do hope that you have enjoyed the experiences and we look forward to welcoming you into school in term 6. Details about what this will look like will be with you next term.

With your child's learning in mind, please do take the opportunity to look at the school website over the half-term period. In the children's section, you will find helpful guides regarding what your child will be learning across term 6.

<p><b>Maths learning</b></p> <p>In maths, we are going to be learning about the four different types of triangle (right-angled, scalene, equilateral and isosceles), as well as other polygons (regular and irregular). We will also be learning how to describe positions on grids using co-ordinates.</p> 	<p><b>English Learning</b></p> <p><b>Rich stimuli:</b> The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson.</p> <p>This half-term, we will be basing our writing around this entertaining text, producing an advertisement, as well as a biography about one of the characters!</p> 	<p><b>Science Learning</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Working Scientifically <b>Concept Question:</b> How does a fair test provide scientific evidence?</p> <p>In this unit, we will be asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries, including fair testing to answer them.</p> 	
<p><b>Ofsted</b> Good rating</p>	<p><b>FOX CLASS</b> <b>TERM 6</b></p>	<p><b>Mr Simmonds</b> Year 4</p> 	
<p><b>Curriculum Learning Journey</b></p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Geography <b>Title:</b> Tudor Rose <b>Concept Question:</b> Geographically speaking, how has the area surrounding Michelham Priory changed over time?</p> <p>Following our trip to this area, we'll be looking at it using ordnance survey maps, using four figure grid references too!</p> 		<p><b>D.T Learning</b></p> <p><b>Focus:</b> Structures <b>Learning:</b></p> <p>In D.T, we will be selecting from and using a wide range of materials and components including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities to make our own packaging!</p> 	
<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Our PE this half-term will prepare the children for our epic sports day events! The dates for this is as follows: <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Year 4, 5 &amp; 6</b> Remember that this half-term we will be <b>swimming on Tuesdays</b> so your child needs to bring their kit and a towel with them on this day!</p> 	<p><b>Other Information</b></p> <p>Across the first two weeks of term 6, your child will be sitting the year four multiplication check! Please ensure that your child is in school as much as possible for these weeks and continue to practice all times tables up to 12 X 12 at home!</p> 	<p><b>Dates to Remember</b></p> <p>Start of Term 6: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June &amp; whole class photos Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 rail safety workshop Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Year 4, 5 &amp; 6 Sports Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Non-school uniform day! Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June: INSET Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET Day Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: P1FA Tombola Event Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: P1FA Summer Fayre &amp; end of year reports sent home Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Last day of Term 6 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September: INSET Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: First day back!</p>	



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support across the term. Children's achievement is certainly very much about a partnership between home and school; your role is fundamental here. Over the half-term period, please do continue to read with your child. Pupils can read to adults and it is equally as important to read books to children. Additionally, our pupils from years 3-6 should access times table rockstars as often as possible to help them maintain and build their understanding of their times tables.



## 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.



As the term draws to a close, I do wish you all a wonderful holiday. I mention the weather far too regularly. However, it does look set to be warmer than of late which is always a little bit of a relief. Have a safe and (if it is at all possible) restful break. We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 5th June** for, and I cannot quite believe I am writing it, the final term of this year. There is lots of fantastic learning planned. We can't wait to see the children and our families then.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Crees

Headteacher



## Athletics and Golf

Recently, our Year 6 athletics team went to an athletics event in Lewes. The children did amazingly well across a range of events. They still had some energy when they returned to school sharing how successful the day had been for them. We are extremely proud of all our pupils who took part and thank you to Mr Fox and all adults who attended for their support during this visit.

We had further sporting success earlier this week when our pupils also attended a golf tournament. Each participant demonstrated perseverance and ambition throughout. A huge well done to all those who took part in both the events.



## Dogs on site

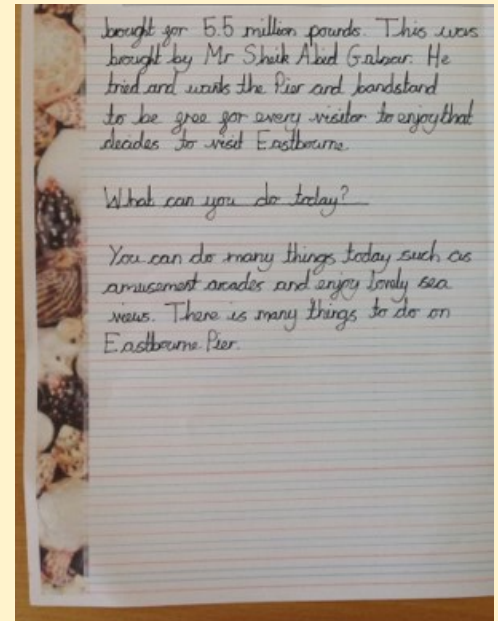
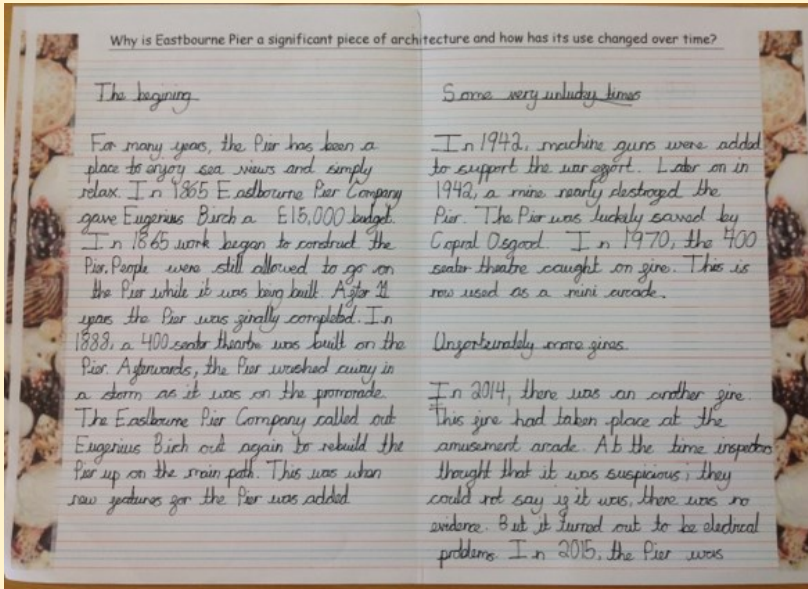
Please can I remind you that no dogs should be on the school site. This also includes ensuring that no dogs are waiting within the pathway to the Year 4/5 gate which is also part of our school land. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

## Year 6

Our Year 6 children have been busy developing their understanding regarding personal safety this week. They took part in Safety in Action which is organised by East Sussex County Council. Pupils learnt some basic first aid and how to remain safe when using the railway. Of course, there were many other safety-related activities too. The children returned to school enthusiastic and very complementary about the experience. They represented Heron Park very well indeed. A huge well done to all the children.



## Year 5



The children in Year 5 have been busy learning about Eastbourne Pier, focusing on why the Pier is a significant piece of architecture and how it has changed over time. In conclusion to their historical exploration, the children have answered their concept question. When completing this, they drew on their history and writing skills. It has been a treat to read some examples of the answers they have composed. Thank you to all the children for their hard work.

## Year 4

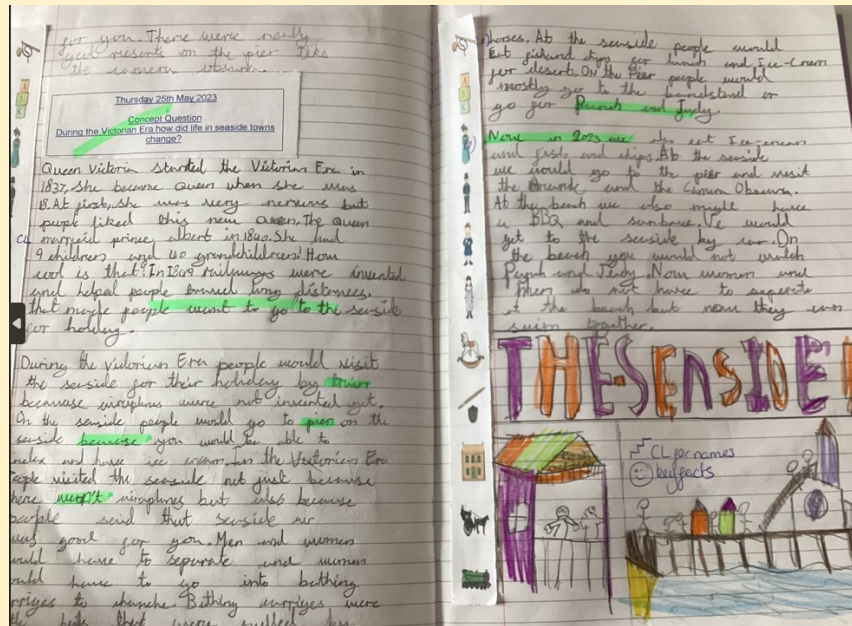


Year 4 pupils have explored different collage techniques across the term. Earlier this week, their parents joined them in class to explore further how to compose images using this artistic style.

Using the different approaches to collage that they had previously explored in their sketchbooks, they put together their designs. The final artwork is currently being displayed in our corridor for all our visitors to admire.



## Year 3



The history of the Victorian era and the way that seaside life changed at the time has been the focus of the Year 3 History unit this term. Pupils have thought carefully about how the Industrial Revolution impacted on life. Their understanding of how the introduction of the Railway changed seaside towns has been particularly interesting to read. A number of pupils shared their work with me on Thursday. Some of the best moments of the week are the opportunities to provide Headteacher stickers in recognition of amazing effort. Well done to all the children.

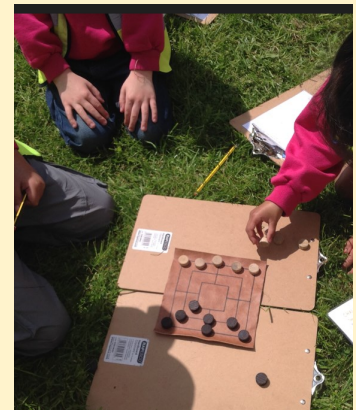
## Year 2

Within their Science learning, the children have developed the most wonderful 3-D designs of pond habitats. This learning enabled the children to draw together their understanding of what makes a good habitat and how it provides for and meets the needs of plants and animals. The models were both ambitious and a joy to share.



## Year 2

Discovering the history related to the Battle of Hastings was the focus of the Year 2 trip to Battle Abbey recently. The children had the most wonderful time developing their historical questioning skills and looked at primary sources to examine what they tell us about the past. The children were both inquisitive and respectful. We could not ask for more! It has been a pleasure to read their writing about the battle this week. The children have come up with the most incredible reasons as to who was the better leader, William or Harold! Congratulations to the entire year group.



## Year 1

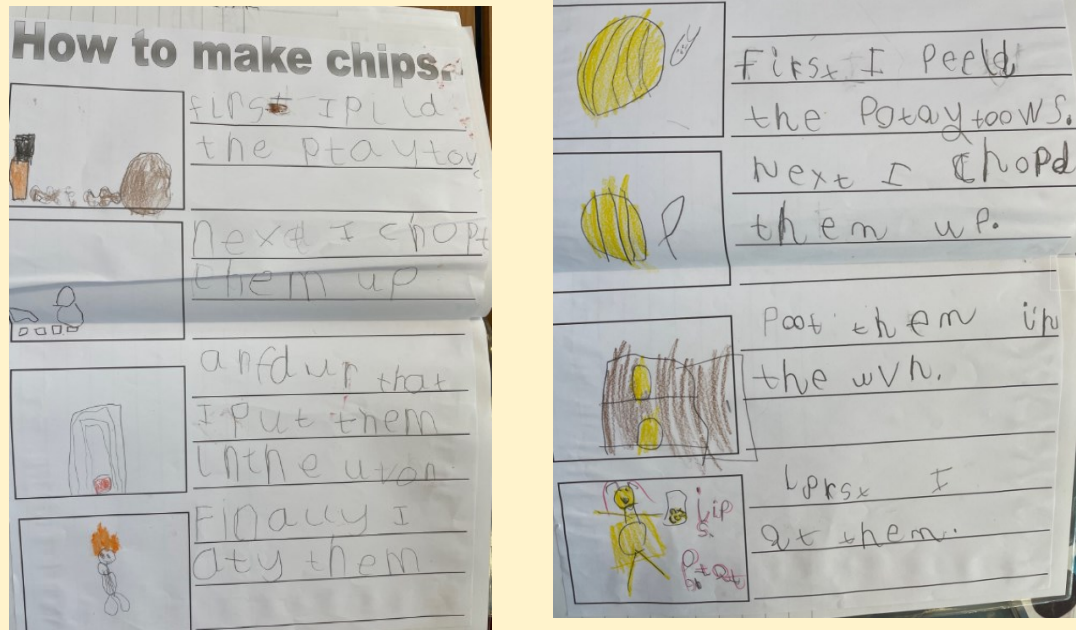


Phonics was the focus of the Year 1 Parental Engagement event this term. The children loved completing a range of activities with their adults, demonstrating their current reading skills. I was fortunate enough to read with a pupil during this event. What a treat!

In addition, the children travelled to Pevensey Castle last week and had the most wonderful time exploring every aspect of the building. They developed their already growing history skills by considering what this particular source tells us about the past. It goes without saying that this experience has helped the children back in class as they draw together all their work about why Kings and Queens live in castles.



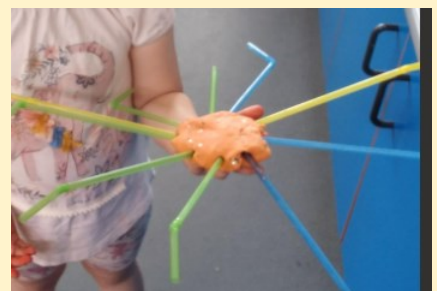
## Reception



Our children in Reception have been reading the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' and learnt how to make chips. To help them achieve this, pupils wrote their own set of instructions about how to make the food. I love the way that the children ordered their ideas and wrote clear directions about how this can be achieved. It is safe to say that the chips that were made were delicious! Well done to all the children.

## Nursery

The children have been reading 'Arch Spider!' As a result of this, they have made delicious spider cakes, made spiders from junk modelling and explored the garden to see how many of the creatures make their habitat within the school grounds! Just a few were discovered and, fortunately, were not as large as the models created. Fantastic work!





**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





## **Reception**

Monday 19th June from 1:30pm

## **Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3**

Tuesday 20th June from 12:30pm

## **Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6**

Wednesday 21st June from 12:30pm



# St. Peter's Plant and Cake Sale

Fundraising for the Community Garden at St Peter's Church



**June 3<sup>RD</sup> 2023**

**10am – 2pm**



**Plant Stalls / Cake Stalls / Raffle / Books  
Refreshments, Tea and Coffee**

**And more**



Parish of St Mary, Hampden Park,  
And St Peter, the Hydneys

Benefice Office, 69 Decoy Drive, Eastbourne, BN22 9PP  
01323 502738

[www.beneficeofhampdenpark.co.uk](http://www.beneficeofhampdenpark.co.uk)

[fradam@parishpartnership.co.uk](mailto:fradam@parishpartnership.co.uk)





# 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

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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

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# 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

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# PE DAYS TERM 6

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

**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.

# Family NEWSLETTER

Hello all Families,

I am writing to let you know about our **Eastbourne Spring Water Festival**. This will be taking place between 12th and 21st May.

I have selected a list of events which are particularly suitable for younger people. Please look at these. Once you find something that you would like to take part in, either just turn up or, if you need to register, please visit

[plasticfreeeastbourne.co.uk/springwaterfestival](http://plasticfreeeastbourne.co.uk/springwaterfestival) to add your name. Here, you will also find the full range of Festival events.

## Things you might look at in particular:




Also, please take your refillable drinking water bottle and visit some of our newly installed drinking water refill stations along the seafront ~ becoming known as "Spring Water Way."

If you want to ask any questions, please contact me at [plasticfreeeastbourne@gmail.com](mailto:plasticfreeeastbourne@gmail.com)

I wish you a successful and rewarding summer term.

Best wishes,

*Oliver Sterno*

 Community Leader ~ Plastic Free Eastbourne  
Coordinator ~ Refill Eastbourne



Name of Event	Date of Event
Promenade	Throughout the Festival
Spring Water Way ~ visit our Refill Stations	Throughout the Festival
Beach Sports for all the family	12th May - Friday
Eco-Stalls Fair	13th May - Saturday
Seaweed Search	13th May - Saturday
Water Sports: Sailing or Windsurfing*	13th May - Saturday
Source to Sea Clean	13th May - Saturday
Big Beach Clean	14th May - Sunday
Water Sports: Sailing or Windsurfing*	14th May - Sunday
"The Eastbourne Spring Water Festival Race" ~ watch the sailing race	14th May - Sunday
Wellbeing Wheel and Walk	15th May - Monday
Studio at the Lake . Walk, Draw, Talk, Write	16th May - Tuesday
Blue Heart @ Towner ~ "Green Roof"	18th May - Thursday
Creative Writing	18th May - Thursday
Water Sports: Sailing or Windsurfing*	20th May - Saturday
Towner: Film Show ~ "From the Sea to the Land Beyond"	20th May - Saturday
Studio on the Beach	20th May - Saturday
Seaweed Search	20th May - Saturday
Closing Ceremony	21st May - Sunday
Water Sports: Sailing or Windsurfing*	21st May - Sunday

\*small charge



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## Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Dynamos Cricket is the next step for All Stars graduates or the perfect intro to the sport for those new to the game.

Get involved this summer for 8 weeks of skills, games of Countdown Cricket and fun with friends.

Sign up today, at: [dynamoscricquet.co.uk](https://dynamoscricquet.co.uk)



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](http://stwhospice.org/seahorse-stroll)**



St Wilfrid's Hospice



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REGULATOR**

## Diary Dates:

### Term 6

Monday 5th June - FIRST DAY OF TERM 6

Wednesday 7th June - Eastbourne Seafront Y3

Thursday 8th June - Eastbourne Seafront Y5

Tuesday 13th June - Smugglers Adventure Y6

Wednesday 14th - 16th June - Year 5 Residential trip.

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 Approx 1:30pm start

Wednesday 19th July - Y6 Play Approx 1:30pm start

Wednesday 19th July - Y6 Leavers Disco 5-6.30pm

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