



Spring Term

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newsletter

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Dear All,

Welcome to our last Newsletter of Spring 1, where did that half term go?! It has been a busy last couple of weeks with visits from Sussex Green Living for Acorn class & Zoolab for Elder class.

Steyning Grammar School's Rock Road site welcomed a number of Year 5/6 pupils who participated in a Netball Taster afternoon against other local schools.

The whole school took part in Safer Internet Day around the theme for 2023 – **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

Parents Evenings were also a success, thank you for supporting your child.

ParentPay activation letters have been sent, 75% have activated their accounts, please ensure you have ordered your child's school meals by **23rd February!!**

Wishing you a restful February half term break & we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Malakai (Oak)
Sevren (Oak)
Lucy (Maple)

Max (Maple)
Samuel (Elder)

Lucy (Maple)
Max (Maple)
Ayla (Elder)
Evelyn (Elder)
Lily (Elder)
Peter (Elder)
Sadie (Elder)
Governor Award
Peter (Elder)

Neola (Acorn)
Ruben (Acorn)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Acorn Class: **98%**
Oak Class: **91%**
Maple Class: **97%**
Elder Class: **96%**

Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity – Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

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School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

As part of their topic, 'Our Wonderful World', Acorns had a visit from Carrie Cort (Sussex Green Living) to tell them all about how they can reduce, reuse and recycle the things they have, to help use less resources in the world and look after our planet. They looked at places around the world that they need to protect and how a small change can make a big difference. Following the visit and after their work on the text, 'Michael Recycle', they thought they should put what they had learnt into place and so they went out litter picking around the school grounds. They were shocked with the amount of litter they found and so have added this to their list of actions they will do to play their part in caring for our wonderful world.

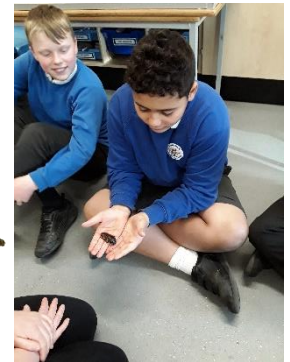
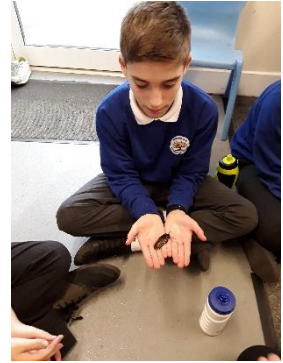


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Elder class as part of their 'Living Habitats' & 'Plants and Animals' topics for Science, had a visit from Zoolab where they got to hold & see a number of animals including a giant cockroach, a millipede, rats, a Giant African Land Snail, a tarantula & a snake!



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The sun shone as some of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in a Netball Taster at Steyning Grammar School's Rock Road courts!



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Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

Erin had a super busy and exciting weekend, she rode her pony Rocky for the first time since Winter, very confident and looking forward to trying some jumps.

On Saturday afternoon Erin went to the Amex to Watch Brighton against Bournemouth. Her first match in the 1901 club and was greeted by a familiar face who we all know, our retired Premises Manager Mr Meacher! And to end what was a fantastic game, Brighton won 1-0!





Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March For Red Nose Day, on Friday 18th March, we would like the children to take part in Red Nose Day and raise money for Comic Relief. The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes with a red theme.

This may be their t-shirt or socks, a hair band or onesie! Please ensure they are still wearing sensible shoes for school activities. Please bring in £1 donation on the day.



Dates for Your Diary

- **13th-17th February:** Half term
- **20th February:** Return to school
- **17th March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day (please see further information above)
- **31st March:** INSET Day (last day of term)
- **3rd-14th April:** Easter holidays
- **17th April:** Start of Summer term - return to school
- **1st May** – Bank Holiday
- **8th May:** Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
- **29th May-2nd June:** May half term
- **5th June:** INSET Day
- **6th June:** return to school
- **11th June:** Thakeham Village/FoTS Fundraiser Day – SAVE THE DATE!!
- **21st July:** last day of term
- **24th July-31st August:** School summer holidays

ParentPay school
lunch ordering is now
**LIVE. Don't miss out,
book today**



Look out for your
ParentPay activation
letter which your school
have sent to you.
**Book meals by
Thursday 23rd
February**

Start booking your
childs school lunches
now to select your
meal choices in
advance.

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.



Newsletter / Website Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that all Parents will now be able to select, book and pay securely (if required) for the exact meal options for their child.

To ensure a meal is available for your child, all lunches including universal infant free school meals and free school meals are to be ordered by midnight on Thursday, at least 10 days in advance of the week they are required.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- Pre booking via ParentPay and tablets at the service counter help us ensure your child gets the meal of your choice every day, even if they are the last in the queue
- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make bookings and if required online payments using the highest internet security available whenever and wherever you choose
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

This will be starting on Monday 30th January 2023

How to get started with ParentPay?

Your school will shortly send you account activation details. Once you receive these:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage
NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
- Once activation is complete you start to book meals





PANCAKE DAY

Friday 24th February 2023

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Storrington

Chanctonbury
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RH20 4BG

Bognor Regis

Barnham
Community
Hall
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A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
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Have a fantastic February half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



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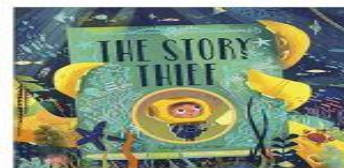
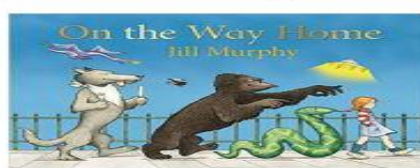
*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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Story Explorers



Join us for some half-term holiday fun with stories and a craft activity

Suitable for children aged 3 years and up

Booking essential – please speak with library staff to reserve a place.

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Friday 17th February 2023
10.30am-11.30am**



Storrington Library
Ryecroft Lane
Storrington RH20 4PA

01903 839050

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS AT LODGE HILL



Thursday 16th February

Friday 17th February



£25 PER CHILD PER DAY!



• 9:30am—3pm

- These days are for 8-12 year olds
- Lunch is not included, please bring a packed lunch
 - Biscuits and squash will be provided
- Spaces are limited and pre-booking is essential



BOOKING IS VIA EMAIL ONLY ADMIN@LODGEHILL.ORG.UK

⇒We are unable to store or administer medication

⇒No half day bookings

⇒Places cannot be held for friends. Each child must be booked by a parent/guardian.

⇒We can only secure your booking once we have received payment AND the completed consent form

⇒Payment is non-refundable and the days are non-transferrable

⇒Please note these days are not suitable for children with additional needs. Contact us for alternative events.

⇒Please do not bring your child to Lodge Hill if they are showing symptoms of COVID or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive

⇒Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Nr Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1LZ

Face Painting
Duvet Day



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

At Sky Park Farm

MONDAY 13th

Movie Day including Children's admission **£7.50 per child**
Snack, drink & movie 10:30 and 13:30 (advanced online booking advised)

TUESDAY 14th

Movie Day including Children's admission **£7.50 per child**
Snack, drink & movie 10:30 and 13:30 (advanced online booking advised)

WEDNESDAY 15th

Snazzy Roo Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos **Complimentary**
11:00 - 15:00

THURSDAY 16th

Nolan Davis Children's Entertainer **£5 per child**
11:00 and 14:00 (advanced online booking advised)

Sky Park Farm, West Harting, Petersfield, GU31 5PT
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11 – 19 February

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TICKETS NOW.**



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BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

For children age 6-8 years:

Mohican - Mondays 5:45-7pm

Blackfoot- Wednesdays 5:45-7pm

The Parminster Scout Centre, Thakeham Road,
Storrington, Pulborough RH20 3PP

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Online Music Lessons - Thakeham Primary School Discounted Christmas Holiday Lessons Available

Does your child wish to learn an instrument or sing? Try a free, no-commitment taster lesson!

SAM Music Service provide one-to-one online music lessons, both during term-time and over the school holidays at a discounted rate. Enquire at SAMMusicService.com to try a free taster lesson.

Click the link below to enquire and watch a video about SAM's online instrument lessons:

<https://sammusicservice.com/>

- Free, no-commitment taster lesson, try an instrument
- Discounted Christmas holiday lessons available
- Playback videos of your lessons, helpful for practice
- Progress through Grade exams, also available online
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"Both my daughters look forward to their individual weekly lessons. They are both making excellent progress and have a great rapport with their teachers. It's easy and straightforward to connect online for lessons! Highly recommended with 5 stars!! ★★★★★"

Mrs Wellman-Bailey

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