

Spring Term

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newsletter

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Dear All,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2023!

We hope you all had an enjoyable break, it has been fantastic to see all the children coming back so enthusiastic about their learning!

Please note further down the Newsletter, the important change coming to how school meals are ordered.

Further information will follow as soon as we receive it.

Please also see a link to latest DofE/NHS guidance on children's illnesses & school attendance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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



Faith (Acorn)
Aria (Maple)

James (Elder)

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: **92%**

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!

Our topic in Acorn class this term is 'Our Wonderful World', through the text 'The Tin Forest' the children have been learning about how wonderful our world is, how we can protect it and how one small action can have a big impact. The children have been using their creative skills to design their own Tin Forest and dream forest both in school and at home.

Bodhi found this incredible beetle on a walk he went on at Petworth, he did some research and shared with us that it is called a devils coach-horse beetle. What a wonderful world we really do live in!



Kaia our school's reading dog celebrated her 2nd birthday with us on Friday 6th January!



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Elder Class Forest School – Year 5 Session



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Elder Class Forest School – Year 6 Session

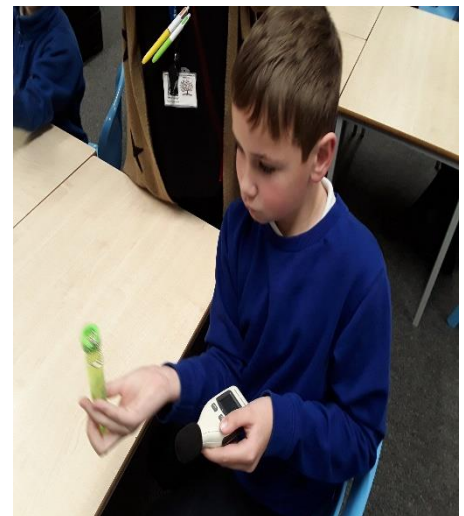


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Maple Class Fizz Pop Science – Lend me Your Ear & Show Me the Light Workshops



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Reminder of Parking Arrangements



We would like to remind you that the car park at the front of the school is only for use by staff and visitors to the school building, not parents. (Exception would be disabled space for blue badge holders).

We are fortunate to be able to use Steyning Grammar School's car park which all parents are able to use.

The coach bay is only to be used for year 6 pupils to be dropped off - cars must not park in the coach bay at any time. If parents of Year 6 children also have children in other years then they must park in SGS's car park and walk them round.

Cars should not be stopping at any time on the verge on the right hand side of the access road.

If you need to pick up your child during school time due to illness or a medical appointment, please park in the coach drop off bays. We have also witnessed some parents completely ignoring the NO ENTRY sign by the mini roundabout and entering the school car park rather than using the SGS access entrance. This is EXTREMELY dangerous & poses a risk to Thakeham Primary School & SGS pupils, staff & members of the public.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

**No stopping
No excuses**

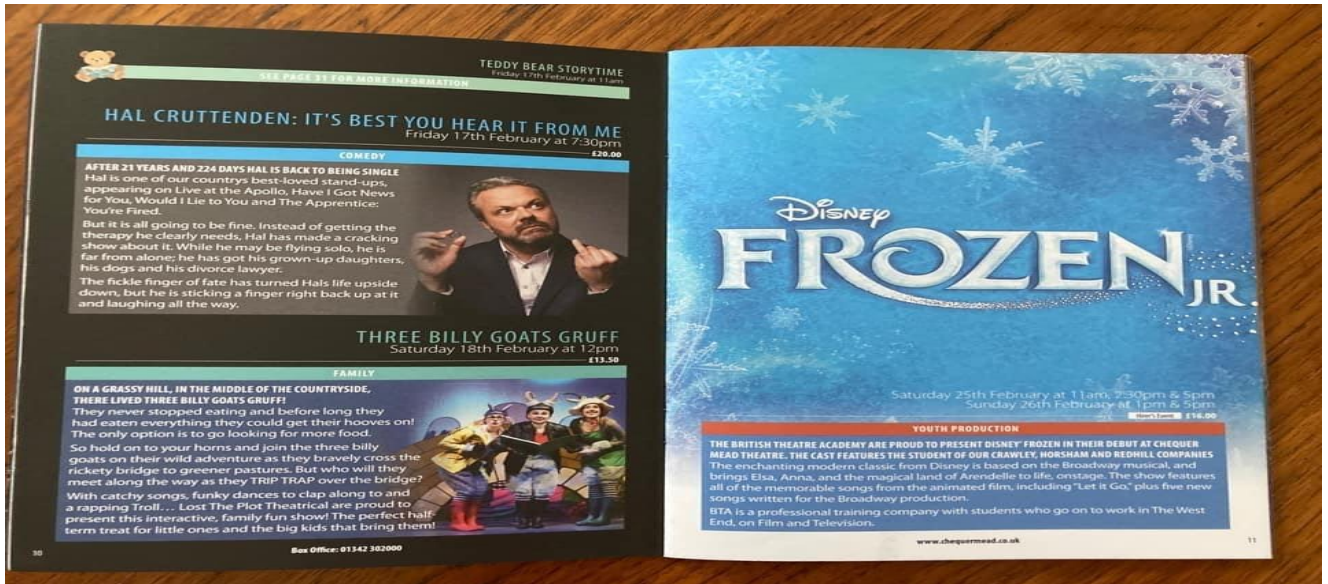


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Time to Shine!

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

We are very proud of one of our pupils, Lucy from Maple class, who is taking part in a local theatre production of Disney Frozen Jr, details of how to book tickets can be found below:



The British Theatre Academy presents...

Disneys Frozen

Saturday 25th February to Sunday 26th February

The British Theatre Academy are proud to present Disneys Frozen in their debut at Chequer Mead Theatre.

The cast features the students from our Crawley, Horsham and Redhill companies.

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is based on the Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life. onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, including "Let It Go" plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

This is a youth production.

For further information, click here.





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today at the theatre...

Sorry, there are no more events today.
Events disappear from this list after they have finished.

[Check Opening Times](#)

coming soon...



Aladdin
Sat 10th December at 1.00pm. [More Info...](#)



André Rieu in Dublin
Sat 7th January at 2.30pm. [More Info...](#)



Paul Jones & Dave Kelly
Sat 21st January at 7.30pm. [More Info...](#)

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BTA is a professional training company with students who go on to work in The West End, on Film and Television.



Sat 25 Feb

11am Redhill Icy

2.30pm Crawley

5pm Horsham Blizzard

Sun 26 Feb

1pm Horsham Flurry

5pm Redhill Snowy

Ticket prices are inclusive of booking fees.

This is a youth production.

[Performances](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 11:00am - [Buy Tickets](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 2:30pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 5:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday 26th February 2023 at 1:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday 26th February 2023 at 5:00pm - [Buy Tickets](#)

[Ticket Prices](#)

Tickets: £16.00

Additional Information: Ticket prices are inclusive of booking fees.

To purchase tickets for this show, click "Buy Tickets" next to the performance you wish to purchase, alternatively you may call the Box Office on **01342 302000** and buy over the phone.

calendar of events...

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

our brochure, online...

Download or view our latest brochure online.



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contact us...

Box Office: 01342 302000
Administration: 01342 325577
The Apron Bar & Coffee House: 01342 325577
tickets@chequermead.co.uk
More contact methods...



Please continue to share your child's achievements by sending pictures to Mrs Campbell on: office@thakehamps.co.uk



FoTS News

THAKEHAM SCHOOL FLOWER SHOW

£3 ENTRY - POTS,
COMPOST AND
BULB PROVIDED

COMPETITION
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JUDGED BY
MEMBERS OF
THAKEHAM
GARDENING
CLUB.

JUNE
FLOWER
SHOW DATE
TBC

POTTING UP
WILL BE THIS
FRIDAY 13TH
AND MONDAY
16TH AT THE
SCHOOL
GATES.

PRIZES TO THE
WINNERS FOR
EACH CATEGORY



Email us at: office@thakehamps.co.uk

Call us on: 01903 740176

Dates for Your Diary

- **13th January:** FoTS Spring bulb planting (on playground after school - £3)
- **15th January:** Deadline for Sept 2023 Reception place applications (see WSCC flyer)
- **16th January:** FoTS Spring bulb planting (on playground after school - £3)
- **19th January:** Census Day (please see Chartwells lunch menu below)
- **20th January:** Oak class trip to Drusillas
- **27th January:** Maple class trip to Worthing Symphony Orchestra
- **30th January:** ParentPay Go-Live to order school meals (details below in this Newsletter & more to follow in 2023)
- **7th February:** Parents Evening for Years 1-6 (sign-up information to follow soon)
- **9th February:** Parents Evening for Years R-6 (sign-up information to follow soon)
- **2nd March:** World Book Day – information to follow nearer the time

A new school lunch ordering system, ParentPay, is coming to your school.



Book all meals, universal, free or paid, online, for all school lunches from Monday 30th January 2023.

Ordered meals will be served from Monday 6th March

It's easy, quick and safe.
Select your meal choices in advance.

DON'T FORGET!

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

MEAL ORDERING WITH PARENTPAY

A new meal ordering system is coming to Thakeham Primary School!

This is for all Free school meals, Universal free meals, and paid meals.

WHEN?

Start booking from 30th January 2023 for lunches starting from 6th March 2023. All lunches up until Friday 3rd March 2023 will continue to be booked via Meal Selector (Paid Parents) or via the school office for KS1 children.

WHO?

Parents/Carers, you will see a new Payment Item in your ParentPay account. You must log in and order meals through this new Payment Item. You **MUST** order the exact meal in advance for your child on the days you require them to have a hot meal.

Medical diets and Lifestyle can be selected at the point of ordering, medical evidence is still required for allergies.

HOW?

Book your meals through ParentPay and the Chartwells kitchen teams will have the orders on a tablet known as Cypad. This will show the chosen meal along with your child's information on screen, and the meal you ordered to be served that day. All meals are subject to supplier availability.

FURTHER INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Lunch Menu

Thursday 19th January 2023

Choose a main

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Vegetable Curry & Rice

Jacket Potato & Veggie Bolognese

on the side...

Rainbow Vegetables or Salad

for dessert...

****Chocolate Fudge Brownie****

for drink....

Milk or Water





PANCAKE DAY

Friday 24th February 2023

Book online and view the full menu at

www.Mealselector.co.uk

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TIME AND DATE

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LOCATION

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WHO WE ARE

Ashington FC - Girls Football for Years 3 & 4



NEXT STEPS

head to www.Englandfootball.com/WeetabixWildcats or scan the QR code on the right to book your first session, or contact us to find out more sarahfosborne@hotmail.co.uk

SCAN ME:





PETWORTH PLAYERS PRESENTS

ALICE IN Pantoland

HERBERT SHINER HALL, PETWORTH

13TH, 14TH, 15TH JANUARY 2023

SHOWING 13TH 7:30PM, 14TH 2:30PM &
7:30PM, 15TH 2:30PM

TICKETS: £8 ADULT, £5 CHILD & CONCESSION,
£20 FAMILY (2 ADULTS UP TO 2 CHILDREN)

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SAM Online
www.sammusicservice.com
0800 756 9411



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
- Performance opportunities in school assemblies and concerts
- Online weekly 30 minute 1:1 lessons Mon-Fri up to 8pm, and Sats 9am-5pm
- Learn to play Guitar / Drum Kit / Piano (Keyboard) / Vocals from home
- Enquire by visiting www.sammusicservice.com or calling 0800 756 9411

"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

SAM Music Service provides **30 minute 1:1 online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the **guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing** from home.

Lessons are weekly and affordable at £17.50 per lesson and £16 in the holidays, suitable for both children and adults, and the **first lesson is free!** SAM also offers **gift vouchers** to purchase here: <https://www.sammusicservice.com/gift-vouchers/> - the ideal musical gift!

To enquire, complete the short contact form on SAM's website (www.sammusicservice.com), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email lessons@sammusicservice.com, or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team. Or reach out on social media [@sammusicservice](https://www.instagram.com/sammusicservice)

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2023

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 3 October 2022.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2023

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.

