



Summer Term

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newsletter

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Welcome

Dear All,

We have had a busy two weeks with the children enjoying a fun afternoon last Friday to celebrate the King's Coronation, many thanks again to FoTS for funding the leather bookmark keepsake which the children came home with!



A huge well done to the Year 6's for preparing so hard during the lead up to sitting their SATS exams! You have all been superstars!!



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



Jake (Oak)
Callum (Elder)

Faith (Acorn)

Charlie (Elder)
Chloe (Elder)

Kiva (Maple)

Rose (Acorn)
Jacob (Oak)
Amelie (Maple)
Charlie (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: **93%**

Maple Class: **96%**

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!

During the spring term, Elder Class focused their learning about the wider world. This focus enabled them to learn and write about the climate crisis we are facing. As part of their learning they wrote to Andrew Griffith MP to explain their concerns and to ask what is being done about climate change in the South of England. This week, they were delighted to have a response from the House of Commons!



ANDREW GRIFFITH MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR ARUNDEL AND SOUTH DOWNS

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Ms Emma Hopkins,
Thakeham Primary School, Rock Road
Storrington, RH20 3AA

4 May 2023
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Dear Ms Hopkins and class of Thakeham Primary School,

Thank you for writing to me about climate change, I really appreciate all of your wonderfully written individual letters.

I think it is fantastic that you are so passionate about the issues facing our planet. I take the issue of protecting our environment incredibly seriously, and so do my colleagues in Government. Governments, businesses and individuals work together as a team.

Our Prime Minister hosted world leaders, scientists, business leaders and others in Glasgow in November 2021 for COP26, a climate conference which aimed to increase global climate ambition. I was lucky enough to be there representing local people. The Glasgow Climate Pact, the agreement that was signed at the end of the conference, was first ever global agreement in which every country has signed up to phase down coal – the dirtiest fossil fuel.

I am proud that the UK was the first major economy to put a net zero target in law. The UK's net zero target is 2050 and when we achieve it we will have stopped adding any carbon dioxide to the atmosphere at all. However, other countries need to follow suit, particularly those which emit more harmful emissions than us.

In the UK, lots will have to change to enable us to reach net zero, including our method of transport from petrol or diesel cars to electric cars, our heating from gas boilers to alternatives such as heat pumps, and our energy mix from fossil fuels to renewables, to give just a few examples. We are working hard to reach these targets as soon as possible.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Andrew Griffith MP

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We are delighted to announce that due to a generous grant from Tesco, Acorn class will be having a new mud kitchen installed in the outside playing area after the May half term! If you are able to donate any good quality pots, pans, colanders, mashers, ladles and wooden spoons, please pop them into the Office. Many thanks in advance! 😊



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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!

Gabrielle received her results from her ballet exams which she took before Easter and received a commended pass rate (highest grade).



Erin won a colouring competition for the King's Coronation and was awarded 6 very yummy cup cakes especially made by Alice at the Mayblossom Cafe. She shared them with family and friends at a coronation tea party last Sunday.

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FoTS News



FoTS are busy organising their Thakeham Fun Day which is being held on Sunday 11th June from 1-4pm on the Abingworth Playing Fields to help raise vital funds for the school, namely towards an outside classroom!! So far this academic year, FoTS have generously paid for the Xmas pantomime, a chick hatching kit for Acorn class, a Coronation memento & computer equipment for Elder class. It can't be done without your support so please come along!

FoTS need as many volunteers as possible in order for this fantastic event to go ahead as planned so please email fots@thakehamps.co.uk or pop along to the school office if you are able to help set up, clear away and/or help on the BBQ or one of the many fun stalls. We have a rota available & we're only asking for an hour of your time!



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Dates for Your Diary

- **29th May-2nd June:** May half term
- **5th June:** INSET Day
- **6th June:** Return to school
- **11th June:** Thakeham Village/FoTS Fundraiser Day (1:00-4:00pm)– SAVE THE DATE!! (further info to follow)
- **30th June:** Maple class trip to Weald & Downland Living Museum (further details to follow)
- **7th July:** Sports Day (KS1 AM, KS2 PM) – more info to follow
- **21st July:** last day of term
- **24th July-31st August:** School summer holidays



FOUNDATION

Chelsea FC Foundation will be holding an Open Talent ID Event at Steyning Town Football Club on Monday 15th May 2023 for players Under 6.

At the event, players will be looked at in various sessions which will bring out all attributes of the game, a match will also be put on to allow them to showcase themselves in a game environment.

All the below events will be held at Steyning Town Football Club, Shooting Field, Steyning BN44 3RQ.

3G Surface

NO cost to these events!

Monday 15th May 2023

5:15pm - 6:30pm

Players to wear their own kit & correct boots (No metal studs) and plenty of fluids!

Under 6 (YEAR 1):

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Please note this is a free trial event and anybody can attend this open-event.

After the events, you will be contacted and could potentially have the opportunity to join Chelsea FC's Foundation Player Development Programme.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to contact Damon Peirce at damon.peirce@chelseafc.com

Thanks,

Sussex Football Team

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<https://www.skyparkfarm.com>



Tuesday 30th — Ice Queen Story Reading
Wednesday 31st — Movie Morning
Wednesday 31st — Ranger School
Friday 2nd — Lovely Bubbly Show



Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of Lyme disease:

- ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease
- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you or your family
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly**. Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.nice.org.uk/guidance

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