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**ISSUE 13**

## The Climbing Frame Grand Opening



I am really pleased to announce that the “grand opening” for the climbing frame will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. After that, we will let the classes have some time on the climbing frame before we place it on a playtime and lunchtime rota on Monday 15th January.

Please be aware that the climbing frame will not be open to families before or after school, as we are unable to offer the supervision required by our risk assessment.

### House Points for this Week

|                |           |               |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Centaur</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>points</b> |
| Unicorn        | 78        | points        |
| Dragon         | 68        | points        |
| Gryphon        | 66        | points        |
| Phoenix        | 61        | points        |
| Minotaur       | 51        | points        |

Well done **Centaur!**

### School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children in their school uniforms this week. Please do remember that all children should wear sensible black shoes or flat-soled boots. Brown shoes or boots; boots with heels; and white or colourful trainers, are not allowed.

Also, please remember that no jewellery should be worn at school apart from plain stud earrings if your child’s ears have been pierced. Official religious symbols (Crucifixes, the Star of David, etc) are allowed, however this must be put in writing to the school, and it must be agreed that it will be removed for P.E. lessons and looked after by the class teacher. These symbols should be hidden under the children’s clothes for the rest of the time they are in school.

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**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

## Attendance Update – Terms 1 and 2

As you will know from my regular updates in the newsletter, we are very keen that every child attends school regularly and frequently. There is clear evidence that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well.

The table below shows the attendance for each year group, and for the whole school, from the start of the year until the end of Term 2.

**Our school target is at least 96% attendance:**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Nursery ( <i>Caterpillars</i> )                | 93.2%        |
| Reception ( <i>Butterflies</i> )               | 94.5%        |
| Year 1 ( <i>Foxes, Rabbits and Squirrels</i> ) | 94.2%        |
| Year 2 ( <i>Badgers and Hedgehogs</i> )        | 94.4%        |
| Year 3 ( <i>Kangaroos and Koalas</i> )         | 96.3%        |
| Year 4 ( <i>Giraffes and Zebras</i> )          | 94.4%        |
| Year 5 ( <i>Leopards and Panthers</i> )        | 96.8%        |
| Year 6 ( <i>Eagles and Hawks</i> )             | 96.5%        |
| <b>Overall:</b>                                | <b>95.2%</b> |

Congratulations to years 3, 5 and 6, all of whom have beaten the school’s target.

## Playground Works



Thank you for your patience while the playground is being dug up. This is part of the response to a water leak which is happening somewhere under the playground, and the aim is to replace the broken main with something stronger and more flexible.

I understand the frustrations of the Langney Road gate not being open, and as soon as we can open it again, we will inform you by text.

It is also likely that while the playground space is restricted by the works, we will continue to enter school directly in the mornings, rather than line up in the playground.

## **Reception 2018 – Final Reminder**

If your child is due to start Reception in September, you must fill in an application form by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Paper forms are available from the school office, or you can easily apply online by going to [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk) and filling out the form electronically.

Even if you have an older child already in the school, or your child is already in our Nursery, you must still make a formal application and submit it by this deadline. Failure to do so on time will mean that you may not be offered a place at the school.

### **Diary Dates**

*Make a note in your diary!*

- Hedgehogs Class Assembly  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9am
- Class+ Coffee Morning  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9am
- Foxes Class Assembly  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am
- Coffee Morning for EAL parents  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9am
- Badgers Class Assembly  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am
- Rabbits Class Assembly  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9am
- Half Term Holiday – school closed  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February
- First Day of Term 4 – school starts at 8.45am  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

## **Class+ Reminder**

A reminder that the team from CLASS+ are inviting the parents and carers of children with ASD or who have Social Communication difficulties to join them for coffee, chat and advice at Bourne on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, between 9.00 and 10.30am. The focus will be on 'How technology can be a positive tool', but this is also a chance to meet other parents, to forge new support networks, and to develop friendships. There is no need to book, just come along!

### **Coming into School**

A reminder that all parents and visitors must report to the school office if they come into school other than at the beginning or end of the day. Please do not go directly to your child's class, even to drop off a forgotten P.E. Kit or jumper. Late children (those who arrive after the gates are closed) must also be signed in at the office, not sent straight to class.

### **Use of the School's Facilities**

A number of parents and staff have approached me recently as they have noticed some adults using the children's toilets down by Rabbits class, particularly at the end of the day.

For safeguarding reasons, no adults should be using any of the children's toilets. If you are desperate to use a toilet, we can offer you the use of the one in the office by the medical room, although if a child is being treated in there, this will not be possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **Did You Know?**

Parents who are registered to receive Free School Meals are eligible to receive other benefits including:

- A free P.E. Kit and book bag once every school year from Reception to Year 6
- A 25% reduction on the cost of any class trip
- A 50% reduction on the cost of the Year 6 Residential trip to Blacklands Farm
- A reduction on the cost of instrumental tuition lessons

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school dinner, this entitlement does not include these benefits.

### **ALL THIS FREE IF YOU REGISTER YOUR ELIGIBILITY:**

