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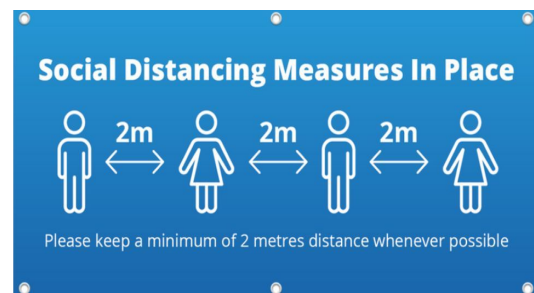
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Swale Academies Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to Term 2 of a very different academic year for us all! We hope you all had restful breaks and are keeping safe and well. We have now entered a second National Lockdown and the team at Parkland are all incredibly delighted that we can continue teaching the children in school despite this.

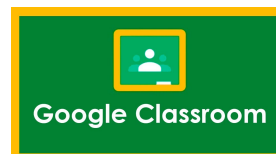
Please can we remind you that it is absolutely vital that you adhere to the guidance for dropping off and picking up in order to protect our children, staff and their families.



Lockdown and social distancing guidelines:

- ★ **Arrive ONLY between your designated gate entry times.** This gives everyone a 5 minute window to get through the gates safely before the next bubble entry. **There should be no need for any waiting outside of the gates in the mornings at any time.**
- ★ Ensure you walk your child up to their classroom (infants) or to the adult directing junior children. **This ensures adults are not walking back into people behind them and applies to all year groups. This one way entry system is in place to keep everyone safe. Please ensure you are not dropping children at the gate and walking away.**
- ★ Please do not block the twitten by waiting there. This route should be clear at all times. It is also important that adults are not congregating at the entrance gate and waiting. This causes others to have to walk around you to enter at the correct time and does not allow for appropriate social distancing.
- ★ Wait on the left hand side of the gate for your child at home time. Please do not congregate outside the gates or wait on the right hand side. Those leaving the site require space to do so safely and we do not want to risk any accidents. It also helps teachers if they can see parents.
- ★ Please do not wait in the road.

- ★ Be considerate to residents living around the school and to those working at Firwood House Residential Home.
- ★ Consult the school website if you need any guidance on symptoms or getting tested for Covid-19
- ★ If your child is isolating due to having COVID-19 symptoms or due to a household member having symptoms, work will be provided via your online Google Classroom (Years 1 - 6) or Tapestry (EYFS). This will mirror as much as possible work being done in school. This will ensure no gaps in learning. Please do email your child's class teacher if you need support with this. Teachers will provide feedback on home learning just as they did when schools were closed.



FACEMASKS



We strongly advise that all adults wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children from the school site. This will help prevent any spread of COVID-19 to our school community. We are exceptionally grateful to NHS staff currently working on the front line and we would like to share this message from one of our parents currently working for the NHS:

“Coronavirus IS in Eastbourne. As a charge nurse in the hospital KNOW the numbers are rising. Face coverings & social distancing have proven effective at reducing the spread of coronavirus. It’s great that our kids are staying in school as I know many children, including our own, suffered during lockdown before. If everyone wore a face covering during drop off and pick-up it will help stop the spread, keeping our kids safe and keeping them in class.”

A massive thank you in advance for wearing a face mask at drop off and pick up and supporting us in staying open and providing the highest quality of education.

ONLINE SAFETY

If you have any safeguarding concerns about online safety while your child is online, please report this by either using the link on our school website or by emailing the school office.



YEAR 4 EGYPT DAY UPDATE - NEW DATE

As a result of new lockdown measures which came into effect on Thursday 5th November, Year 4's Egypt Day has been rearranged for **Wednesday 9th December**. Please accept our apologies, however this is in the best interests of everyone's safety at this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who has paid for this event. Please can we request that all outstanding payments of £7 are made as soon as possible on parentpay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND BREAKFAST CLUB

In line with the latest advice, we will continue to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club for those children where parents are key workers and need this service. Please ensure you book in advance following the usual protocol.

WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



Each week, we will be bringing you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school, we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and when we talk to one another. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.

This week's sign is '**good work**'.

Good - Use your dominant hand (hand you write with) to form a thumbs up.

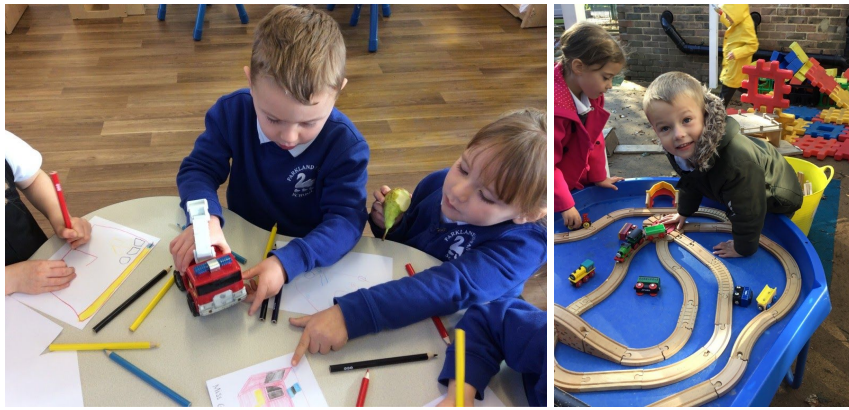
Work - Put your non-dominant hand flat in front of you slightly diagonal and use your dominant hand to make a sawing action on top.



EYFS LEARNING

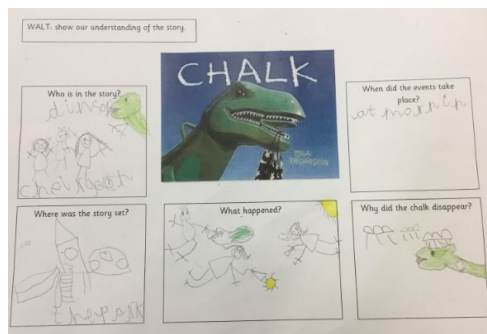
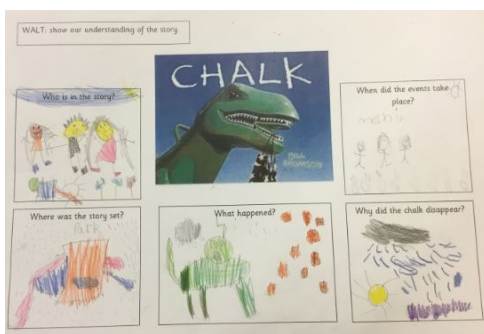
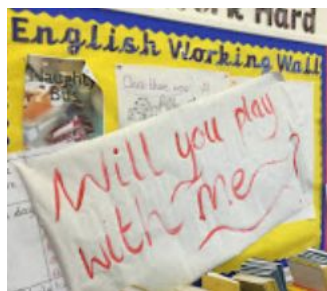
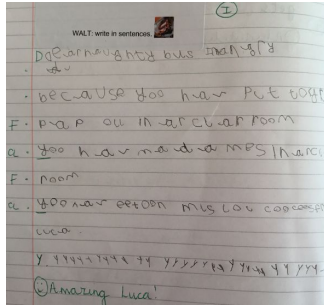
Reception started with their new topic 'People Who Help Us' this week. We have been learning all about Firefighters and the role they play in our community. We have also linked this to bonfire night and been working on beautiful firework pictures. In Maths, we have learnt our number of the week - **Number 4** and been exploring one less using a tens frame. The children have worked super hard as always and we are glad to have them back and working so well, ready for a new exciting term!





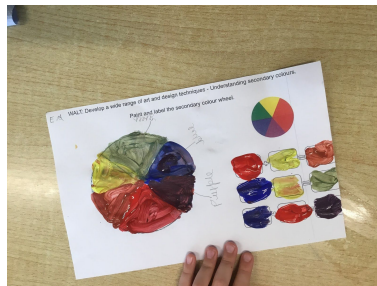
YEAR 1 LEARNING

On Monday morning, Year 1 came into their classrooms to find that The Naughty Bus had made a HUGE mess! They could not believe it! The children wrote messages to the Naughty Bus to tell him what he had done wrong and how he could make better choices. The next day, the Naughty Bus left a note to say sorry and an exciting gift - a brand new book called Chalk!



YEAR 2 LEARNING

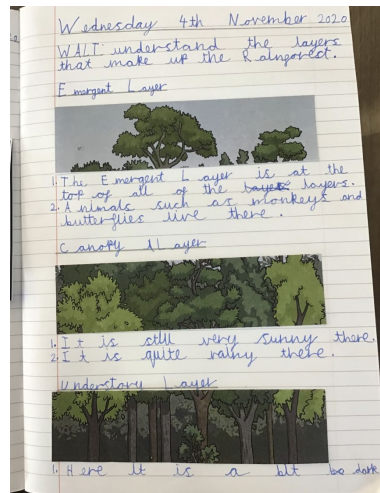
Year 2 have bounced back into Term 2 with their usual smiles and enthusiasm! We have been writing our own version of the story 'Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. In Geography, we have been learning all about the continents of the world and the names of the oceans. The children have used a variety of equipment to help their learning, including using a globe, an atlas, a map and Google Earth. Our budding mathematicians have been exploring patterns in number sequences, and have been developing their addition and subtraction skills. In art, we have been working on our own interpretation of Paul Klee's work. Well done to those children who participated in the STEM challenge over the holidays and built their own castles. We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of the children. They have worked incredibly hard this week!



YEAR 3 LEARNING

Year 3 has had a fantastic start to Term 2 and have been learning about the Rainforest. We learnt about the different layers which are found in the Rainforest and wrote some interesting facts about each layer. In PE this week, we practised our throwing and catching skills using a chest pass and also had the challenge of travelling whilst trying to catch the ball! We are also very lucky to be learning the recorder and have further developed our skills and learnt some new songs! Everyday

we have been getting outside and have been running towards a mile by completing laps around the field. We have really enjoyed working on our resilience and perseverance!

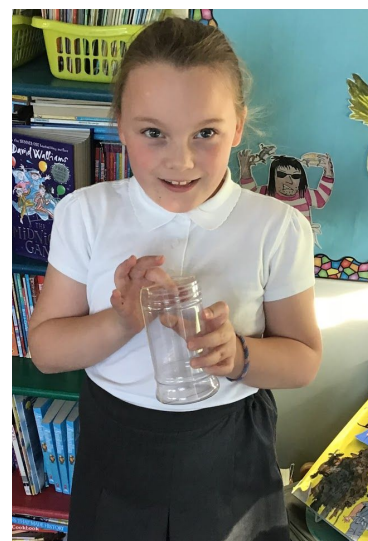


YEAR 4 LEARNING



Year 4 has been hard at work using the fantastic trim-trail. They have been developing their resilience and sense of balance with this brand new piece of playground equipment. Thank you so much again to our wonderful FOPs team for arranging such an exceptional opportunity for our children! They are LOVING it!

Year 4 also investigated how we hear sound. We found out that all sound is created by using vibrations and that sound travels in waves. We also found out that the ear works hard in order to hear and sends signals to the brain. This was investigated by listening to sounds around school and finding out which vibrations cause this.



We then recorded this information and identified how other sounds are made too, such as how elastic can make sounds by being pulled over a container. Well done, Year 4, for an excellent afternoon of Science!

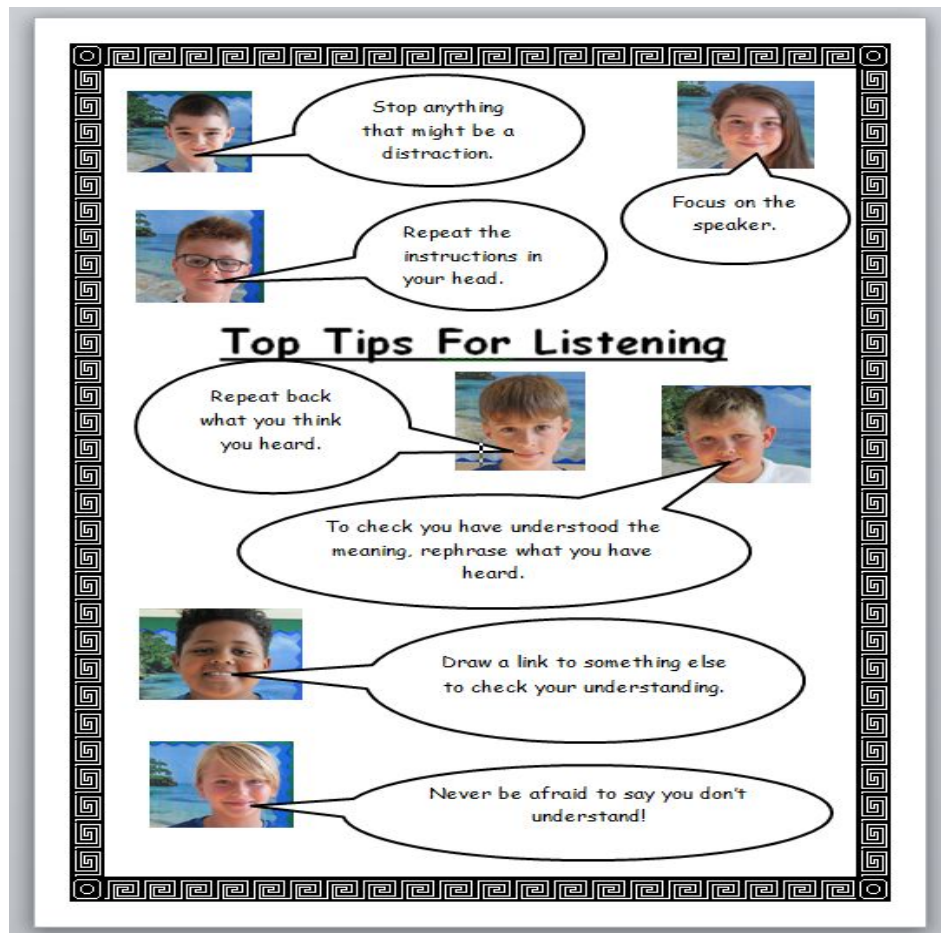
YEAR 5 LEARNING

Year 5 has had a fabulous 6 weeks of learning about Earth and Space. This culminated in the Oreo eating challenge to show the phases of the moon. Ask your child about a waning and waxing crescent - they are now experts! Our next science work will be on forces. We have planned lots of exciting experiments.



Our technical moving model - Moon on Halloween - Oreos and phases of the Moon

As part of our whole-school focus on listening, we have discussed strategies for listening really well. Here is our poster with important reminders:



YEAR 6 LEARNING

Year 6 has been learning about wartime London and how it must have felt to be caught up in the Blitz. The children produced some amazing Blitz scene art work and after some extensive research the children were able to write some interesting facts! We are also very privileged to now have a specialist music teacher who will be expertly teaching the children some new drumming skills weekly.



Wednesday 21st October
WALT: use a range of sources to find out about the past.
THE BLITZ
The Blitz began on September 7th 1940 and lasted 11th May 1941. It lasted for 5 months and 5 days. During the Blitz, Germany bombed many cities, mainly London. They also bombed Liverpool, Hull, Bristol, Cardiff and other large cities. Germany started the Blitz to force England to surrender from World War II. Some children were evacuated to the countryside to escape from the bombs, while our adults and the non-evacuated children stayed in Anderson shelters to protect from the bombs. The Blitz was named after the German word "Blitzkrieg" meaning "Lightning Lightning war". Around 40 thousand people died during the Blitz.
Fun Facts!
The common law killed more people than the Blitz. Within the first night, Germany destroyed a third of London.



PREMISES MANAGER VACANCY - PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

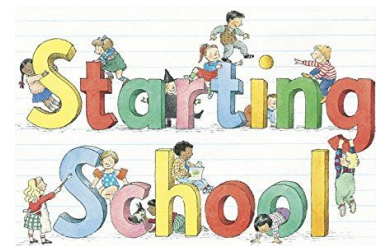


Please check our website for our Premises Manager vacancy. We are keen to receive applications from enthusiastic people who have experience in a building/site maintenance role. The Premises Manager will be responsible for the security, maintenance and cleaning of the site - please see the Job Description on our website for full details of the role. If you have basic plumbing, general and ground maintenance, electrical/building skills then we would love to hear from you. The closing date for applications is **Monday, 23rd November at 12 noon** with interviews taking place on Thursday 26th November.

NEW TO RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 2021

Although we are unable to offer our usual tours of Parkland Infant and Parkland Junior School this year due to current COVID-19 Safety measures, we have prepared Virtual Tours that are posted on our website.

Please do follow the link below and have a look at the schools and the exceptional learning that takes place each day. If you have any questions about securing a place with us, please do get in touch. We will be happy to help:



<https://parklandjunior.theparklandfederation.org/welcome-to-the-parkland-federation/>

HOME READING - THANK YOU



Thank you for searching your bookshelves for school books. We have had quite a few returned to the "quarantine boxes" in each class. Please keep on looking, as there are still many to find. Thank you so much!

DAILY READING SESSIONS AT PARKLAND

The Parkland Federation is exceptionally proud of the teaching of reading in all year groups, from early phonics to detailed comprehension and analysis skills. Many of you, from historical visits to the school, will be familiar with such questions types as **Retrieval, Inference and Choice**. As they progress through the schools, your children learn to identify different comprehension questions and develop important strategies to answer them effectively. This focus has been very successful and will continue to be a major part of reading sessions.

Both schools are currently taking part in a very exciting fluency project, as this part of reading is also a crucial life skill. Children are given a daily fluency focus to develop the four important elements of:

- **Accuracy** - the ability to identify most words correctly
- **Automaticity** - fast, effortless word recognition
- **Rate** - the speed maintained while reading accurately
- **Prosody** - reading with rhythm and intonation.

Your children may have talked about adding a code to a text, in order to help them become experts. We will keep you updated, as this exciting project develops, and are sure it will help our Parkland learners in their future careers!

REMINDER - FLU VACCINATIONS - 27TH NOVEMBER 2020

The whole school flu vaccinations will take place in Term 2 on **Friday, 27th November**. Thank you to everyone who has returned their Consent form. These forms are being collected by the health team this week, but if you do have a form outstanding, please hand to the office.



YEAR 2 DINO DAY - Jurassic Park land



For our marvellous middle Year 2 will be hosting their very own Dino Day! This will now take place on **Friday 20th November (to avoid a clash with Children In Need)**. We have a fun day planned and are hoping to create our very own Jurassic Park land! Some of our activities include dino maths, a fossil hunt and jurassic science all crammed into one day!

If your child would like to dress up we highly encourage it! Camouflage, explorer, dinosaur or paleontologist costumes would be great to see but not compulsory. The school day will still follow the same structure with normal drop off and collection times.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. This will be a fun and exciting day for the children (and staff!) . We look forward to seeing all of the explorers raring to go! Any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

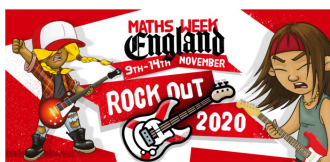
CHILDREN IN NEED

We are looking forward to supporting 'Children in Need' this year. To do so, we will be dressing up as our chosen **Role Model** on Friday 13th November. You can donate £1 for this via Parent Pay from today.



We look forward to seeing your amazing efforts as you showcase your favourite Role models!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS - COMPETITION TIME



As part of our commitment to making maths exciting and high profile in our schools, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. The top 6 classes in the country will be winning Amazon vouchers ranging from £60 to £100 and certificates will be awarded for top performers in the school.

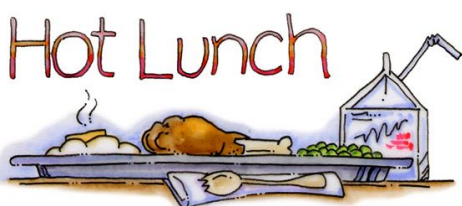
All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between **7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th November, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November**. Please encourage and support your children to take part and have fun. Rock on...

REMEMBRANCE DAY

As always, we will be taking part in a minute's silence on Wednesday 11th November in order to pay our respects to those incredible servicemen, women and animals who fought for our freedom during the wars. There will be a special virtual assembly and we will also be looking at the incredible scene recently created at Blenheim Palace in remembrance.



SCHOOL MEALS - NEXT WEEK AND GOING FORWARD



As from next week, Pabulum will be changing the menu to include hot food items. Please check your emails for the **Week 2** menu for next week only. Thereafter, from week commencing 16th November, a full menu will be available for your child to choose from. Again, please check your emails for this menu. Any problems, please let the office know.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that if your child does want a school meal, that you must book on parentpay. If we do not see your booking on parentpay then the office will call home to check your child's meal requirements and to seek payment if you are KS2 and not Free School Meals. There are a few parents who have still not activated their parentpay account and it is

important that you do so. Please do this as a matter of urgency, using the login information provided by the school office.

EYFS VISION SCREENING AND YEAR 1 CATCH UP

If you are a Reception or Year 1 parent, you will have received an email this week regarding the vision screening that will take place at the school in December by the NHS health team. Please check your emails for this useful information. For Reception children, the vision tests will take place on **Thursday, 10th December in the morning**. For Year 1, there will be a catch up session on **Friday, 11th December**.



If you do wish to opt out, then please see the information below:

Opting your child out of the Vision screening

If you do not wish your child to take part in the vision screening programme, please inform us as soon as possible:

The School Health Service can be contacted Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

Phone: **0300 123 4062**

Email: kentcft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net Web: www.kentcft.nhs.uk/essh

Congratulations to the following pupils

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Julianna - for fantastic phonics and for being such a kind, caring friend!	Lillie
Kerr	Piper - for her excellent progress in her writing. Piper is always working hard and challenging herself around the classroom!	Hunter
Shireen	Lukesh - for his AMAZING story writing and handwriting of the Naughty Bus story! Athena - for her positive attitude to learning and always being a good work partner! Superstar!	Ivan Maddie
Donaldson	Luca - for writing a fabulous Naughty Bus story! You are amazing! Jack - for working so hard to improve his handwriting. You are a superstar!	Bailey Zoe
Santat	Ellie- for her amazing improvement in both spelling and reading David - for his fantastic effort in all areas of the school day and trying really hard to be independent	Lukas Alannah

Dahl	Indiarna - for her positive attitude to learning and her focus.Well done!	Krystal
	Zara - for her incredible effort in phonics!	Sophie

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Emilie - for being kind, helpful and making others feel included when they have felt sad. Fantastic behaviour and compassion being shown.	Jack
Jeffers	Carol - for working so hard in all aspects of her learning this week. Your attitude has been amazing!	Stephan
Walliams	Evie - for being an outstanding member of the class! Lilly - for working so hard at all times! Keira - for her amazing attitude to learning - well done Keira!	Bobby Edward Jessica S
Blackman	Darren - For his hard work and positive attitude this week!	Riley
Lewis	Evie - for hard work and focus in lessons Emily - for her positive attitude to learning, always trying her hardest in all lessons.	Megan
Zephaniah	Lillith - for always being such a hardworking star . Jasmine C - for excellent listening skills.	Devon Erin
Mian	Matilda - for working incredibly hard all week.	James
Rosen	Gabby T - for your hard work and effort in all subjects. Patrick - for completing your times table challenge.	Brady Enzo

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL STAR ATTENDERS:



Infants: Donaldson 99.3%

Juniors: Rosen 98.1%

Please be aware the target for attendance is ABOVE **97%** for all pupils. Our attendance officer will be in touch if we have any concerns over your child's attendance. Attendance information for all pupils is sent to East Sussex County Council regularly. For more information or to view our attendance policy, please visit the school website.

WELLBEING FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Family life plays such an important role in the wellbeing of both children and parents. Parents spending good quality time with their children can be very effective in boosting wellbeing. Children's wellbeing centres on time with a happy, stable family, having good friends and plenty of things to do, especially outdoors. Developing a strong sense of wellbeing can help teenagers manage the challenges of the developmental years and be a protective factor against mental health issues. Wellbeing is important for the whole family to develop and is something you can work on together. This is essential now more than ever. Our next recommendation is:



Be Physically Active: Although the gym has closed until next month, we are blessed to live in the beautiful town of Eastbourne. There are so many things you can do to stay active during lockdown and exercise outside is within the safe guidelines. Go for a walk over The Downs, walk along the seafront, make a circuit training loop in your back garden and challenge yourself to beat your best time (or other members of your household!). How many star jumps can you do in a minute, how many burpees (Ms Castle-Mercer's favourite) can you do in a minute, how many times can you run around your garden/the local park? Can you find a yoga tutorial online and master The Downward Dog? If you do exercise outside, don't forget to stay socially distanced at all times from others who are out and are not in your household. Physical activity keeps you physically fit, allows you to set yourself goals and raises your self-esteem. The chemical changes exercise causes in your brain also promotes emotional well being.

PARENT SUPPORT

Holding Space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.

PLEASE CONTACT US AT 07922851207 TO PRE-BOOK

WALK AND TALK

EVERY THURSDAY
EASTBOURNE

1ST OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (9.15AM)
8TH OCTOBER: GILDREDGE PARK (9.15AM)
15TH OCTOBER: SHINewater PARK (9.15AM)
15TH OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (3.30PM)
22ND OCTOBER: HOLYWELL CAFE (9.15AM)
29TH OCTOBER: FISHERMEN'S CLUB (9.15AM)
29TH OCTOBER: HAMPDEN PARK CAFE (3.30PM)



Willington Trees Community Volunteers



Coronavirus Help Point

Are you self-isolating and need help?



ARRANGING DELIVERIES PICKING UP SHOPPING & MEDICATION A FRIENDLY PHONE CALL POSTING MAIL URGENT SUPPLIES HELP TOPPING UP ELECTRIC OR GAS KEY

Our team of volunteers are here to support you!

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Text: 07796869347 or 07920526216

E-mail: eastbourne@sussexcommunity.org.uk

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