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HURST GREEN NEWS FRIDAY 27th JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that next Wednesday both Chestnut and Oak classes will be closed due to the Teacher strike. Children in Willow and Silver Birch and the Nursery will attend school as usual.

Due to the strike, Miss Radcliffe will be doing after school gymnastics on Monday for the children in key stage 2, and the key stage 1 children will do Gymnastics on Wednesday; this is to avoid the older children missing out.

Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause you.

Have a good weekend. Miss Flack.

Rye Cricket Club Spring Coaching Programme

Rye Cricket Club are offering a Girls Only Session with the support of Sussex County Cricket Club Coaching Team. Last year they had 85 young people involved. In 2023 their 270th Season of cricket in Rye, they are aiming to have in excess of 100 young people participating. See the attachment if you think your child may be interested.



BE A BOOK WORM!

Willow: 68%
Silver Birch: 59%
Chestnut: 88%
Oak: 97%

Percentage of children by class who have read at least 5 times a week at home.

Chestnut Cake Sale

Many thanks to all that donated and bought cake. Chestnut raised over £90!



Attendance for week commencing: 27th January 2023

Willow: 97.9%
Silver Birch: 90%
Chestnut: 90%
Oak: 92.7%
Whole School: 92.3%



Nursery

We have been talking about shapes this week, focusing on triangles and playing shape games. We have been exploring the number 3 and looked for it around the Nursery! The children really enjoyed the assault course in PE. We are continuing to talk about winter weather and the days of the week. We have enjoyed reading "Geronimo" – a story about a penguin.

Willow

This week we have welcomed Mr Barber to our class. He is currently on placement for his Teacher Training course. We have found out about how camels are adapted to cope with the environment they live in. We have classified animals into mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, and amphibians. We have written our fact files for the penguins and made some penguin top trump cards!

Head Teacher Award R: Oscar for excellent writing in phonics.

Head Teacher Award Yr1: Freddy for amazing Maths.

Reader of the week: Dexter

Silver Birch

This week in English, we have been exploring London's famous landmarks. We went on a virtual tour on the London Eye and described what we could see when we were at the top. In RE, we discussed how Muslims show compassion in their community. In Science, we have been learning about animal habitats, we sorted animals into groups based on their habitats.

Head Teacher Award Yr 2: Teddy for hard work in Maths.

Reader of the week: Teagan

Chestnut

In English, the children have planned and written their own myth this week based on one of Beowulf's adventures. We have been analysing a variety of texts including poetry, using appropriate reading strategies. In Maths, we have been learning about telling the time using analogue, digital as well as 12 and 24 clocks. In RE we have been exploring the meaning of 'dharma' in Hinduism.

Head Teacher Award Y3: Shea for writing a fantastic Myth in English.

Head Teacher Award Y4: Daniel for having the school's fastest response time on TT Rockstars!

Reader of the week: Imogen C

Oak

In Maths, we have been learning how to do long multiplication (3 digits x 2 digits) and using this to solve problems. We have also been trying out different methods of multiplication and choosing the most efficient. In English, we have been learning how to edit effectively for content as well as secretarially. We have learnt the importance of using description and detail in our writing so that it is clear to the reader what is happening in our stories. In DT, we have learnt about food groups and food from around the world.

Head Teacher Award Y5: Amelia for being so kind and helpful all of the time.

Head Teacher Award Y6: Coco for wonderful story writing, we can't wait to find out what happens next...

Reader of the week: Elsie - who read even when she was off ill.



David Law is the Prevent Support Officer for the Safer East Sussex Team. This joint agency team is based at Hammonds Drive Police station in Eastbourne and is part of East Sussex County Council. David is a former Sussex Police Officer with a qualification in teaching PSHE. He is also a Registered Psychiatric Nurse. As part of his role David runs the **Relation-shops** Workshops. These workshops give young students the chance to discuss Community Safety issues that can make an impact early in the development of young people. Building resilience to these issues is vital and promotes a safer community for everybody.

David speaks to the students at their level using real life examples but is careful to let the young students have a safe space to understand the risks associated with these topics and develop the knowledge and skills to be able to question and challenge what they hear and see when necessary.

Over December/January this year David visited the school to discuss the important issue of Safety and responsibility when using social media. He was accompanied by PC Eastes, Police Youth Officer. They covered cyber-crime and the common problems associated with the use of the internet including how to keep ourselves safe from criminals. The students engaged well and made some very thought-provoking comments. David always stresses to the students that based on his experience the most important factor of staying safe is to share any problems or concerns with a trusted adult as early as possible. It is so important for parents and carers to keep that line of communication open. This can be very challenging during the teenage years. The students had the opportunity to quiz PC Eastes on his experiences as a working Police Officer

David also ran a workshop on challenging hate in our communities and what this means in terms of knowing what is right, what is wrong and what the Law says. He had an interesting discussion with the students about the law looking at the definition of hate crime, racism & stereotyping using some real-life examples in schools that David has dealt with. The students watched a video which explored where people's heritage comes from through examining the DNA of a group of individuals from different countries including the UK. An explanation of Prevent was given and the dangers of radicalisation were highlighted. The students discussed the Values that Britain supports and why they are so important. The underlying theme was that our identity is important and makes us different from each other, but it does not make us better than each other.

David recommends parents/carers visit the CEOP website where there are abundant resources on how to keep responsible and safe on the internet. Sitting down and watching some of these videos with the young person can stimulate very helpful joint discussion.

[CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

Proudly present
*Beauty
and the Beast*

Written by
Ben Crocker

Friday 27th January
at 7.30pm

Saturday 28th January
at 3.00pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 29th January at 3.00pm

Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm

Saturday 4th February at 3.00pm & 7.30pm

Commemoration Hall, Wadhurst
Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up
Tickets: Children £8.00, Adults £10.00,
Family (2 adults, 3 children) £30.00

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