

05th January 2024

Responsibility Inquisitiveness Confidence Inspiration Respect

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year! The children have had an enthusiastic start to term despite the wet weather. Although, the sun shining over the South Downs this morning was very special. As we start a new term and a new year, the children have been reflecting on our school values this week – Responsibility, Inquisitiveness, Confidence, Inspiration and Respect, and how we live them both in and beyond school. Our Stars of the Week are always testament of this. I had the great pleasure of talking with Owl class today about authors, writing a book and this year's East Sussex Children's Book Awards which we launched in school today – more information below. Have a great weekend, everyone. *Mrs Knock*

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Hedgehogs: Ava for being inquisitive and wanting to find out more about our Animal Safari topic.

Rabbits: Stanley for taking responsibility for his learning and being a great example on how to respect the views and listen to others.

Foxes: James H for inspiring his classmates in their learning by being an excellent role model.

Owls: Orlagh for being an inspiration to her peers, always working hard and being a positive and friendly member of Owl's Class.

Readers of the Week

Congratulations to our readers of the week:

Owls: Oscar H, Oscar J, Aliah

Foxes: James M, Harriet, Ava, Barnaby, Dexter, Darcey, Ren, Harley.

Rabbits: Phoenix, Edward.

Hedgehogs: Ava B, Blake H, Poppy W.

Gaston and Mini-Gaston go to: Foxes and Hedgehogs

Udi Owl goes to: Foxes for showing great responsibility as a class this week.

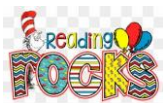
Reading Certificates

Stage 1 for reading 25 times goes to: Odin.






Stage 2 for reading 50 times goes to: Arlo, Albert, Barnaby, Ren, Lilas S, Harley, Saskia, Jasper.

East Sussex Children's Book Awards

The East Sussex Children's Book Award promotes reading for pleasure to children at the upper age of primary school (9 – 11 years). It introduces children and adults to new or less established children's authors, in order to encourage a 'county wide conversation' about books. The six newly published books chosen for the Book Award are particularly aimed at children in years 5 and 6 and will be coming home with children from Owl Class over the coming months. In addition, all of the titles are free to borrow from a local library or can be downloaded here as [e-books](#). For more information visit the [ESCBA Website](#). The competition closes on 10 May 2024.



**EAST SUSSEX CHILDREN'S
BOOK AWARD**

	<p><u>The PTFA Needs You!</u> The PTFA are an important part of the school, arranging and running events throughout the year for the children and their families. All the money raised goes back into the school, either to fund projects or subsidise trips. You don't need any particular skills or experience, just bags of enthusiasm and a little bit of time to volunteer. The next meeting is 10th January 2024 at 2.30pm. We would love to see you there. <i>The PTFA.</i></p>												
	<p><u>Cost of Living Support for Families</u> The current rising cost of living is affecting everybody in different ways and we want to support those most affected. We can sign post you to a number of different support mechanisms from financial to food, education to employment. Please do speak to Mrs Bulgin or visit: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support</p>												
	<p>As winter illnesses continue to circulate NHS England has published advice on their website. It lists all the most common childhood illnesses and their advice regarding attendance at school, including when to contact your GP. NHS England: Is my child too ill for school?</p>												
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	<p><u>Safeguarding</u> If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please speak to any of the staff below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Burrows – Designated Safeguarding Lead • Mrs Knock and Mrs Bulgin - Deputy DSL 												