



8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers, we've had a week full of celebrations and fun. From our conquering heros in gymnastics, to celebrating a county finalist, to fun and games at our annual Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who make these events happen and to the children for their commitment and exemplary attitudes, even when things feel a little tough and scary. We have lots of festive activities happening next week, so take a good look at the diary dates at the end of this bulletin. Have a lovely weekend, everyone. *Mrs Knock*

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Hedgehogs: Buena for her blossoming confidence since starting school in September.

Rabbits: Scarlett for finding the confidence to keep persevering, even when things feel a little scary and difficult.

Foxes: Lyla PF for inspiring her classmates with her positive and hardworking attitude.

Owls: Isla for working super hard and gaining even greater confidence with her work, particularly in maths.



Readers of the Week

Congratulations to our readers of the week:

Owls: Oliver, Daisy

Foxes: James, Darcey, Cali, Dexter, Harley, Ava.

Rabbits: Phoenix

Hedgehogs: Ava, Henry, Sienna, Freya, Tommy, Poppy.

Gaston and Mini-Gaston go to: Rabbits and Owls.

Udi Owl goes to: Foxes for team work, inspiration and courage at the inter schools gymnastic competition this week.



Reading Certificates

Stage 1 for reading 25 times goes to: Janson, Cora.







Stage 2 for reading 50 times goes to: Phoenix, Zach, Ayrton, Isla, Oscar, Elspeth, Harley, Tommie, Cali.




Inter-schools Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to our fabulous Year 4 gymnastics team who came first place overall at the inter schools competition this week, held at Northiam School. Everyone worked so hard in the lead up to the event and were super impressive on the day. Even their warm up routine received warm praise. Well done to Jackson, Dexter, Paloma, Lila, Lyla, Cali, Ava and Elspeth. Go Team Brede!



	<p><u>Cross Country Finals.</u> Congratulations to Finn who has qualified to represent the Hastings and Rother Sussex Schools at the Sussex School Games Cross Country Finals in March. Finn will be competing against children from other areas across Sussex, and I'm sure you join us in wishing him speedy legs and the very best of luck in his preparations.</p>															
	<p><u>The Christmas Fair</u> Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Christmas Fair on Wednesday, and our fabulous PTFA, who work incredibly hard behind the scenes. The children's make and do gifts looked fabulous as always and raised £463 for their charity - World Vision. You also helped the PTFA to raise a staggering £2500, which is going towards the building of our new outside area at the front of the school. You may have noticed the climbing frame being built this week. On behalf of all the children at Brede Primary School – THANK YOU!</p>															
	<p><u>The Big Ambition Survey</u> - The Big Ambition – Have your say! The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has asked us to alert you to the launch of The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition wants to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. For more information click here. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed here.</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. Further information is available from: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support</p>															
	<p>As winter illnesses circulate, NHS England has published advice on their website. It lists all the most common childhood illnesses and their recommendation regarding attendance at school, including when to contact your GP. NHS England: Is my child too ill for school?</p>															
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	13/12/2023	4pm – 4.30pm Please Note: a crèche is available with Kerri from 3.15-4.00pm for a £3 donation – contact the main school office to register.	
	Thursday 14/12/2023	Christmas Party Children can wear their own clothes.	Whole School
	Wednesday 03/01/24	Start of Term 3 – children back to school.	Whole School
	Thursday 25/04/2024	Tempest Photos	Class/sibling/preschool photos
	INSET DAYS for 2023/2024	02/01/2024 22 & 23/07/2024	Whole School
	<p><u>Safeguarding</u></p> <p>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 Bulgin / Mrs Knock - Deputy DSLs 		