



# 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Responsibility Inquisitiveness Confidence Inspiration Respect

Dear Parents and Carers, Well done, everyone, for getting to end of what has been a pretty bleak weathered term. Despite this, we have had lots to celebrate, from music and sporting awards, to valentine's discos, Chinese New Year, trips out and visitors in, the launch of the East Sussex Book Awards and the official opening of our new library. It's been wonderful to watch the librarians reading with our youngest children this week, and the children in Owl Class tucking into the Book Award titles at every opportunity. Some clear favourites are already inching ahead, I believe. Have a lovely half term break, everyone. *Mrs Knock*

### Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Hedgehogs: Freya O-K for showing great responsibility and respect.**

**Rabbits: Janson for having the confidence to share ideas and taking responsibility with his learning.**

**Foxes: Jackson for being an inspiration, writing a captivating story.**

**Owls: Hollie for being an inquisitive learner who always challenges herself and tries new things.**



### Class Readers of the Term

Congratulations to our Class Readers of the Term. Class books go to:

**Foxes and Hedgehogs.** With a special shout-out to Owl Class, who missed out on the prize by only one point. Will it be your turn next time?



### Our Library is Open for Business

Our librarians have had a busy opening week. Whilst the older children have been enjoying reading the books in our underwater themed library, the children from Hedgehogs and Rabbits Classes have been listening and talking about books with our enthusiastic librarians. It proved a perfect option for those wet and windy days.



### Bee Ready For The Bees Competition

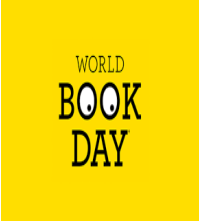






Design a colourful flower garden for bumblebees to feast on when they come out of hibernation. Go wild and make it 3D!

In collaboration with Chartwells Schools and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, we are inviting the children to design a bee-tastic garden for outside Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes.

Competition entries must be in school by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

There will be prizes for winners in each year group and the overall winner will see their design inspire the next stage of the gardens transformation.



	<p>World book Day is on <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> and we are asking the children to produce a piece of creative art inspired by their favourite book or story. This could be writing their own ending to a story, writing a song inspired by a story, drawing a picture or completing a craft based picture around the story's theme. The children could even choose to produce some book themed baking. It's up to you! Nothing is too creative. Entries for the competition must be in school by <b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>, when they will be judged as part of World Book Day.</p> <p><b><u>Hedgehogs and Rabbits Reading Breakfast – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am – 9:30am</u></b></p> <p>On World Book Day, we are inviting the parents of children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits classes to a reading breakfast. You can bring a book in to share or let your child choose one from our brand-new library. Breakfast snacks and drinks will be available to enjoy. We hope to see you there.</p> 															
	<p><b><u>Advice and Support for Families</u></b></p> <p>Did you know that our school website offers a host of useful links on advice and support for parents and carers? Everything from cost of living advice and support, to managing a child's challenging behaviour at home. More information is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>															
	<p><b><u>Have Your Details Changed?</u></b></p> <p>This is a reminder to all parents/guardians to notify the school office of any changes, such as medical conditions, home addresses, contacts and permissions you wish to reconsider i.e. use of your child's photo.</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.</p> <p><a href="#">NHS England: Is my child too ill for school?</a></p>															
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	<p><b><u>Safeguarding</u></b></p> <p>If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please speak to any of the staff below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Burrows – Designated Safeguarding Lead</li> <li>• Mrs Bulgin / Mrs Knock - Deputy DSLs</li> </ul>															