



## Weekly Newsletter 3 Spring Term 2024

Friday 19th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 2 and 3 children to the O2 on Wednesday for the annual Young Voices show; see page 4 for photos! The children had a wonderful experience, learning some beautiful songs and having the opportunity to be part of such a huge national event. Thank you to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Norfolk for encouraging the children at choir club so that they took part with such confidence! Well done children, what a wonderful memory we will all have from this day.



### Learning times tables

Year 5 classes have been battling each other—with their times tables of course! Well done to Mrs Rose who won the teachers' times table battle during assembly last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching their teachers battling for top spot. I think there are some open challenges coming Mrs Rose's way now though, from staff and children.

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables to help their class win the TT Rockstars battles!

### Why it's important to get your child vaccinated

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting you, your child, and the community against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, such as measles. In recent years there has been a gradual decline in up-take of childhood immunisations in West Sussex, so it's important that children get vaccinated when they are invited to do so. By ensuring your child is vaccinated you are helping to protect, not only your child, but also family members, as well as keeping others safe in the community. Many childhood vaccines are given more than once, at different ages and in different combinations. Use the guide below to check if your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

If you would like more information, please see WSCC's information page on vaccinations. [Childhood Immunisations - West Sussex County Council](#)

### Amber/Yellow weather warnings

We are expecting the weather to change again next week, with Storm Isha on its way. Please take care and make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for cold/wet weather please.

### Late arrivals

If your child is late for school you must accompany them to the office. They must be signed in by a member of the office team so that we know exactly who is in school and we must have a valid reason for lateness.

### Forest School

I had a lovely time with one of our Year 3 forest school groups on Thursday. There was a lovely fire to keep everyone warm, with hot chocolate and a biscuit for everyone. The children enjoyed listening to Sasha and Isabella reading poetry, which was so calming and thought-provoking. The environment has improved so much with the children building dens and living spaces; their imagination is incredible and their skills have improved brilliantly! It's a fantastic provision that we are very proud of! If you have any spare socks, please donate them to school!

Thank you as always for all your support.  
Trudy Emberson, Headteacher



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## Celebrations!



### **BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

**Huge** congratulations go to



**Elm Class**  
with an amazing  
99% attendance



For week beginning  
08/01/2024

Super job!!



### **Class Attendance of the Year**

Our top classes so far...

**Willow & Yew Class**  
with 96%



Amazing - keep it up!!

### **Whole School Attendance**



Three Bridges Primary School  
**93%**  
Primary national average  
**93.2%**



**Here Everyday Ready On Time!**



## More to celebrate...



### Headteacher Awards

Well done to all of the following children who have earned a Headteacher Award this week!



Florence  
Ashley  
David x2  
Delroy  
Safiya  
Timothy  
Edie  
Lena  
Bradley  
Isaac  
Carter  
Jeffon  
Everly  
Jude

Lily  
Timea  
Gagan  
Chetus  
Oliver  
Saphrah  
Alfie  
Patrick  
Felipe  
Everly  
Tanishka  
Isaac  
Rusne  
Lea

Arshia  
Marshall  
Finley  
Arthur  
Benjamin  
Riaz  
Dharshan  
Troy  
Aarav  
Nikolay  
Ivy  
Nadia  
Dominik  
Alice

## CLASS DOJO

Well done to everyone for earning so many Dojo points this week!

The classes with the most Dojo points for this week are:

**1st - Chestnut**

**2nd - Apple**

**3rd - Cypress**



## *BoomReader*

Well done to everyone for reading so many books this week!

The classes who read the most are:



**1st - Elm**

**2nd - Cypress**

**3rd - Sycamore & Beech**



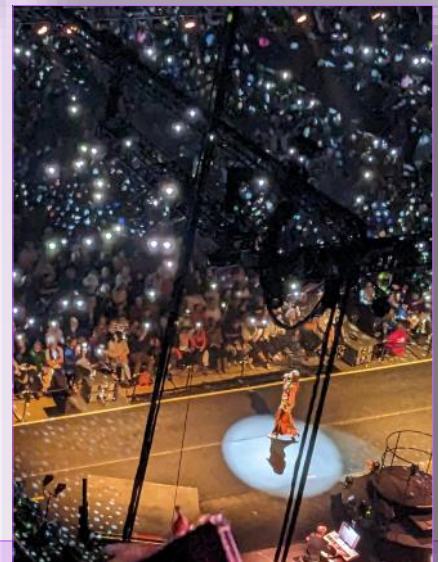
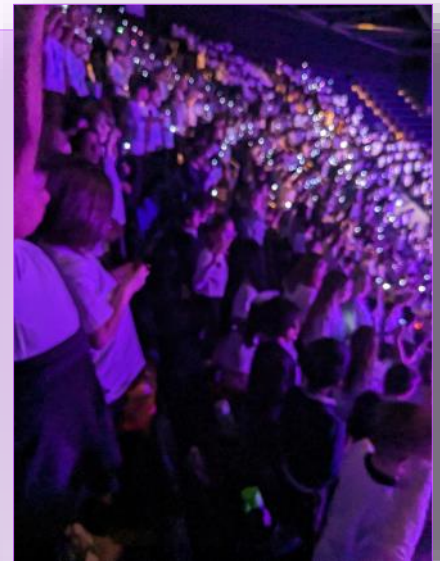
Please see the parent guide which has been sent out on Class Dojo

<https://go-read.co.uk/downloads/parent-guide-mobile.pdf>

A group of Year 2 and 3 children from our choir had the most wonderful time at the O2 this week as they took part in Young Voices 2024.

The children have been learning a huge variety of songs for months with Mrs Saunders and Mrs Norfolk, which they performed as part of a choir of 8725 children from around the UK. There were three hours of rehearsals followed by the show, which was enjoyed by everyone! How many of us can say we have performed at the O2 arena?

Well done to the children, who should feel incredibly proud of this amazing achievement! We would love to take more children next year so if your child is interested in taking part, watch out for Choir Club next half term!



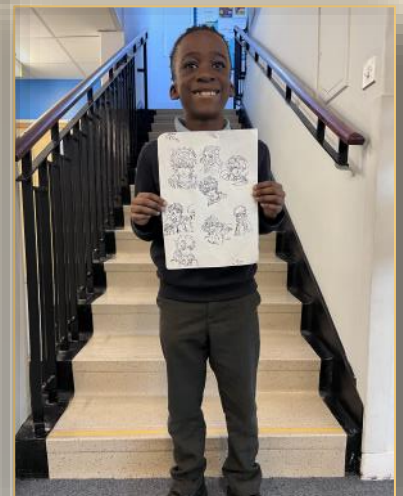
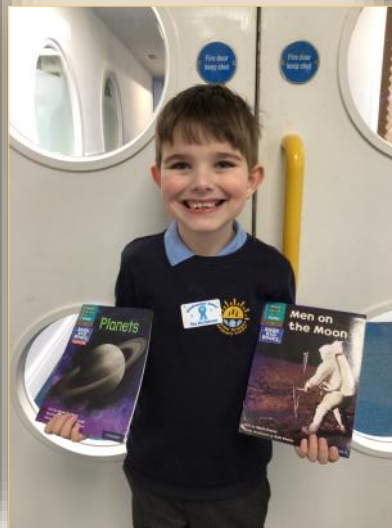
## **The Young Voices Concert!**

From my point of view, it was amazing. The dancers were phenomenal, the drummer, out of this world and don't get me started on the children!

To sing that many songs is amazing! It was a shame that I couldn't see my sister or any of Three Bridges, very clearly as they were so high up. They even got the parents to stand and dance.

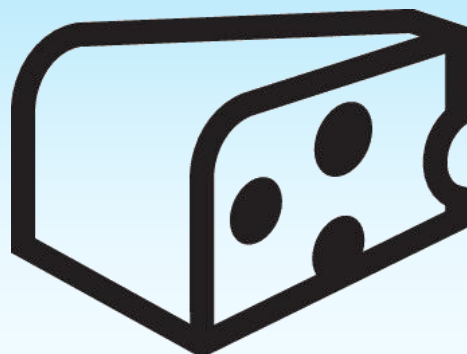
When we got back, all the kids were shattered, but if they are tired then I guess they had a good time!

By Harmani - Year 6



## Makaton

Sign of the Week  
Cheese





The Royal Academy in London is running a children's summer exhibition again this year. Would your child like to submit a piece of art? There is no theme and it is free to enter.

Three Bridges Primary School have now been registered, so as a parent of a child at this school you will be able to submit one piece of art that your child has done.

The art work must be original, not copied.  
Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill.

Each submission can include a short-written statement, written by the artist themselves (if possible) and can include why they created the work and what it means to them.

If you would like to submit a piece of art and find out more information about the exhibition and the submissions process please go to:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Parents & Carers can submit art work on behalf of their child. Just click on register/submit and follow the instructions to upload your child's artwork. Good Luck!!



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Sickness and Diarrhoea 48 Hour Rule

If your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea you must follow the 48 hour sickness and diarrhoea rule.

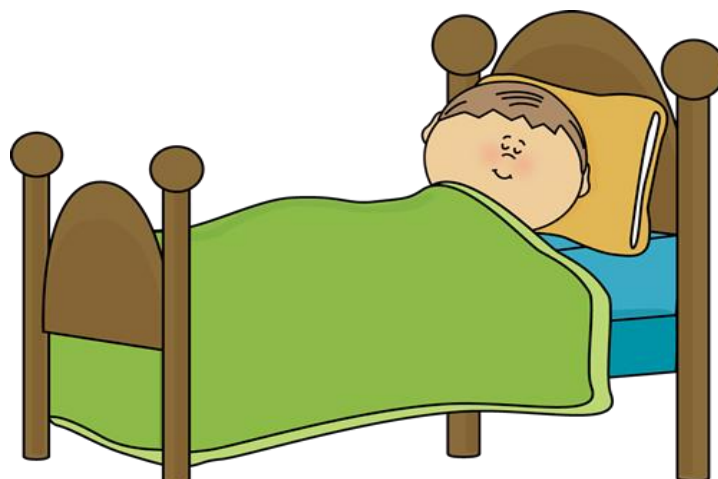
From time to time children are sick either at home or at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children.

In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from the school until they have been **free of symptoms for 48 hours** and feel well.

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to school.

We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all staff and children in school. So for example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.





# Can you help?

## Bucket Therapy



Bucket therapy was created by Gina Davies and is part of a four-stage "Attention Autism Activity". However, it works very well with all children within any setting and is very easy to implement.

Bucket therapy aims to support children's attention skills, helping them to develop and maintain focus for longer periods of time. With little preparation and just a few cheap props, the activity can be done anywhere.

The 'bucket' is a non-see-through container/bag, that holds a selection of small objects such as; wind-up, pop-up, musical or mechanical toys the children will find visually appealing, but which they have never seen before. Novelty value is key, so you need to build up a collection of lots of different items to maintain the element of surprise.

We really need your help with any donations or unwanted items (listed below) to support this project.

- \* Bubbles
- \* Balloons
- \* windup toys
- \* push and go toys
- \* musical toys,
- \* Jack in the box
- \* light spinners
- \* foam rockets
- \* musical instruments
- \* funny glasses
- \* party blowers
- \* party hat
- \* party popper
- \* funny mask
- \* Dressing up costumes (for adults & children)



Thank you in advance.

Beginning after the half term, we would like to invite any parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, or other special people to surprise your child by being a 'Mystery Reader' in our classrooms.



Children love having their family, friends and relatives visit our classrooms to share in our learning by reading a favourite story aloud to our class.

Year 1 & 2 will be on Fridays at 9am until 9:15 and Reception will be on Tuesdays at 2:50. You will shortly be getting an invitation from your child's class teacher, so look out for that!



## Netball



On a freezing cold Thursday afternoon, we headed to ICC for netball festival. Thankfully, the children were inside for the skills games before braving the cold for the friendly matches.

The children were excellent and had a great afternoon.

The one medal we had for our school was awarded to Sothia for excellent teamwork when working with some children from Seymour school

well done all!



## Clubs & Events



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# FEBRUARY 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

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Three Bridges Primary School (Upper Site)



MONDAY 12 FEB

WINTER CAMPFIRE COOKOUT

Join us around the campfire for bushcraft whittling a toasting fork, cooking delicious snacks of cinnamon rolls & marshmallow fluff biscotti bombs, plus plenty of adventure & games to keep warm & burn off the sugar.

TUESDAY 13 FEB

Animal Ambassadors: Sea Wolves, Sea Turtles & Red Pandas

Learn about endangered animals, their habitats & how they survive & thrive. Get hands-on creating sea turtles, building dens for sea wolves & treehouses for the red pandas.

WEDNESDAY 14 FEB

Nature Ninja Craft & Adventure

A day of nature immersion & positive tech. Craft a pebble ninja & throwing star, contribute to a giant Japanese leaf print mural & work in a team using a camera to find hidden ninjas in our stealthy spy scavenger hunt.

THURSDAY 15 FEB

ROBIN HOOD DAY

Join Robin and his merry men on a brave adventure. Craft personalised bows & mini shields, take part in medieval games & join the stagecoach robbery - 'rob from the rich & give to the poor!'

FRIDAY 16 FEB

Nerfageddon - Nerf & Adventure Games

An action-packed day of high-energy, tactical, base-invasion Nerf & adventure games: Zombie Apocalypse, VIP, & Capture The Flag. We'll provide the blasters & fun, you provide the kids!



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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

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# Creative Music Workshop



We are thrilled to offer a **FREE** creative music workshop for 8 to 11 year olds, or those in years 4 - 6, where children will have the opportunity to make music with members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) and an exclusive opportunity to watch the RPO in rehearsal the following weekend.

The [RPO](#) is a professional orchestra based in London that regularly performs at The Hawth in Crawley and is working in partnership with West Sussex Music to offer this free workshop.

The creative music workshop, which runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm, is for locally based children who are interested in making music together and can bring their instrument with them. Any standard of player is welcome, and any instrument is welcome, you don't even need to read music. It's about being creative, playing with some of the RPO's professional musicians, and having fun!

To attend, please click the [link](#), and complete the form.

## Creative music workshop (for 7 to 11 year olds)

**Saturday 10 February 2024, 9.30am to 12.30pm**

Venue: Three Bridges Primary School, Gales Drive,  
Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 1PD

Have you already been playing an instrument for at least a term? If so, come along with your instrument and join us for a fun, creative workshop with professional orchestra players. We'll explore a piece of music from the forthcoming Royal Philharmonic Orchestra concert and create our own musical response to it.

## Orchestral workshop (for Grade 5+)

**Saturday 10 February 2024, 1.30pm to 4.30pm**

Venue: Three Bridges Primary School, Gales Drive,  
Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 1PD

Are you already playing in a youth orchestra or wanting to try it? This workshop gives you the chance to discover and explore a piece of orchestral repertoire, work on the skills needed to play in an orchestra, and respond creatively with the help of experience players from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Open rehearsal

**Sunday 18 February 2024, 10.30am to 1.30pm**

Venue: The Hawth, Hawth Avenue, Crawley RH10 6YZ

As part of the project, all participants of both the workshops are invited to attend a rehearsal of the full Royal Philharmonic Orchestra as they prepare for their Valentine's Orchestral Gala at The Hawth on 18 February.

Sign up for free at:

[westsussexmusic.co.uk/rpo-workshop](https://westsussexmusic.co.uk/rpo-workshop)



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ENJOY CLASS OF THE WEEK

# Apple Class



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
CONTENT WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

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# Ash Class



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## Cut off dates for ParentPay meal ordering



	January						February					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		
Thursday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		
Friday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Saturday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		

	March						April					
Monday		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	
Tuesday		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	
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Friday	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	
Saturday	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	

### January Cut off Dates

Thursday 19/1 for w/c Monday 30/1  
Thursday 26/1 for w/c Monday 6/2

### February Cut off Dates

Thursday 9/2 for w/c Monday 20/2  
Thursday 16/2 for w/c Monday 27/2  
Thursday 23/2 for w/c Monday 6/3

### March Cut off Dates

Thursday 2/3 for w/c Monday 13/3  
Thursday 9/3 for w/c Monday 20/3  
Thursday 16/3 for w/c Monday 27/3

### April Cut off Dates

Thursday 6/4 for w/c Monday 17/4  
Thursday 13/4 for w/c Monday 24/4  
Thursday 20/4 for w/c Tuesday 2/5  
Thursday 27/4 for w/c Monday 8/5

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

Cut off date



# Dates for your diary



## January 2024

Mon 22nd	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - Reception and KS1
Wed 24th	Phonics Screening Meeting - Year 1 - 2 pm to 3pm
Thurs 25th	I-Rock performance @ 9am. Year 2 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Fri 26th	Year 4 visit Science Museum
Tues 30th	Year 3 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Wed 31st	Reception - Bedtime experience at 2pm

## February 2024

Thurs 1st	Pear Class Bedtime Experience @ 11am and 2pm Year 4 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Fri 2nd	NSPCC Number Day
Tues 6th	Year 5 and 6 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Wed 7th	Year 3 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Fri 9th	Learning Showcases - whole school. More details to follow!

## March 2024

Mon 4th—Fri 8th	Termly Learning Conferences - Nursery, Reception and KS1. Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - KS2
Mon 11th	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - Reception and KS1
Mon 18th	Termly Learning Conferences - KS2
Fri 29th	Good Friday - school closed, Easter holidays begin

### **INSET Days 2023/2024—school is closed on these days**

Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

### **West Sussex County Council Term Dates**

Spring Term is from Tuesday 2nd January—Thursday 28th March 2024

**Spring Half Term** - Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term is from Monday 15th April—Tuesday 23rd July

**Summer Half Term** - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024