



Weekly Newsletter 4 Spring Term 2024

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The storms have caused a small amount of damage on school grounds; you may have noticed the large branch by the upper site entrance. This is being removed soon. I hope that you and your families have stayed safe over the past few days. The weather is so unpredictable so please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school so that they can enjoy joining in outside activities.

Highlights of the week

Music has been a huge highlight over the past couple of weeks, with Young Voices and a special visit from Hazelwick musicians last week. This week we have had our first I-Rock performance, which was fantastic! West Sussex Music will be at our school on Saturday 10th February, information about this has been shared on the newsletter. Is your child taking part?

Dogs

Please do not tie your dog against the school fences or gates. As we have so many children and parents at drop off and pick up times, it can be very distressing for your dog to be left. Also, we do have a lot of children and parents who find it difficult to walk past a barking dog. All dogs that are on school premises must be carried at all times please. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Uniform

We have noticed how smart the children are in school, thank you. Our school colours are navy and grey so if your child is not wearing a jumper or cardigan with a logo, please make sure they are at least wearing the correct school colours, including black school shoes. We are working hard to raise expectations and standards so staff will contact parents/carers of children who are not wearing the correct uniform.

Absence from school

Please contact us via the Studybugs app if you are reporting your child absent from school. My office team will call families whose children have not arrived so it is helpful if you can leave a message. Please remember that we are unable to authorise your child's absence if you are poorly.

Online behaviour

We receive a lot of messages from parents who are concerned about either their child or another child's online behaviour. Please check what your child is doing online, especially chats. We have heard that there are issues with WhatsApp where children are feeling bullied by messages that are being sent between class mates. If you are concerned about messages your child is receiving, you can report this to the police on 101, as it is an offence to bully someone online. It is difficult when this behaviour affects children's emotional well-being and their relationships with friends in school. Please keep a close eye on what your child is up to online!

Fast forward to next week!

We are looking forward to next week's bedtime experiences for nursery and Reception. I hope that Year 3 and 4 parents will enjoy their Reading Afternoons too. These have been very well received so far!

Thank you as always for all your support. Have a good weekend!

Trudy Emberson
Headteacher



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Celebrations!



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Huge congratulations go to



Willow Class
with an amazing
99% attendance



For week beginning
15/01/2024

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!



Aazeen
Amedea
Valerie
Niara
Anais
Annabeth
Archie
Rosalia
Erik
Nolan
Cory
Tims
Louis
Vivan

Sam
Ricky-Lee
Lillianna
Caitlyn
Orion
Joyce
Mario
Alice x2
Jacob
Aaliyah
Asiya
Hafsa
Sameeha
Charlie

Daniel
Reeha
Arish

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 - Rowan

2nd - Apple

3rd - Silver Birch



BoomReader

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

The classes who read the most are:



1st - Juniper

2nd - Elm

3rd - Chestnut



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

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



Year 4
Cities

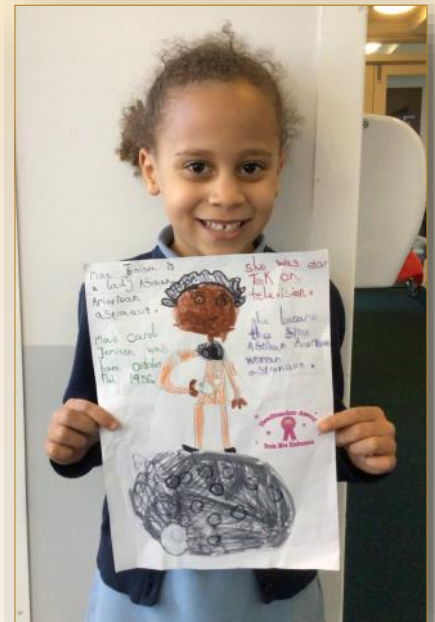


Year 1 - History

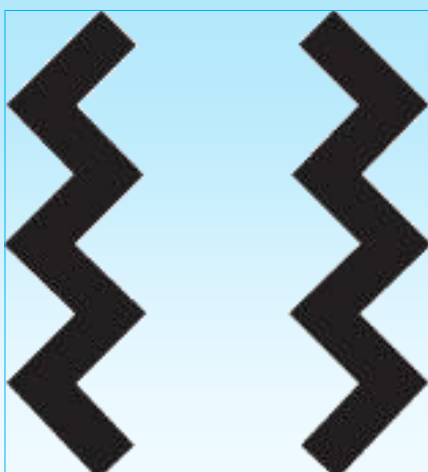
Mae C. Jemison became the first African American woman to go into space.

Dr. Jemison was the science mission specialist on the flight.

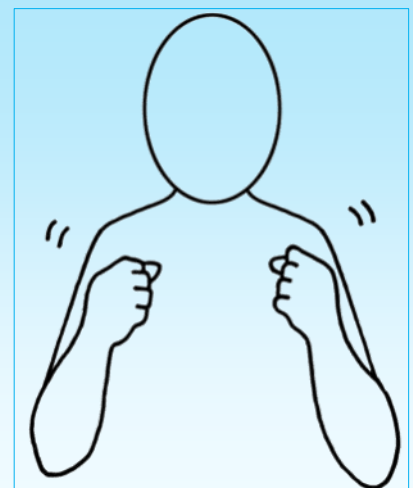
During the shuttle mission she conducted experiments in life sciences, material sciences, and was co-investigator in the bone cell research experiment.



Makaton



Sign of the Week
Cold





Sport - Football



On Friday the 19th our Year 6 boys had another football competition run by Crawley town football club.

The boys did brilliantly finishing 3rd in our group and narrowly missing out on the semi-finals on goal difference



Sport - Cricket

On Monday we took an eager group of 8 children to K2 for a cricket festival.

They spent some time doing skill stations run by Sussex Cricket Club and then took part in friendly games at the end in groups mixed up with other schools!

All of our children did extremely well, were respectful, friendly to the leaders and children from other schools and I could see that they were keen to polish their existing skills and also learn new ones.

Well done Three Bridges Primary School!

Sport - Football

On Thursday this week both our boys and girls had their football finals. Both teams qualified for the quarter-final stages after impressive league campaigns.

The girls won theirs on penalties 3-2 after a 0-0 draw with St.Andrews and then narrowly lost 2-1 in the semi-final to Desmond Anderson.

The boys lost a very close quarter-final to Hilltop 1-0, who went all the way to the final.

A big well done to all the children who represented the school across the league campaign this season, everyone has been a credit to our school!



Anna Freud
building the mental
wellbeing of the
next generation



The UK Trauma Council, a project of mental health charity, Anna Freud has launched a set of new resources aimed at helping and supporting children and young people affected by long-term childhood trauma, war and conflict.

These resources include a [3-minute animation](#), aimed at 12 to 21 year olds, two toolkits for [professionals](#) and a short, [written resource for young people](#).

The resources were developed by the UK Trauma Council in co-production with partner organisations and young people with lived experience of war and conflict.

Three Bridges Primary School Parent/Carer Forum

Are you a parent/carers with a child or young person who may have additional needs and/or disabilities (no diagnosis required)? If so, please come along and join our forum for an informal, free cuppa and a chat - we will even supply biscuits!!

The group will be a great way to meet new people with similar interests and experiences.

"Reaching Families are the visitors joining us this time, their mission 'to empower, inform and support parent-carers and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex.'"

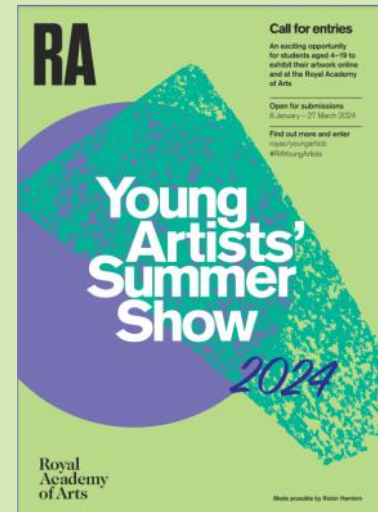
The forum will be held in the Upper Site hall on Thursday 8th February 9am to 10am.

We look forward to seeing you.



For more information, please see the link below

<https://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/>



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.

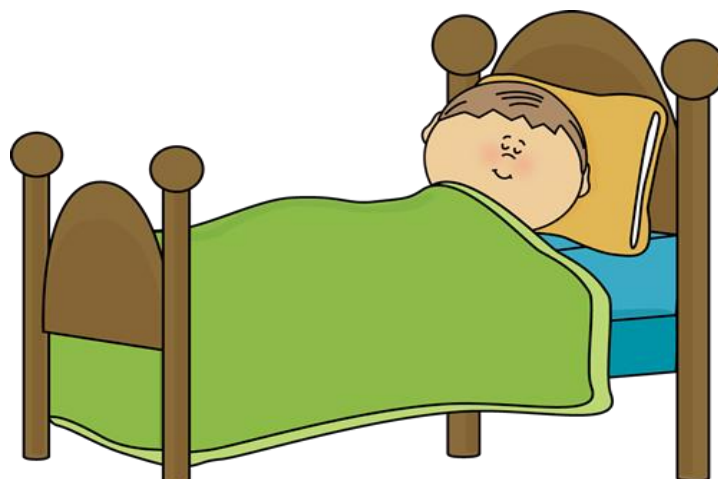
From time to time children are sick either at home or at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

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.





TOP SECRET - MYSTERY READER



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!



iRock

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iRock performed a concert for their parents on Thursday.

The children were absolutely amazing, we have such talented children here at Three Bridges!



At iRock School of Music, we believe every child deserves a brighter future. Our in-school rock and pop band lessons provide an amazing confidence boosting experience for children by making music fun. iRock currently teaches thousands of children in schools across the UK and we open new bands in new schools every month.

If you would like more information, please contact the school office.





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!



"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND"



For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

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ACHIEVE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Mulberry Class



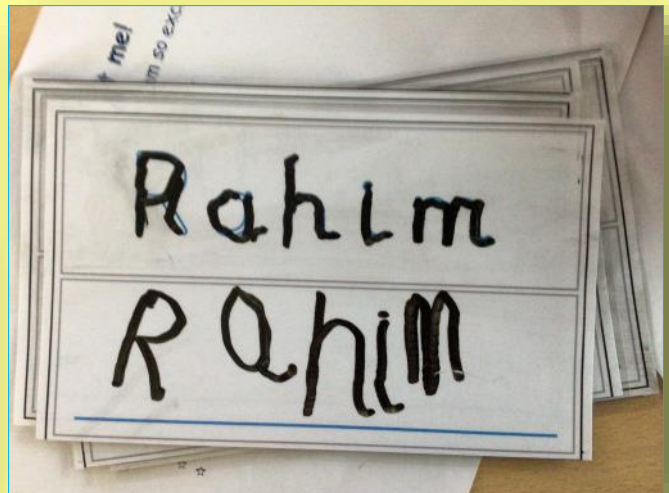
We have achieved by playing games with our friends.



We have achieved by working together in Maths to build our numbers.



We have achieved by sharing our resources with our friends.



We have achieved by writing our names.



ACHIEVE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Beech Class



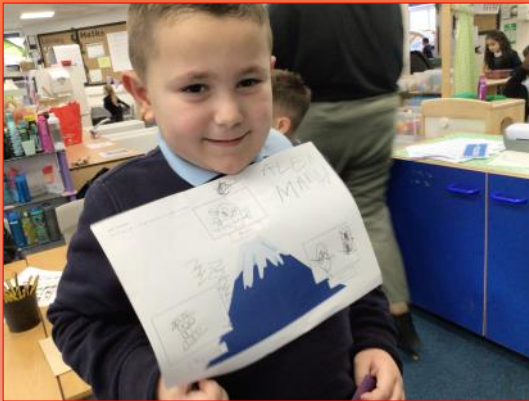
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CONTENT WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

ENJOY CLASS OF THE WEEK

Apple Class

Apple Class have had a great week.
We were chosen as the class of the week and our focus was enjoying learning.
We then presented this in assembly.



Drawing the characters
in the story.

Playing birthdays in the role play area

Den
building
outside



Exploring ice
outside



Retelling the story to include
the beginning,
middle and end.

Playing in the Teddy Bears Hospital



Listening to the
story
'Supertato
and the
Super Veggies'.

So much to
enjoy!!



ENJOY CLASS OF THE WEEK

Ash Class



Ash Class have enjoyed a range of activities this week, including learning new balances in gymnastics, learning about the origins of Anglo-Saxon England, and reading some epic Viking sagas!



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	
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	
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 29th	Football Festival - TBCC 3G
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. Larch Class Swimming Lessons
Fri 2nd	NSPCC Number Day
	Inspire Girls Premier League Football Cup - Broadfield 3G
Tues 6th	Firefighters in Reception @ 9am.
	Year 5 & 6 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Wed 7th	Reception making pancakes. Year 3 Reading Afternoon @ 2pm
Thurs 8th	Indoor cricket competition K2 - Y5/6 @ 1.30pm
Fri 9th	Learning Showcases - whole school.
Mon 19th	Muntham House visit. Dentist visiting EYFS @ 9am
Tues 20th	Pet Day in Reception
Wed 28th	Rainbow Theatre visiting Year 2 - Great Fire of London

March 2024

Mon 4th	Just Dance - Year 1 performing at the Hawth.
	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - KS2
Mon 4th - Fri 8th	Termly Learning Conferences - Nursery, Reception and KS1.
Wed 6th	Ensemble Reza Year 6 @ 1pm
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Fri 8th	Year 5 to Waterstone's
Mon 11th	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - Reception and KS1
Mon 18th	Easter Explored - Year 4 at St Richard's church
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Termly Learning Conferences - KS2
Thurs 21st	Lots of Socks Day - wear lots of socks!
Fri 22nd	Year 5 to Drusillas
Tues 26th	Year 1 to Leeds Castle
Wed 27th	Reception making Easter nests
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

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