



Weekly Newsletter 8 Spring Term 2024

Friday 1st March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St David's Day! It's lovely to see the daffodils are emerging across both sites; a lovely sign that Spring is on its way. Hopefully the weather will start to improve; it is definitely better that mornings and evenings are getting lighter.

Successful visit from Rainbow Theatre

Year 2 had an amazing time learning all about the Great Fire of London with the amazing Rainbow Theatre; it is always a brilliant visit and the children learn a huge amount about life at the time of the Great Fire.

Headteacher Awards

What a wonderful collection of work we have seen this week! The children are always so proud of their achievements; we try to get a photo of the child and their work so everyone can be super impressed! Today I also gave a Headteacher Award to Ava for helping clear up paper that had been left on the playground. Well done to all of the children who have received Headteacher Awards this week; I love how the children choose either their favourite colour sticker or the LEARNER value that they feel they have achieved.

Forest school

We are struggling with mud and puddles on both sites and this is resulting in children coming home very muddy and wet from Forest school. We do appreciate that it is very frustrating to receive a load of dirty washing and clothes after Forest School and we are working hard to try and find alternative spaces and activities that reduce the amount of time the children are working in the muddy areas. We are also very worried that the lower site field space is so waterlogged and flooded that the grass is struggling to recover. Please bear with us while we make some changes; make sure your child has waterproof coat and trousers with taller wellies if possible.

World Book Day

We will be dressing up on Thursday 7th March as our favourite book characters. I hope your child enjoys World Book Day; we will be sharing photos next week! I wonder which character will be the most popular?

Did you know?

...Women's history month starts today! Why not encourage your child to do some independent research and learn about influential women from our history? We would love to know what they discover.

Thought of the week

The children focus on a thought for the week; hopefully your child has shared this with you. This week's thought for the week is: I am grateful for the changes of the seasons and the flowers that are starting to grow.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Trudy Emberson
Headteacher



Learn Enjoy Achieve Respect Nurture Engage & Resilience





Celebrations!



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Huge congratulations go to



Cypress Class
with an amazing
99% attendance



for week beginning
26/02/2024

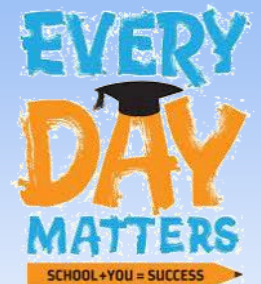
Super job!!



Class Attendance of the Year

Our top class so far...

Willow Class
with 96%



Amazing - keep it up!!

Whole School Attendance



Three Bridges Primary School
93%
Primary national average
93%



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!



Rahim	Carter	Samrina	Florence
Theexana	Frankie	Sameeha	Holly
Inaaya	Ivy F	Maximillian	Jasmine
Kylaia	Scarlett	Luke	
Bradley	Tims	Sophie	
Roami – Leigh	Amelia	Ava-Rose	
Atharv	Annie-May	Gabriel	
Iqra	Logan	Yadhav	
Markuss	Ben	Aarabi	

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 - Beech

2nd - Willow

3rd - Cypress



BoomReader

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

The classes who read the most are:



1st - Maple

2nd - Sycamore

3rd - Beech



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

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



Headteacher Awards



Year 3 have been learning about Ancient Egypt



The mummies of the ancient Egyptian elite were placed into wooden coffins; in some cases, these coffins were further enclosed in outer coffins of wood or in stone sarcophagi.

This sarcophagus has a vaulted lid and the bottom is shaped as if the case stood on four battens, useful for wooden coffins but not for stone.



Important Notice

The Clubhouse restaurant in Three Bridges is reopening on Monday 4th March.

We have been asked to let the parents know that they can no longer use the car park at drop off and pick up times.

Sorry for the inconvenience



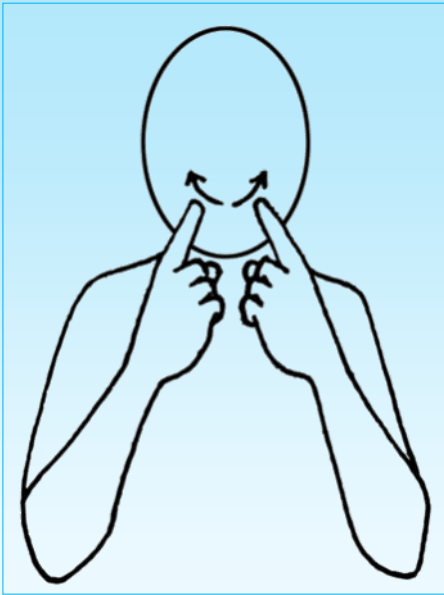
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Sign of the Week:
To smile



Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

To all of our brilliant readers! Here is a chance to earn a Blue Peter badge.

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

What are the benefits to having a Blue Peter badge? Badge owners, with a valid badge card, can gain free entry into over 200 Blue Peter Badge attractions around the country such as theme parks, zoos and castles.

To earn your badge, just share your love of books by answering questions on an application form.

Scan the bar code or [Click here](#)



If you would like a paper copy of the application form,
please contact the school office.



Join WORDfest for the annual Family Day at Crawley Library on Saturday 2nd March all for FREE.

We have an awesome line up of authors and illustrators suitable for ages 2 - 11 years old running workshops and events throughout the day.

Creative Playground Crawley will be running a drop-in art table, there will book trails, plus The Book Nook will be selling books.

Nick Sharratt, Hannah Moffatt, Lucy Unwin, Matt Carr, Louise Fitzgerald and Lucy Brandt will all be running hour long workshops with lots of audience participation.

We can't wait to fill the library with laughter and fun all based around the wonder of books.

Booking details here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/6321520039> or
visit www.wordfestcrawley.org

	10.30am - 11.30am	12pm - 1pm	1pm - 1.30pm	2pm - 3pm	2.30pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Children's Library Ground Floor	Saturday Storytime 3-7 years old* Drop-in session					Louise Fitzgerald - The Quickest Bedtime Ever! 3-6 years old*
Drop-in Art Table - Creative Playground Crawley 11am - 3pm						
Longley Room 1st Floor	The Book Nook bookshop Board Games 2 Book Trails. Get info on Ground Floor					
Bill Buck Room 1st Floor	Hannah Moffatt Stinking Sinking Swamp 7-9 years old*	Lucy Unwin The Octopus, Dadu and Me 9-12 years old*	Lunchtime Space Bring your packed lunch and eat it here			Lucy Brandt Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor 6-9 years old*
2nd Floor		Lunchtime Space Bring your packed lunch and eat it here	Signed Storytime with Makaton Maria 2 years +		Story Magic multi-sensory story time session for children and young people with additional needs	
First Floor Safe space pod with sensory toys						
		Matt Carr Captain Looroll 4-7 years old*		Nick Sharratt Awesome Animals 4 years +		* Suggested age range

RESILIENCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Holly Class

This week in Holly Class we were resilient!

We were resilient in maths, practicing our 5 and 10 times tables.



We were resilient when practicing our handwriting, and making sure it was just as neat in our books.



We were resilient when the Rainbow Theatre came in, joining in even if we were nervous.



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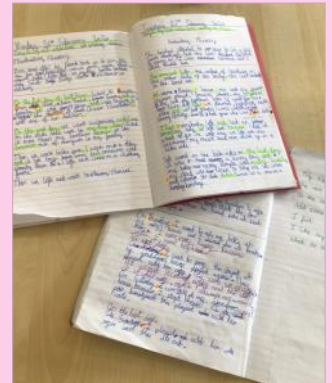
RESILIENCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Poplar Class

Poplar class have shown resilience when ...



completing our fractions work in maths, there was some tricky converting between mixed number and improper fractions.



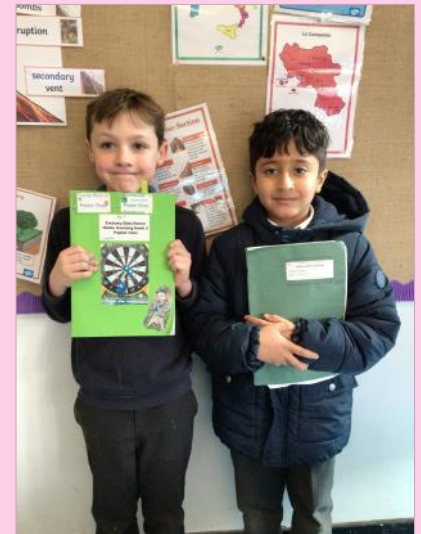
Editing our writing, there is always more you can do to improve.



Completing our sports games challenges in PE



completing our planning in Science before the experiment



completing our home learning including writing, reading and times tables



waiting for the ketchup to move in science

maintaining our calm, respectful behaviour all the way to the mural in town and back.





Cut off dates for ParentPay meal ordering



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

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

March Cut off Dates

Thursday 7/3 for w/c Monday 18/3
Thursday 14/3 for w/c Monday 25/3

April Cut off Dates

Thursday 4/4 for w/c Monday 15/4
Thursday 11/4 for w/c Monday 22/4
Thursday 18/4 for w/c Monday 29/4
Thursday 25/4 for w/c Monday 8/5

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

Cut off date



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium



All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (often referred to as UFSM). If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into.

Once you are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals your child's school will receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help and support you through your child's education. The school will also receive extra support to deliver a fully inclusive and accessible education for all of our pupils. You can apply for Free School Meals at any time while your child is at Three Bridges Primary School.

For example:

If you apply and are entitled to Free School Meals in Reception class the funding is there to support you for your child's entire time at TBPS. If you become eligible in year 5 then the Pupil Premium funding goes with you to secondary school.

How can Pupil Premium funding help me?

Pupil Premium funding is used at the schools discretion to support children, each situation is assessed individually but examples of the support available are listed below:

Help with before and after school childcare	Before and after school sports and activities
Support with payment for trips if receiving FSM	Additional tuition
Help with school uniform	Holiday clubs
Music lessons subsidy	Counselling support and play therapy

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, **please still apply**. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

If either parent works within the armed forces or if a child is looked after from care they may also be eligible for benefits. Documentation will need to be provided in these instances.

How do I apply?

You can apply for Free School Meals on line via West Sussex County Council.

[Use this link to find out more and apply.](#)

If your child comes under any of the categories below you might also be entitled to Pupil Premium support:

Children of those employed in the Armed Services

Children adopted from care

Please get in touch with the school office to find out how to apply and what support is offered on 01293 524076 or office@tbps.org.uk



Mother's Day Gift Shop

Friday 8th March

This takes place during the school day.

At the shop, your child can choose a gift and we will wrap it for them so that they can give it to a special person on Mother's Day.

If you would like for your child to be able to choose a gift, the cost will be £3.00 and can be purchased using our website

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthreebridges>.

Here you can also volunteer to help us run the shop on the day or you could contact us directly. It really is such a fun event and you would be most welcome.

If we don't have enough volunteers on the day, we will be unable to run the shop, so please consider offering your time.

Gifts are on sale until 3pm on Wednesday 6th March, this is to ensure we have enough gifts for the children.



For queries, if you cannot pay online or further information please contact lwennington@tbps.org.uk or find us on our Facebook group 'Three Bridges Primary Friends'



Get Your Socks On!



What is the Lots Of Socks campaign?

The Lots Of Socks campaign exists to raise awareness of Down syndrome.

Lots Of Socks help us to get people talking on World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), 21 March and all year round.

Learn more about the Lots Of Socks campaign on the [official World Down Syndrome Day website](https://www.wdsworld.org/)



Let's talk: community safety

Thursday 7 March, 6pm to 8pm
Town Hall, Crawley

Join us for an engaging discussion with Crawley Borough Council, Sussex Police and West Sussex County Council, plus a special guest, sharing their real experiences with exploitation and gangs and performances by young people from Crawley.

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communitydevelopment@crawley.gov.uk



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10-11 APRIL
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

10-11 APRIL
CRAWLEY - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS

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Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT
Lemon Easter Cupcake

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*Special diets will remain in place.



Shape Detectives - Kids Trail

Saturday 10th February to Sunday 17th March 10am-5pm

This winter become a Shape Detective and see the world through new eyes! Embark on an exciting adventure, uncovering a multitude of captivating shapes and patterns within our Garden - there are so many waiting to be discovered in the most unexpected places.

Along the way, enjoy nature-inspired crafts and games, while searching for hidden logs to help decode the name of a spring flower and to win a prize.

£4 per trail, plus admission to include a prize. Free to Members*

*Family Membership (for up to 3 children) starts from just £9 per month by Direct Debit and includes all 6 of our school holiday trails, worth up to £24 per child. See website for details.

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Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am - 11am) & (1pm - 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

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Dates for your diary



March 2024

Mon 4th	Just Dance - Year 1 performing at the Hawth.
Mon 4th - Fri 8th	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - KS2
Wed 6th	Termly Learning Conferences for Nursery, Reception and KS1
Thurs 7th	Ensemble Reza with Year 6 @ 1pm
Fri 8th	World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character
Mon 11th	Year 5 are going to Waterstone's Bookshop
Wed 13th	Year 6 are going to Waterstone's Bookshop
Fri 15th	Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - Reception and KS1
Mon 18th	Year 6 at Butser Farm
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd	Multiplication Tables Check presentation for Year 4 parents
Thurs 21st	Comic Relief - wear something red and donate £1
Fri 22nd	Easter Explored - Year 4 at St Richard's church
Tues 26th	Termly Learning Conferences - KS2
Wed 27th	World Down Syndrome Day - wear lots of socks!
Fri 29th	Year 5 at Drusillas
	Year 1 at Leeds Castle
	Reception making Easter nests
	Good Friday - school closed, Easter holidays begin.

April 2024

Mon 15th	INSET Day - school closed to children
Tues 16th	Summer Term begins
Wed 17th/Wed 24th/Wed 1st May	Brownings Farm - Sycamore
Thurs 18th/Thurs 25th/Thurs 2nd May	Brownings Farm - Cedar
Mon 22nd/Mon 29th/Wed 8th May	Brownings Farm - Cypress

May 2024

Mon 6th-Fri 10th	Travelling Book Fair
Wed 8th	Bike and Roll to school!
Thurs 9th/Mon 13th/Wed 15th	Brownings Farm - Chestnut
Mon 13th- Fri 17th	Year 6 test week
Thurs 16th/Mon 20th/Wed 22nd	Brownings Farm - Juniper
Thurs 23rd	Brownings Farm - Silver Birch
Fri 24th	INSET Day - school closed to children

June 2024

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th	Year 4 Multiplication check
Mon 10th-Fri 14th	Year 1 Phonics Screening

July 2024

Fri 19th	Year 6 Production
Tues 23rd	Whole school picnic in the afternoon. Last day of school

INSET Days 2023/2024

Monday 15th April 2024
Friday 24th May 2024