

# FRIDAY FLYER



#### Happy Friday Everyone

Sunday was the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time when Christians take time to reflect on their lives and how they can make more room for Jesus as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

During our collective worship in school, our Advent theme is peace – one of our distinctively Christian values of kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity and forgiveness. This week we considered what 'peace' meant. Here are some of the children's responses - 'safe' 'quiet' 'calm' 'no fighting' 'friendship and love'

We then considered why peace is important:

- Gives us thinking time
- Allows us to spend time in prayer
- Good for our mental and spiritual wellbeing
- Improves our relationships with each other and God.
- Builds tolerance and unity

As always, there are other activities during Advent which help us to reflect and wonder at the amazing feast we are preparing to celebrate. Children in Reception our practicing for their Nativity Play, Birch and Hazel Classes are practicing their performances of The Hopeless Camel. Maple, Beech, Pine and Oak Classes are busy learning and practicing Christmas carols for the carol service in the church in the last week of term – we hope that you will be able to join us for some of these events.

With every best wish

Mark

#### NATHAN RECEIVES HIS SILVER BLUE PETER BADGE!



The super exciting and sparkling silver badge is awarded to Blue Peter fans who show individual acts of kindness. To earn the silver badge, you must show kindness by doing something for your community, or another person. You may do some super fundraising, volunteer, or speak up against injustice. As you might remember our very own Nathan in Oak Class worked and walked tirelessly in aid of the RNLI 200 anniversary and raised over £2500. In recognition of his hard work, we are so proud to tell you that he was awarded a Blue Peter Silver badge and prouder still that we were able to award it during Celebration Worship in school. Well done Nathan!

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



This week we launched our brand-new Facebook page as a way of sharing the wonderful things we get up to in school. If you haven't already, search for Midhurst C of E Primary School, look for the new logo and follow the page to keep up to date with school life!

#### **HELP AT CHRISTMAS**

The period of Advent as we prepare for Christmas can be a difficult time for many of us. I would like to remind you that there are many ways we can help. If you are finding this time of preparation difficult, please do come and talk to us. Here are some ways we can help.

- A fortnightly free bus to Chichester Kirsty Hewitt, our Family Support Worker, has organised a free fortnightly shopping bus service to Chichester for our parents.
- Food bank vouchers we can offer confidential help and support in accessing the food bank.
- Support in accessing Ten Little Toes Baby Bank charity to help fund stocking filler presents.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP! HOT LUNCHES FOR THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025



Please can we remind all parents of children in Acorn, Birch and Hazel classes (Year R-2) to book a hot lunch for the Spring census day on Thursday 16 January. The booking deadline is Thursday 2 January which is still in the holidays, so please make sure you select either a burger or macaroni cheese before then. If you don't select an option by the deadline the school will choose the burger for your child. School lunches cost £3.09 each and the UIFSM grant is only £2.58 per meal so we need the maximum grant possible to see us though the year, and we only receive the grant if your child takes a meal. Thank you.

#### **PLEA FOR SPARE UNIFORM**

We like to keep a stock of spare uniform in school to support out children. If you have any items of uniform, you no longer need, please do consider donating them to school. We are currently in need of

- Jogging bottoms all sizes
- Girls pants 6-8yrs
- Boys pants 6-10yrs
- Carrier bags

#### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!**

Tuesday 17th December is Christmas Jumper Day! You don't necessarily need a jumper but a anything Christmassy will do!

#### **EXTENDED WRAPAROUND CARE AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY 2025**



We are really excited to share that from January 2025 we will be offering wraparound care at our breakfast and after school clubs from 7.55am till 6pm. As you know, the government is committed to supporting parents to return to work once their children are in full-time education, and our recent parent survey showed there would be plenty of demand at MPS over the next few years.

We have added more places at breakfast club, and our lovely after school club staff, Zoe and Margaret, have agreed to look after the children till 6pm, so you can be confident there will always be a place for your child when you need it. You will be able to start booking for January from Monday 9 December, so look out for the new sessions.

Don't forget that you can get help paying for your wraparound care by setting up a Tax-Free Childcare account – for every £8 you pay into the account, the government adds £2 – and our clubs are registered with the scheme so you can use the money to pay for your sessions. There's a link below, but if you need any help please contact Helen, our bursar.

#### Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK

#### PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

The Parent Carer Forum would love to hear your voice on all things SEND (Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities) and for you to share your experiences with others on Tuesday 10th December at Coskuns in the High Street from 12.30 - 2:00pm

It's an opportunity for a social, to chat and share experiences and let the forum know how things are so they can feedback to West Sussex, NHS and social care. If you would like to attend, please complete the booking form below:

https://forms.office.com/e/jiXxpwqyFZ

Do you fancy a Chat?



# **Parent Carer Chat Session**

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

Then come and join us for an informal chat, where you can meet other like minded parent carers.

Come and join our **Midhurst** Chat session Tuesday 10th December 12:30pm - 2:00pm



#### **MESSAGES FROM CHARTWELLS**

We have a new number for the Chartwells office phone - 01243 774 175

If you have already booked your child's meal for the 7th of January, please note that we will be the Holiday return menu (jacket potato).

The Chartwells catering team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and very much look forward to seeing all the children again in the dining hall in the New Year.

You can order now for January 2025 as we are sure you will all be very busy organising Christmas.

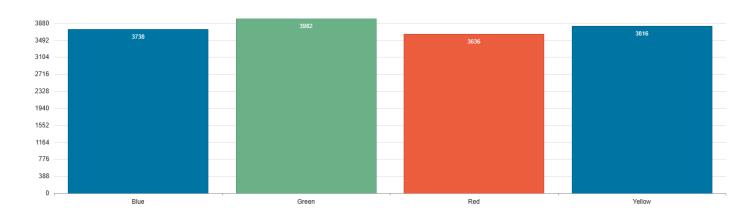


#### **BEHAVIOUR POINTS**

Congratulations to Maple Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 234 points. Well done Maple Class!

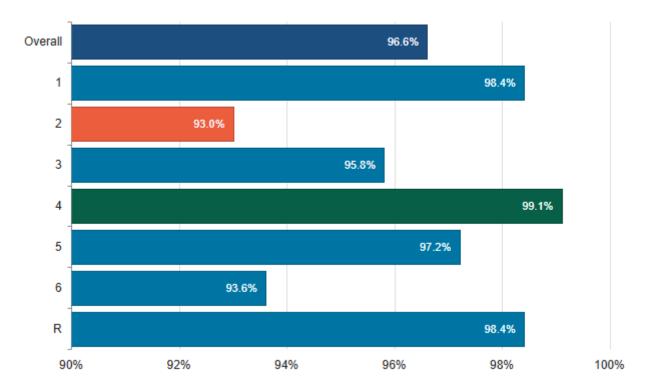


Congratulations to Rother House who are currently in the lead with 3982 pts.



#### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

This week's overall attendance is 96.6% 1.6% above our target of 95% and an improvement on last week.



#### THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Beech Class, this week's attendance champions with 99.1%! Great job Beech Class!



# **DIARY DATES**

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Choir singing at Christingle	4 – 5pm
December	Service – Midhurst Parish	
	Church	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel & Beech - PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Birch & Hazel class dress	All costumes to be in school by Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	rehearsal	December.
	Dance club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Birch, Hazel & Maple -PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Choir to sing at the Grange	11am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Beech, Pine & Oak – PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Birch & Hazel class	6.30pm (children to be at school by 6.10pm)
	performance of 'The Very	more details to follow in separate letter
	Hopeless Camel'	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Birch & Oak – PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Forest schools	Year 5 group 1 (please bring kit)
	Art club for Maple and Beech	3.30-4.30pm
	Board game club for KS2	3.30-4.15pm
	Dance Club	3.30-4.30pm
	Birch & Hazel class	6.30pm (children to be at school by 6.10pm)
	performance of 'The Very	more details to follow in separate letter
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Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Maple PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Forest schools	Year 5 group 2 (please bring kit)
	Acorns Nativity Cross country club	2pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel & Beech - PE today	3.30-4.15pm Please come in PE kit
December	Maple, Beech & Oak to MRC	am
December	Panto	alli
	Littlewoods for Birch class	Group 2
	Pendean - Carol singing	2pm - Some of school choir involved
	Dance club	3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Birch, Hazel & Maple - PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	School Christmas Lunch – own	Christmas clothes welcome today!
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Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beech, Pine & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Forest School – Vicar's award	By invitation
	Carol Service – in church	6.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Birch & Oak - PE today	Please come in PE kit
December	Art club for Maple and Beech	3.30-4.30pm
	Board game club for KS2	3.30-4.15pm
	Dance club	3.30-4.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fun Day – own clothes	Activities during the day – no hot dinner today –
December	day	everyone needs a PACKED LUNCH.
LAST DAY OF TERM	PTA Raffle with mulled wine	3pm in school hall
	and mince pies	

















# **FAQs**





# What time does the day start & finish?

Everyday runs from 0830 - 1600. We also offer early bird drop off 0800 - 0830 and late pick up 1600 - 1745.

### What is the staff to children ratio?

We have up to eight groups of 16 children a day. Each group is led by a camp leader who stays with the children all day. When the children participate in activities the ratio drops from 1:16 to 1:8 as they're led by an activity specialist. We also have a team of camp runners offering extra support and offer 1-1 support for those who need it (there is an additional cost for this)

# What are your prices?

£48 for a day, £192 for a full week (originally £240 without the free day discount) Early bird drop off £5, Late pick up £12.

# What offers/discounts can be used?

Book a full week of holiday provision, Monday to Friday, and get a day free! 10% 3rd sibling discount & 25% 4th sibling discount.

# Can children be grouped with their friends?

Yes, as part of the booking we ask for friendship requests in advance. However, we always recommend grouping by age. We may not be able to accommodate last minute friendship requests so please make sure this is accurate when booking.

# Do you provide lunch?

No, children will need to bring a substantial nut free lunch and snacks. It is a very active day so the more food the merrier!

## Can I find out how my child got on?

Absolutely! We feel this is incredibly important, so please do not hesitate to ask questions. Speak to the Camp Leader dismissing your child, as they will know all about their day.

















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