



## Dear Families

At last it feels like spring has arrived and the weather has been beautiful. The children have been out pond dipping, gardening and enjoying our newly installed play equipment on the lower school playground. Our mural artist, Chris, has completed his latest project ( an English meadow) and I'm sure you'll agree it has brightened up the front of the school no end. We have had several complimentary comments from passing dog walkers. Chris is booked in to carry out some more work so keep an eye open! We are also in the process of completing the design on a Viking longboat that we hope to situate on the lower playground. This will be yet another piece of outdoor adventure equipment that children can explore and create lasting memories.

There is a palpable air of enthusiasm and enjoyment around the school and it has felt really uplifting. We are still mindful of the fact that we have witnessed a spike in Covid cases amongst staff and children, but as always, the team has pulled together to make sure the school continues to run smoothly.

This week we have been hosting teachers from another West Sussex school, with a particular focus on our unique approach to learning, our

Three IIs. In short our emphasis on *Interactive*, hands on lessons; *Independent* learning and *Inside-Out* delivery with the focus being on children discovering without being told. We have slowly developed this approach over the last few years and it has been highly successful. It is also something we are very proud of and it was great to be able to share it with colleagues from across the Local Authority.

Next week sees a welcome return to face to face parent consultations with an emphasis on academic progress. If at all possible please bring your child with you. It is really important that these conversations involve children and that they see that parent and the school are working towards a common goal. Myself, Miss Nicholson (our SENDco) and other senior leaders will be available if you wish to speak to us.

*'A lot of times people look at the negative side of what they feel they can't do. I always look on the positive side of what I can do.'* **Chuck Norris**

In the meantime enjoy the weather and have a lovely weekend  
Mr P Newbold

## Dates for your Diary

### March

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>-Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Lodge Hill Residential

### April

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – **Last Day of Term** – Children finish at 1.30pm

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Sir Teachalot Greeks

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Trip to the Planetarium

### May

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Trip to Butser Farm

## Noticeboard

Last week's Red Nose Day celebrations raised the fantastic sum of **£1404.90** for Comic Relief.  
Thank you for all your donations!





# Out of School Achievements



Alberta from Picasso Class won a medal for scoring 2 tries in a recent rugby tournament. She was subsequently awarded a 'woman of the match' medal in a later game.



Chloe from Hawking Class is the first pupil to be awarded one of our new School Values Certificates, after being recognised for demonstrating each of the new School Values. Well done Chloe!

Seb from Picasso Class has been awarded a Chief Scouts Bronze Award, as well as a certificate for Achieving Level 4 in gymnastics



Cooper from Picasso Class won a medal for scoring 5 tries in a rugby tournament & was awarded 'man of the match' in another game.



Artem from Turner Class has now gained his Blue Belt in Karate!



Eilidh from Dali Class is a super swimmer & has recently gained both her Level 5 & Level 6 swimming certificates.

Leah from Dali Class was awarded a special ribbon for coming 6<sup>th</sup> place in a gymnastics competition.



Carenza from Picasso Class had her picture of a Rainbow Chicken chosen to be printed in an internationally published calendar!



Emily from Dali Class won a trophy & medal for saving several goals during a girls' football match for B.Hill.



Leah from Dali was awarded her Level 7 certificate for trampolining.

Isla from Dickens Class held a bake sale of her own cakes & raised a fantastic £195 for the people of the Ukraine.



These girls from Y6 played in a football tournament at Ardingly College & received certificates for taking part.

