



Headteacher Message

We have had a truly wonderful and action-packed week in school. On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Love2Dance event at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks. We were incredibly proud of them—and they were proud of themselves too.



Taking to a real stage and performing in front of such a large audience was a huge achievement, and they learned so much from the experience. Their hard work and dedication really paid off, and the performance was



absolutely fantastic. It was a long day, but the children coped brilliantly throughout, as did the staff who supported them. A big thank you to the staff for giving their time and energy to make this opportunity possible, and to our parents for their support and for allowing the children to take part in experiences that will stay with them forever.



This week, the whole school also took part in a lockdown practice. The children were exceptional—quick, quiet, sensible, and fully aware of the procedures. They knew exactly what to do, and we were very proud of their maturity. Practising these drills is important so that in the event of a real emergency, everyone knows how to stay safe and calm.

We have also welcomed several governors into school this week for monitoring alongside myself and our subject leads. It was lovely to have them in to see the great work happening across the school and to discuss our next steps. These visits are valuable in helping us continue to improve and celebrate what we are doing well.

Beech Class delivered a fantastic class assembly, giving the children a brilliant opportunity to share their learning with parents and grandparents. The children and staff worked extremely hard to prepare for it, and it was wonderful to open the doors to families and celebrate the children's achievements together.

Elms Class created a superb toy museum, bringing their topic learning to life. Other classes enjoyed visiting and learning from the displays, and the Year 1 children were so enthusiastic in explaining the toys and sharing what they had discovered. Thank you to the parents who stayed to experience the museum—it made the event even more special.

In collective worship this week, we have been focusing on Holy Week and the Easter story, reflecting on its themes of hope, sacrifice, compassion, and new beginnings. The children have shown great thoughtfulness and insight as they considered what these stories mean and how they link to our values. With the sunshine making an appearance, the children have been really enjoying the outdoor areas, whether using the Reception and Year 1 spaces to support their learning or simply spending time outside at break and lunch. A particular favourite at the moment is our new full-size table tennis table, and it has been fantastic to watch the children's skills develop so quickly.

Next week is our final week before the Easter break, and it promises to be another busy and exciting one. We look forward to Parents' Evening, the PTA Easter Egg Hunt, a special assembly with our Education Lead from the Diocese focusing on Easter and our school parable of the Good Samaritan, and the cross-country event.

Have a great weekend!

Photographic Permissions

Previously we sent an email asking for parents to update their photographic permission preferences. Please could we remind you to complete this as soon as possible if you have not already done so by following this link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7jMLUA2Skf> Thank you!

Clubs

A reminder that clubs are now available to book for terms 5 and 6.

Mrs Kobelentz Art club is particularly popular. Here is A lovely piece of work that children have been working on this term!





Sunshine

As the weather is hopefully starting to improve and temperatures are rising please could we remind parents to ensure children have sun cream applied before school. Please also ensure children have water and sun hats. Thank you!

Lunches

Please can we ask that all lunches for the first week back are booked and paid for on School Gateway by Thursday 2nd as we need to communicate numbers to the kitchen before half term. Thank you for your help with this.

Chartwell National Trust

We are delighted that Ide Hill Primary School's beautifully decorated Easter egg is now on display at Chartwell. Families are invited to visit and see ours and lots of other creations in the woodland area (they will be on display until Sunday 19 April).



Entry information:

Ide Hill pupils receive free entry.
Children under 5 enter free at all National Trust sites.
National Trust members can enter as usual with their membership card.
Other families will only need to pay for adults and any non-Ide Hill children aged 5–17.
If you are not a National Trust member, please let the Visitor Welcome team know you are visiting with an Ide Hill pupil on arrival.

There is no need to book in advance if you are visiting as a family and you do not need to let us know if you plan on attending.

Additional information:

Opening times: 10:00am–5:00pm (last entry 4:30pm)
Parking charges apply for non-members
An optional Easter Adventure Trail is available for £3.50 per child

If the cost of visiting may be a concern for your family, please contact the school in confidence.

**Suits & Sparkles
Fundraising
Dinner & Dancing**

Saturday 9th May

★ CROCKHAM HILL VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 6.45
Drinks Reception
Cash/Card Bar
Auction/Raffle
3 Course Meal
DJ

★ Carriages at 11.45

TICKETS £65

TICKETS ARE LIMITED-
BOOKING ESSENTIAL ★
tickets can be purchased
on School Gateway or email
idehillptamoney@gmail.com

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St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC

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"Change, Grow, Serve"



Forest Church News - April 2026

We usually begin in the church at the start of the service and then go OUTSIDE for an activity before re-joining the service at its end.

All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Look at the weather forecast before you come and wear suitable outdoor clothing, as we are usually outside. (If it is that cold we can get the fire pit going.) Refreshments naturally feature!

In March, we thought about Jesus in the desert and how to resist temptation. Could you resist pinching your sister if you were offered £100?!? But we resisted! We made reminders about good actions instead of bad actions that we put into Lent jars.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) - 10.30 at Ide Hill.

Meet on the green by the horse box at 10.15 to join the donkeys to walk up to the church. We will then share some time with them in the churchyard, do a craft activity and toast some marshmallows on the fire pit.

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday) – 6.30 am in Ide Hill churchyard. Dawn service with bacon butties and an Easter themed hunt.

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