

Headteacher Message

This week at Ide Hill Church of England Primary School, my focus has been on the vibrant world of art. It's been wonderful to delve into the children's books and witness the burst of creativity and imagination. The children have drawn inspiration from a variety of artists, learning and practicing new skills and techniques. We're excited about the prospect of showcasing their work further in a school gallery or displaying it throughout the school for everyone to enjoy. In addition to our artistic endeavours, we have made progress on our playground design discussions and are exploring ways to transform our library into a captivating space that fosters a love for reading. If any parents have thoughts, ideas, or expertise in these areas, please feel free to reach out and share your insights with us! This week, many of the children have participated in surveys that we'll conduct three times a year. Preliminary results are heartening, with 98% of students recommending our school, 100% feeling that teachers help them do their best, and 100% saying they feel safe here. The children also shared lovely comments, describing our school as a family and a calm environment they'll miss when they leave. They've provided thoughtful feedback on clubs and the playground, which we will consider as we continue to enhance our school experience. A reminder that you have until the 7th February to complete the 2025 Parent Survey via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/MxQ8c2aNT5?origin=IprLink>

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Year 1 Infant Agility Event

This week it was some of the Year 1's turn to attend the Infant Agility Event at Knole Academy. The children participated in a range of activities focusing on Agility, Balance and Co-ordination (ABCs). All of the children did incredibly well and tried to do their best or beat their previous score. They worked well together and were very excited to be there! Although they did not get the bronze, silver or gold medal this time, they all received a well-deserved certificate which has been handed to them in our Celebration Assembly today. Well done and hopefully there will be more opportunities like this for you to go to!

Toys

There has been an increasing amount of children bringing in toys from home. Please can we ask that children do not bring these in, especially valuable items as we would not want anything to go missing or get damaged. Children can of course bring things in

when it is Show and Tell or cards for Trading club but these must remain in bags.

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day after half term to encourage our children to grow their passion for reading! This year we would like to invite children to take part in a "Masked Reader" event instead of a dressing up day. Children should disguise themselves reading a favourite book and send the photo of themselves to school, if they wish to, by Wednesday 5th March. Be imaginative with your disguise! It could be a character from the book for example or give a clue to your identity! We will display the photos in school so children can try to identify the masked readers. In addition to this, we will be organising other activities for this week in school. Thank you for your co-operation!

Mrs Daniels

Uniform Reminder

EYFS and KS1 can wear PE kits on SportZone days - KS2 are to change at the venue as Mr Taylor feels this is easier.

Ian Basden-Smith

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our much loved School Governor and Chair of the Finance Committee, Ian Basden-Smith sadly passed away earlier this week. Ian was a dedicated and passionate supporter of our school community, and his contribution to the development and growth of the school will not be forgotten.

Since 2014, Ian has played an instrumental role in shaping the financial strategy of the school and providing oversight and guidance to Mrs Harland. Ian was not only a committed professional but also a kind and thoughtful friend to both the governing body and school staff. Ian made a real difference through his kindness, wisdom and sense of humour.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Ian's family and loved ones during this difficult time.

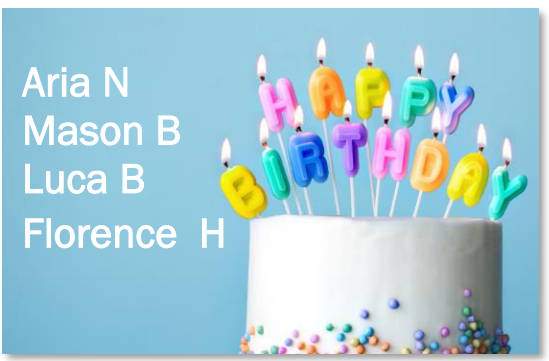
Mrs Anne Fletcher, Chair of Governors












PTA – A Night at the Races

We hope you can join us for our spring term fundraiser, A Night at the Races, on Saturday 8th March! We will be serving a 2-course supper, which is included in your ticket and a cash / card bar on the evening. You will receive a race card upon arrival, listing all the race information. You can then place bets on the horses and receive tote tickets. The races are picked at random, and the races are run when the betting desk is closed. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. Tickets are now available to book on School Gateway.



<p>Saplings</p> 	<p>Waverly - For having a go at writing your numbers in Chinese as we celebrated Chinese New Year this week! Well done! Lola-Rose - For believing in yourself to have a go at writing about your weekend in your Learning Journal! Keep it up! You can do it!</p>
<p>Elms</p> 	<p>Jack W - For the amazing attention to detail that you put into your incredible moving book about the seasons. Rory - For your fabulous and humorous e-book story about Jimmy the disco octopus.</p>
<p>Beech</p> 	<p>Flora - For having fantastic understanding of the maths this week - Flora recognised the link between addition and multiplication. Well done Flora! Cooper - Always setting an excellent example in Beech class and writing a super descriptive story about our book ' Bog Baby</p>
<p>Willows</p> 	<p>James - For the perseverance and effort, he has put into improving his handwriting. He has done such a fantastic job and it shows in the neat presentation of his work. Miley - For her careful and considered efforts and understanding in our Maths lessons. She works hard and uses her own strategies to help herself</p>
<p>Hazel</p> 	<p>Ivy - For her fantastic, detailed character description in English of Fenrir the wolf. Finley M - For working hard across the curriculum improving his focus and for being so helpful to his teachers.</p>
<p>Ash</p> 	<p>Harry - Great progress in just one Gymnastics lesson with your forward roll. You listened well to the instructions, persevered and got it! Well done Alex - For your thoughtful and well-placed contributions during our Drama activity, English which will support our writing ideas development. Thank you!</p>
<p>Oaks</p> 	<p>Phoebe - For her perseverance with her maths (particularly arithmetic) this week Harvey - For showing excellent enthusiasm towards reading our new 50 books</p>

In order to make it clearer for parents to understand how we oversee and plan for events and competitions throughout the school, please see below.

Hopefully this makes it clear to all our families but please do come in and ask if you have any further questions.

