

Congratulations to the following classes who have won the **class attendance** award in October

Week 4 – 4G, Week 5 – 3P, Week 6 – 3P

Year 3

Year 3 have settled really well into Junior School life and are all working hard. They have started their recorder lessons and have already learnt three pieces of music with the notes B and A.

They are well into their first topic, Versatile Victorians, where they have been learning about Victorian life, and have just finished writing letters of application to Preston Manor in Brighton where we will go on our first school trip next term. There they will spend the day experiencing life as a servant – a letter home will follow shortly.

School Council

The Pupil Council are working hard keeping the school eco-friendly; we recycle glass, plastics, cardboard, paper and glue sticks. We collect old pens and 'Activia' yoghurt pots that we send away to be squashed and reused. We will be organising another 'Phil the Bag' in November, so please start saving all your unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags etc.

Our first Records of Achievement have been awarded – well done Natalia, Jermain and Connor from 6T. We hope you like our new 'smiley' badges and certificates.

Drop In Sessions for Parents/Carers are starting with Nikki Beard from 8th November

8.45 – 9.45 in The Ranch

Everybody Welcome!

We have a new School Nurse, Alison Ridgeway who can be contacted on 01323 446991

Gardening Club has been working hard tidying the school gardens and busy planting bulbs for the spring. We have been very lucky to have support from The Prince's Trust this week – fifteen young men and women are clearing the Studio garden and are helping plan our new Sensory Garden. We are holding a Fashion Show to raise money for this garden.....

Fashion Show!

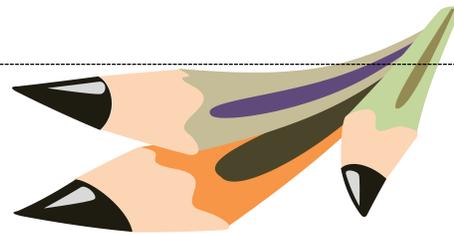
On Tuesday, 12th November we are holding a Fashion Show. The tickets are £5 (includes a free drink). Doors open at 6.30 and the show starts at 7 p.m. The clothes will be available to buy – they are high street fashion at **greatly reduced prices**. They will be modelled by some familiar faces, so please come along with your mums, sisters, aunts and grans. Tickets available from the school office from 4th November.

Junior Enterprise Challenge

Some of the Year 4 children were chosen to represent West Rise in the yearly Enterprise Challenge at the Congress Theatre. They had to create their own company, along with a logo and slogan. They worked to a budget and created bathroom products for a local hotel. As a group they worked amazingly well and presented their ideas to a panel along with eight other local schools. The children earned a well-deserved runner's up place. They were impeccably behaved and polite! Well done James Small, Poppy Owen, Beth Clarke, Robin Dyson, Elena Lee and Andrew Croft.

We were pleased to welcome Henry from Eastbourne Library into assembly to present the Summer Reading Challenge Certificates. Well done to all those children who took part.





Christmas Shop

We are pleased to announce that we will be running our Christmas Shop again this year. From 2nd December the children will be able to buy gifts for their family members from £1.50 each. The children wrap and label their gifts at school so they can be a complete surprise! Further details will be sent home nearer the time.

Firework Display - tickets available from Alex or the Junior School Office - £10/family of 4 or £3 each. Please buy before the night!

Year 4 Trip to Battle Abbey

This is Saho's fantastic recount about our trip to Battle Abbey

On October the sixteenth we went to Battle Abbey on a superb school trip. Firstly we set off on our journey to Battle Abbey. Eventually we got off the coach, walked across the road and passed through the main, creaky old gates into a piece of history.

We walked through the café and waited. After that we walked through the ruins of the abbey which were so beautiful my jaw dropped. Next we re-enacted the battle of Hastings which was fun. I was one of the Normans who won the battle!

Then we headed back to the Discovery Room and felt how heavy the historic weapons were. The heaviest was the round Saxon shield which the footmen used.

The Normans used footmen in the front row, knights in the middle row and William and his horsemen at the back row as their formation. The Saxons had three rows of shields as their formation.

Following that we had lunch in the old refectory. Soon after that we saw poor Harold's grave where the Saxons estimated that he fell and died. Finally we went to the fantastic museum where all the old coins were displayed. They also had special rocks which I liked. The whole day was brilliant trip and we learn a lot about our 1066 topic.

FOOTBALL: Both A and B teams played extremely well against Willingdon recently, The A team won 1-0 with a fantastic goal from Raul who came on as substitute at half time.

Last Saturday the A team took part in a tournament at Ocklynge in the pouring rain! Although we didn't win we managed to hold Ocklynge to a draw which was a great achievement as they had won all their qualifying matches. Well done team - great sportsmanship!

Children return to school on Monday, 4th November.

Dates for Term 2

Monday, 4th November – Writing Day and visit from birds of prey.

Friday, 8th November – Year 6 visit to Newhaven Fort

Friday, 8th November – Firework Display whatever the weather!!

Tuesday, 12th November – Travelling Trends Fashion Show – tickets from office

Week Commencing 18th November – Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday, 20th November – Year 3 to Preston Manor and Booth Museum and School Council to Houses of Parliament.

Thursday, 21st November, Year 6 visit from Rainbow Theatre

Friday, 22nd November – Take Over Day

Monday, 2nd December – Pantomime Challenge.

Monday, 2nd December - Christmas Shop opens
Friday, 6th December – Christmas Market 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th December - Disco

Friday, 13th December – Year 6 Big Sing at Congress Theatre

Monday, 16th December – Choir singing at Ruxley Court.

Tuesday, 17th December – Rainbow Theatre Pantomime – whole school

Wednesday, 18th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 19th December – final day for children.

Friday, 20th December INSET

INSET DAYS 2013/2014

Friday, 20th December

Tuesday, 22nd April

Wednesday, 23rd July

Parking

This is an on-going problem around the school. Please park safely and consider our neighbours and the safety of your children.

Only vehicles with permission should drive into the school car park.

Thank you for your co-operation.