



# MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>BC/ASC bookings open midday today</b>	Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club KS1 Coding Club Netball club <b>**last one!**</b>	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30 – Mrs Griffiths classroom 3.30 – 4.30
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks Governors meeting	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.30 Full Governing Body – 7pm at school
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 Viking day Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4 Y1 Phonics parents meeting	See separate letter – being held in school Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.00 – 3.25pm – school hall
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Swimming Y4 am Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Big woods forest schools Y5 RV festival Dance club Y1 Phonics parents meeting	Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit Reception Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 group 2 – NOW POSTPONED! 3.30 - 4.30 - by invite only <b>**LAST ONE **</b> 3.30 – 4.00pm – year 1 classroom
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Piano lessons Big woods forest schools MRC Netball tournament Rother Valley Arts festival	Don't forget your music Year 3 group 2 - (please bring kit in) <b>*LAST ONE *</b> Year 5/6 involved – more info to follow MRC 7pm – MPS dance club involved
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club KS1 Coding Club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 <b>*LAST ONE *</b> 3.30 - 4.30 – Mrs Griffiths classroom
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Y4 am Year 3 & 6 PE today	Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit

	Little woods forest schools Reception	Reception Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Piano lessons	Don't forget your music

**Thursday's fire**

I'm not often lost for words, but it is hard to start a newsletter in the usual way after yesterday's devastating fire in North Street. This has impacted so many of our families within our wider school community in so many ways. Homes, businesses and jobs have been lost and the whole town will be grieving the devastation of such old, historical buildings that added to the high streets character. It's all so sad. But, as ever, the Midhurst community acted with speed, kindness, love and care, offering donations immediately to help those with nothing. This was true of our own school community too - it was a very emotional day. I am aware that there are crowd fund pages for people to donate money to support both the Ukrainian families, alongside those local people who have also lost everything and from what I have already seen people are being incredibly generous with their donations. Obviously at school we will continue to do anything and everything we can to support all families affected by this tragedy – but if there is anything anyone thinks we might be able to help with, or knows someone in need who is not finding it easy to ask for support, then please do get in touch. We will always do what we can, or signpost people to others who may be able to help. Meanwhile, let's all try to be kind, patient (especially round the country lanes!) and look after each other as we all attempt to recover from this terrible event.

**Last week's update:**

It has been a busy week with lots of outings and visits – read on to find out more and lots of photos below!

On Monday I was lucky enough to be invited on the Year 2 trip to the RSPB site at Pulborough Brooks, a trip which was very kindly funded by the Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club. In the morning, everyone learnt about 'Brilliant Birds', with lots of hands-on games and activities. We learnt about different bird's feathers, played a busy bird survival game, made nests using clothes pegs as our beaks and did some bird spotting.

In the afternoon, everyone became plant detectives, learning all about the parts of a plant and their function, identifying and recording plants and trees, and creating our own plants using natural materials.

We were joined by a couple of representatives from the Rotary Club who commented on how engaged and well-behaved the children were. It was a very blustery, fun-filled day. Thanks again to the Rotary Club for their generosity.

On Tuesday Year 3 walked down to MRC to take part in the ALL SING event with other primary schools from across the locality. The children learnt some songs and enjoyed singing them altogether. They also learnt a rap and added extra sound with body percussion too! A great time was had by all – many thanks to MRC for organising and hosting and to Mrs Alden and Ms Rose for taking the children down.

I was back out in the minibus again picking up some of our Year 4 children who had spent the day at the Weald and Downland with Year 3. Judging from the chatter on the bus everyone had a fantastic day exploring all the houses and learning about different times in history. Year 4 enjoyed a workshop all about Tudor games, even trying some out! Year 3 learnt all about Tudor apothecary in their workshop, they made a pomander and discovered Tudor treatments for common diseases. Apparently, it was common to strap a frog to your neck to soothe a sore throat and place fox or rabbit intestines in your ear to ease deafness!! Suddenly, the usual Amoxicillin treatment doesn't seem so bad after all!! Both classes had a great time, learning lots and even managed to miss the rain too!



On Thursday, Years Five and Six enjoyed a PSHE themed performance at school. They gained an insight into the history of our NHS along with the many areas and job roles that exist within this huge service. This was an opportunity to inspire future careers alongside gaining an understanding of just how broad the services are on offer within our NHS.



Thursday evening saw the second of our two parents' evenings – many thanks to everyone who made an appointment and came along to talk to the teachers and look at children's work. I always enjoy seeing you all, chatting to many and I know the teachers appreciate your time too. We are aware there were some people who were unable to make their appointment due to the road closure in the high street – please do get in touch with the school office, or directly with the class teacher to make a new appointment when things are easier. We are always keen to see you.



Today the children have done a fantastic job fundraising for Comic Relief, there will be more details of our school joke-a-thon and individual class sponsored events in next weeks Friday flyer. With LOTS of photos too!

### Staffing update

It is with much sadness that I am writing to share with you all that Miss Austin, our long serving teaching assistant, friendly face at breakfast club for many children and school ELSA, will be leaving us in early May. Miss Austin is moving on to a totally different job in Midhurst and I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her every success for the future – she will be greatly missed in school by children and staff alike.

### A few reminders

- When we return to school after the Easter break Chartwell's will be running a 'Back to school' menu which usually consists of jacket potatoes. This is because the school is not open for deliveries during the holidays.
- We are struggling with lending out PE kits for PE lessons at the moment – please can you ensure children have the correct kit in school so they can access a full curriculum. Thank you.
- If your child is at home ill or you have decided to take them out of school to go on holiday teachers will not provide remote learning. We are aware that this request stems from Covid times, but it is not school policy to provide home learning for illness or holidays.
- Don't forget BC/ASC booking requests will open on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm**. Please send requests for the summer term to our school bursar Helen Bond by email on – [bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk](mailto:bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk)
- **Mother's Day reminder** - some of our lovely Year 1 children are reading their poems at the Mother's Day service at Midhurst Parish Church this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Huge thanks to families who are happy to attend and get involved – Beth is incredibly grateful. This service is open to all – see below for more details.

### Chartwells – Parent Pay activation!

Many thanks to all parents who have activated their ParentPay account to order hot meals from Chartwells. I gather 59 pupil accounts have been activated so far which is great! Meals can be booked from the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April which means you need to scroll on to this date to order. Ideally, even if you are not intending to book hot meals immediately, it is sensible to activate your account as you will need to use this method to book Christmas lunch! There is also a 'parent provided packed lunch' option to tick, which also helps the school to keep a record of which children are having what lunch.

**If you do not activate this account and order your child's lunch there is a possibility that there will be no lunch ordered and therefore nothing for your child to eat!** If you have any issues, concerns or queries with this new system please do contact the lovely ladies in the office who will be happy to help.





ParentPay school lunch ordering is now LIVE. Don't miss out, book today



Look out for your ParentPay activation letter which your school have sent to you. Book meals by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Start booking your child's school lunches now to select your meal choices in advance.



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.**



Last week's FAB achiever's!  
Well done everyone 😊







▶ Henry Adams

World book day winners!!











**WEALD & DOWNLAND**  
**OPEN AIR MUSEUM**







Fun in the woods for Year 3







Year 5 & 6  
enjoying their  
performance!!



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 Chartwells  
So much more than fantastic food

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**MIDHURST**  
PARISH CHURCH

# MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 19th March  
10.30am

*A special all-age  
Eucharist, suitable  
for the whole family!*





# Come to our Charity Car Wash

Date **Saturday 25th March 2023**

Location **Midhurst Fire Station, New Road, GU29 9HY**

Event Information

**10am - 3pm**

Donations by Cash or Card Available

Find out more: [www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/carwash](http://www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/carwash)

Registered office: The Fire Fighters Charity, Level 6, Belvedere, Basing View, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 4HD  
Charity registered in England and Wales: (1093987) and Scotland (SC040096)



Thinking about preschool for your child?  
Come and see us on our Open Day



Visit our Ofsted Outstanding nursery on  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
from 9.30am - 3.00pm

**We provide termly sessional  
care for children aged 2-5 yrs**

(find us in Lamberts Lane, Midhurst)







LET'S DO THIS! RATED 4.9/5.0



 **MIDHURST MILERS**

# COCKING 10K TRAIL RACE

A 10k Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. A technical uphill trail at the start, some glorious views and a flying downhill to the finish!

**10:00 Sunday 7th May 2023**

**Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT**

Chip timing • Finisher's medal • Prizes for leading runners • Parking  
Refreshments at Cadence Cycle Club • Enter early, limited to 350 runners

**NEW  
FOR  
2023**

## JUNIOR TRAIL RACE

Junior trail race for 6–15 year olds. £3 entry on the day.  
Medals and prizes. See website for details.

**JUNIOR  
MIDHURST  
MILERS**

**£15/£17 • ENTER ONLINE AT [www.midhurstmilers.org](http://www.midhurstmilers.org)**



Free Taster Class for BABIES at the Midhurst Guides HQ Hut, Carron Lane, Monday 27th of March 10.45am to 11.45am

Suitable from birth to crawling

Our mixed age classes are at 9:30am

The free taster is just for the Baby Class!

Please spread the word and to book the FREE BABY TASTER CLASS book here: <https://bookthatin.com/link/83IS5C>

And to see all my other classes to book follow this link: <https://bookthatin.com/link/OurSongMusicandSocialClasses>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OurSongMusicClass>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/oursongmusic/>

#midhurst #midhurstfamily #midhurstcommunity #thingstodoinmidhurst #midhurstbabies #motherandbaby #motherandbabyclass





# Construction Club

**Get creative. Get imaginative.**

**Get building!**

**Suitable for children aged 6+ years  
FREE weekly drop-in sessions**

Parents and carers are asked to remain  
with their child during this activity



**Midhurst Library**  
Every Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm



**Midhurst Library**  
The Grange, Midhurst. GU29 9HD  
01730 716671

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# Be a Junior Ranger at Sky Park Farm



**3rd, 4th & 13th April 2023**

**09.30 - 12.30 & 13.30 - 16.30**

- 6-11 years
- Venture behind the scenes as a Junior Ranger
- Meet & feed the deer
- Den building
- Campfire & S'mores
- Fun & games

**Book here-**

**[www.skyparkfarm.com](http://www.skyparkfarm.com)**





Monday  
3  
April

# EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday  
17  
April

With ...



All  
Week

**Egg  
Trail**

5 & 12  
April

**Movie  
morning**

6 & 11  
April

**Teddy  
Bears'  
Picnic**

14  
April

**Silly  
Scott  
Hour**



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# Swimming Lessons @

Stepping Stones School  
**Hindhead**

Waverley Abbey C of E Junior School  
**Tilford, Farnham**

- Baby & Pre-School Swimming
- Swim Academy
- Private Lessons
- Adult Only Swimming & Coaching
- Holiday Courses
- Max. Group sizes of 4-1 per class

← **All Ages & Abilities**

## **Mermaid & Pirate**

## **Birthday Parties**

**Contact Kyle** : 07599657441 - [itisbkleb@gmail.com](mailto:itisbkleb@gmail.com)

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# EASTER FOOD CLUB

FREE



Join us for a fun-packed day of Easter-themed cooking and experiences for children aged 8 – 14.

## Petworth

Mon 3rd April, 11 - 3pm

## Littlehampton

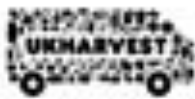
Weds 5th April, 11 - 3pm

## Bognor

Thurs 6th April, 11 - 3pm

## Selsey

Weds 12th April, 11 - 3pm



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NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

## EASTER CAMPS 2023

3RD - 6TH APRIL

Coding & Robots

Circuitry & Inventions

Creative Technology

STEM Engineering

Tech Fun

Example weekly theme only, please see website for your camp specific activities.

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

**3RD - 6TH APRIL 2023 \*4 DAYS**

**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**

Early drop off available! from 8 am for £10.00

**"Wonderful Time"**  
 "Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."  
 ★★★★★

**How to book**

**STEP 1**  
SCAN THE QR CODE

**STEP 2**  
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

**STEP 3**  
BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

BOOK

**HIGHFIELD SCHOOL**  
 Highfield Lane, Liphook, GU30 7LQ  
 Ages 5 - 13, 9 am - 4 pm daily

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

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