



MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 28th April 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Tues 2 nd May	Year 4 residential Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	PGL Marchants Hill – Day 1 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 3 rd May	Year 4 residential Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today	PGL Marchant's Hill – Day 2 Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 4 th May	Swimming Y3 am Year 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception **No Dynamic dance today PTA Rainbow Raffle draw with tea & cake sale	Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit Reception Group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform) So all can attend the tea & cake sale! ** 3.30 - 4.00 – more details below
Fri 5 th May	Coronation lunch street party Piano lessons Year 4 PE today	Red, white & blue clothes & packed lunches please! Don't forget your music Don't forget your PE kit
Mon 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Tues 9 th May	Y6 SAT's am Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	SPAG papers 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 10 th May	Y6 SAT's am Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today	Reading paper Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 11 th May	Y6 SAT's am Swimming Y3 am Year 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Dynamic dance Governor's meeting	Maths papers Don't forget your kit Don't forget your kit Reception Group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform) 3.30 – 4.30 – ALL WELCOME Full governing body 7pm at school

Fri 12 th May	Y6 SAT's am Y6 picnic at the park Piano lessons Year 4 PE today	Maths paper Treat for after SAT's Don't forget your music Don't forget your PE kit
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Last week update:

Last Friday I had the privilege of driving some of our older children to the County hockey finals held at East Grinstead hockey club, accompanied by Mr Ind and Mrs Alden. It was a superb sports venue with amazing Astro pitches that the children enjoyed playing on, skilfully proving that they deserved their place in the competition. The team remained unbeaten throughout their many matches and made it to the semi-finals. Excitement grew as the score in the semi-final remained at 0-0, leaving the officials no choice but to push the game on to golden goals. Our amazing team of 4 were just exhausted and unfortunately the opposition got a break and succeeded in scoring the elusive first and winning goal of the match. However, we left with our heads held VERY high, proud of our third position amongst schools from across the county. HUGE congratulations to the team, in particular Millie who scored goal after goal. Well done to all those team members who didn't get to play but supported the team so well AND to the children who came along purely to support and cheer! It was a truly great afternoon!



The start of the week was taken over by the 2-day interview process for a new headteacher. This involved changes to timetables, assemblies and children and staff being 'on show' as candidates spent time in and around the school. As you will be aware the recruitment panel, alongside advisors from the Diocese and WSCC, decided not to appoint in this round. Whilst disappointing, the governors are well on their way to re-advertising the post with a view to repeating the interview process towards the end of the summer term.

Year 5 had a great time in their final woods session on Thursday, lots of fire-lighting firsts (a special mention to Kirstan), donut making and eating, alongside playing manhunt and finishing with magic spot. I am so glad the weather held long enough for us to catch up on these sessions.

Today I am back out in the woods all day with Miss Channon and Mrs Cain with the red house team – a treat to them all for winning the housepoint challenge in the spring term. I am sure there will be photos to follow in next week's flyer, it is always wonderful to take mixed ages up to our big woods and watch the children as they play and learn together in such a beautiful setting.



Y4's residential

Good luck to all the Year 4 children and staff as they head off on their one night residential at PGL Marchant's Hill next Tuesday/Wednesday. On top of the bank holiday weekend, it will feel like a long time before we welcome them back in school. May the sun shine and you all have a fun filled fantastic time away!

Year 6 SAT's week

Our Year 6 children have their SAT's starting on Tuesday 9th May after the coronation weekend. It is important that all our Year 6 children are in school every day this week to sit these important tests. If they are ill PLEASE contact the school ASAP so we can have a conversation. While this week can be a worry for some children and staff alike, once it all begins the week passes quickly and before Year 6 know it they will be at the park enjoying their picnic treat! We wish all the children lots of luck, remember how brilliant you are and do your best! We know you'll be FAB!

Packed Lunch Boxes – no sweets please.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our children, in particular our younger children in Reception, are bringing sweets into school as part of their packed lunch. Sweets are not allowed in school and therefore should not be part of a child's lunch box as we try our best to encourage healthy eating. If sweets are discovered in lunch boxes they will be given to the class teacher who will return them to parents at pick up time. Thank you for your support with this.

Local Petition

I have been asked to share the petition (link below) with our school community – this is related to opening North Street in Midhurst as a matter of urgency. Please take the time to click on the link and read.

https://www.petitions.net/open_north_street_midhurst?uv=48513714#share

Message from WSCC with regards to Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

We know that many children and young people worry about school, which is normal. Sometimes their worries may increase to the extent that they have difficulties with engaging or attending parts of the school day or are experiencing challenges to attend school. This is sometimes referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

We have produced a survey for parents whose children have experienced or are experiencing worries about and/or difficulties going to school. Please click on the link below to fill in the survey and help us to improve how we support families better. Thank you in advance.

- [Survey for parents/carers](#)

PTA Coronation Rainbow raffle collection & draw

Many thanks for all the colourful raffle prizes that we anticipate coming into school today, your kind generosity will help to make up some brilliant hampers for lucky people to win in the Rainbow raffle draw next Thursday after school. Don't forget you can still support this event in the following ways:

- Buy raffle tickets for the Rainbow raffle – 50p a ticket. Tickets will be sold from the school office or during the school day by Y6 children who will be out and about selling them. There may also be some sold on the school gate too!
- On Thursday 4th May please send your children in with some cakes (homemade or bought) to sell at the PTA cake sale after school. We are hopeful that this event might take place outside on the top playground with tea, coffee and juice provided. The Rainbow Raffle draw will take place during this event.

Please do keep an eye on the PTA Facebook page for more information and updates and the poster below.

Reminder Coronation lunch 'street party' - next Friday 5th May – packed lunches needed & red, white & blue clothes!



Remember we are organising a lunchtime 'street party' on **Friday 5th May** – the day before the Coronation on Saturday – to mark this historical event with the whole school. On this day all children will need to bring in a packed lunch as we hope to celebrate altogether outside.

There will be **NO HOT DINNERS** available on this day. This day will also be a non-uniform day where we would welcome the children dressing in red, white and blue to mark the occasion. Thank you!

Chartwells – lunch update

Many thanks to all of you for helping us make the switch to the Chartwell's new parent pay system with relatively few hiccups. So far the new set up at lunchtimes has proven to be speedy and efficient with children receiving the lunch they have ordered. Please remember that this system is here to stay and you need to keep ordering your child's food using the app. Thank you.



**Last week's
achievers –
well done
everyone!**





County Hockey
finals – amazing
result – well
done team!

MIDHURST PTA RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE
Thursday 4th May

Own clothes day Friday 28th April in exchange for a voluntary donation of a coloured item.

Each year group are assigned the following colours

RECEPTION - RED

Year 1 - ORANGE

YEAR 2 - YELLOW

YEAR 3 - GREEN

YEAR 4 - BLUE

YEAR 5 - PURPLE

YEAR 6 - PINK

Raffle tickets (50p each) will be available from Monday 24th in the school office & sold by year 6 in classes.

Winners called out at 4pm Thurs 4th May at our after school Coronation cake sale event in the playground.

Cakes & Coronation items available to buy from 50p to fundraise for the PTA.

Donations could include food, drinks, snacks, toys, stationery, sweets, accessories etc



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



PEGI
7+

With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio, building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefters and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices), identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNLAD Gaming and GAMINGBIBLE. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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Sustainable Dinner

Friday 12th May 7pm

The Old Town Hall, Midhurst

BYOB. Soft Drinks Bar. Tickets via Eventbrite

Are you concerned about climate change?

Would you like to reduce your carbon footprint?

Do you worry about food shortages, and the overall security of our food chain?

Come and meet like minded people,
enjoy a sustainable plant-based meal,
and hear about local sustainability
initiatives that you can get involved in.

Everyone Welcome

Suggested donation on the evening - £8

Use the QR code below to sign up at Eventbrite



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-plant-based-dinner-in-the-old-town-hall-midhurst-tickets-615521891547>



NEW FOR 2023

JUNIOR MIDHURST MILERS

CORONATION WEEKEND

MIDHURST MILERS

3K JUNIOR TRAIL RACE



6-8 YEARS 9-11 YEARS 12-15 YEARS

10:00 Sunday 7th May 2023
Cadence Cycle Club, Flint Barn, Cocking GU29 0HT

A 3km Trail Race on The South Downs near Midhurst. Categories and prizes for 6-8, 9-11 and 12-15 age groups. £3 online entry only.

10K TRAIL RACE

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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
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Swashbuckling Storytime



Join us for some half-term holiday fun with stories and a craft activity

Suitable for children aged 4-8

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Thursday 1st June
2.00-3.00pm**



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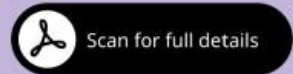
FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

29TH AND 30TH APRIL 2023
John Lewis Chichester

Face Painting
Balloon Modelling Meet the Author
Entertainer Superheroes Crafts
Live Music Magical Friend
Treasure Hunt



ALL FREE OF CHARGE



The Prebendal School





Sunday 14th May 2023
Start between 1pm and 3pm

**TEAS
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STALLS**

Pushchairs & children
with scooters can go up to
2 miles on a tarmac path

Dogs on leads welcome
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Ground, Bordon

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