



# MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SAT's am Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today	Reading paper Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> May <b>BC/ASC bookings open midday today</b>	Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 – ALL WELCOME
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Yellow photography in school – uniform please! 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 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming Y3 am Year 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Dynamic dance	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
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Piano lessons Year 4 PE today	Don't forget your music Don't forget your PE kit

## Last week's update:

What a speedy week that was! It was very lovely to have a 3-day weekend, but then trying to fit the usual 5 days' work into 4 has caught up with me a little and then we are about to do the same again!! EEK!

Anyway - please read on for a shorter update than usual!

On Tuesday the Y4 children, along with Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Mepstead and Mrs Cain, met up at PGL in Hindhead for their mini residential. And what an **amazing** time they all had at Marchant Hill. There were many exciting activities to experience and all the children challenged themselves to try their best and have a go; from zip wire to abseiling, archery and sensory trail, giant swing, orienteering, challenge course and team games. The children (AND staff!) loved the food and ate an amazing amount! Everyone had great fun in their rooms with their friends and even managed to get some sleep! Well done Year 4 – this was MPS' first mini residential with a younger group and one we very much hope to repeat in years to come. Thanks also to all staff who freely gave up their own time to support the children – just brilliant! (more pics below)



On Wednesday I attended a brilliant meeting down at the South Downs Memorial Hall joining many other like-minded people from local businesses, public services and organisations all discussing the issues and difficulties people of all ages face in Midhurst. This was facilitated and supported by the newly formed local charity - the Midhurst Community Hub <https://midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk/> We worked together to share issues and then think about possible solutions too. It was an incredibly positive event that offered some much-needed hope and forward thinking for our town and all who live within it. Watch this space for more info!



We also welcomed Katie back into school on Wednesday to work with children glazing the MPS totem pole for our new sensory garden area. The children loved adding some coloured detail and the atmosphere in the room was one of quiet concentration. We cannot wait to see how this whole school creative piece is going to look when it is finished, built and in position! It's all very exciting!



The PTA Rainbow Raffle & cake sale took place on

Thursday after school – the colourful boxes looked fantastic and there were many very excited children anticipating the draw! With 13 boxes up for grabs packed full of treats and gifts there was a lot to be excited about! Congratulations to those that were lucky enough to win and commiserations to those who bought tickets but were not so fortunate. HUGE thanks to EVERYONE for supporting this PTA event, buying raffle tickets, donating such creative, colourful raffle prizes and then bringing in delicious cakes for the sale. We couldn't do this without your support and help – the total raised will follow soon I'm sure!

We are looking forward to more fun tomorrow as the school enjoys a morning of Coronation activities followed by a street party style lunch – weather dependent – culminating in a whole school assembly to further celebrate the Kings coronation. Look out for photos in next week's flyer.



## **\*\* Breakfast/After school club bookings for NEXT half term\*\***

Please note that BC/ASC booking requests will open on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm**. Please send requests for the next half term to our school bursar Helen Bond by email on – [bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk](mailto:bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk)

### **Staffing update**

It is with much sadness that today we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Austin, our Year 6 teaching assistant, friendly face at breakfast club and more recently our first ever MPS ELSA. Miss Austin has been at the school for 20+ years and will be much missed. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her all the very best in her new job – we aim to give her a good send off!

We are however delighted to share that we have successfully appointed a new teaching assistant to our staff team. Mrs Kirstan Mullen, (Mum to Ruby in Y4) will begin working in Year 6 as of Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> and as a trained ELSA continue the good work that Miss Austin has begun.

### **Message from Mrs Hatch**

As I am sure many of you know Mrs Hatch works across the whole school, covering teachers when they are on courses or need to be elsewhere. Mrs Hatch is a keen 'twitcher' and often shares her knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for all wildlife, but especially birds, with the children. As such she asked me to share the link below which shows the live webcam footage of the peregrine falcons that are nesting in Chichester cathedral. <https://www.chichesterperegrines.co.uk/>

The peregrines laid three egg which have just hatched and the parents have started to feed them. Many of the children in school have become fascinated that we can see right into the nest on the top of the cathedral. Perhaps you might like to share this at home?





Last week Year 4 were discovering how our digestive system works. Using bananas, crackers, orange juice as the stomach acid they churned it up in a bag and then sent it into the small intestines (a pair of tights) squeezing out the nutrients. Before it went into the large intestines and pushed through a paper cup. It was lots of fun with the children learning through a real hands-on experience!

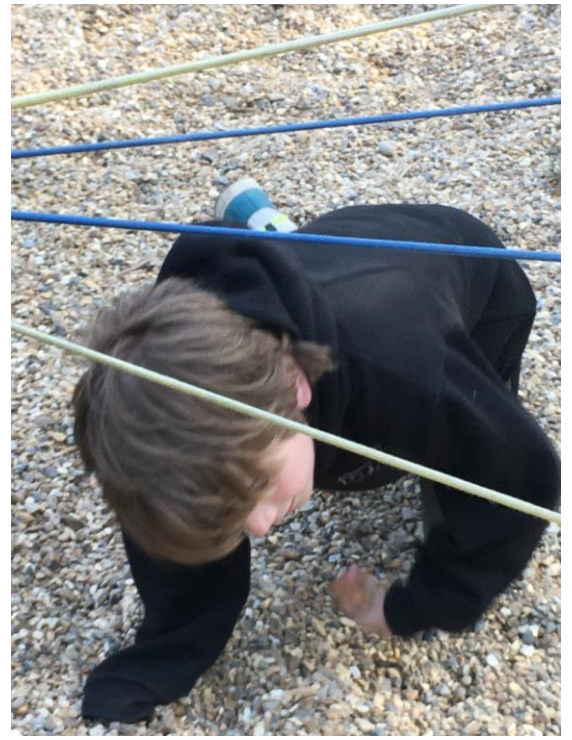




Last week's FAB awards and WOW wall achievements!  
Congratulations one and all – amazing! WELL DONE!







# 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>



HAPPY SAVVIES

# SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT DAYS



14th-25th August 2023 9 till 3

## CRAFTY WORKSHOP

Daily craft workshops Monday to Friday to see you through the summer holidays.

THE GRANGE, MIDHURST

BOOK YOUR PLACE

LINK TO BOOKING SITE

<https://bookwhen.com/happysavvies>

Add a lunchpack for just £6.50 per child

8-12 years  
£20 per child  
per day



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

**TEAS  
REFRESHMENTS  
STALLS**

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

Dogs on leads welcome  
Car parking on site

# Charity Walk

**ARUNDEL CASTLE PARK, BN18 9AU**

**1 OR 5 MILE WALK**

**£5 Adults/£2 Children (under 5's free)**

**All sponsored walkers FREE!**

