





FRIDAY FLYER

IT'S CHRISTMAS!



September seems like a distant memory. The autumn term is the longest and always feels the busiest, and this year has been no exception. It is hard to believe that we are already over a third of the way through the academic year and my first as Headteacher at Midhurst.

There have been numerous highlights over the past few months, culminating with the lovely Carol Service on Monday and the Winter Fun Day and Pantomime today.

I am extremely proud of all of our children who have worked hard, participated in sport and extra-curricular activities, raised money for charity and been ambassadors for our school.

I am proud of our team who work tirelessly to support and encourage our children, thank you.

And lastly thank you to you all. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have shown me during my first term.

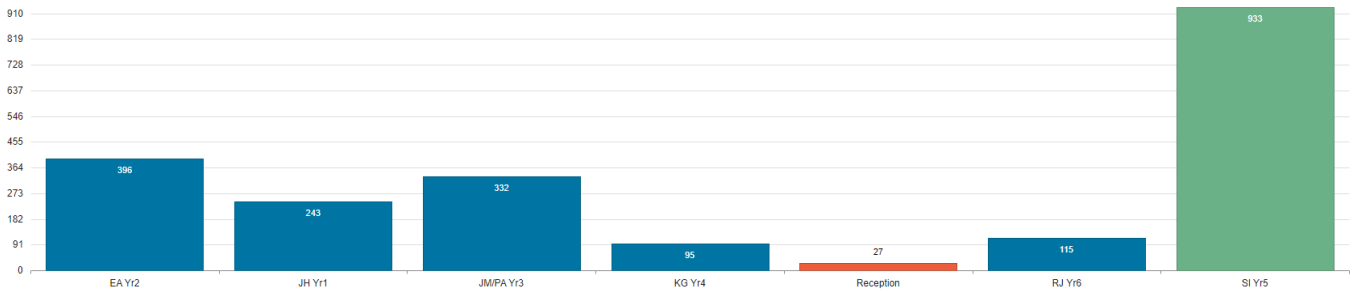
May I, on behalf of everybody here, wish you all a happy and restful Christmas and a peaceful new year.

With every best wish

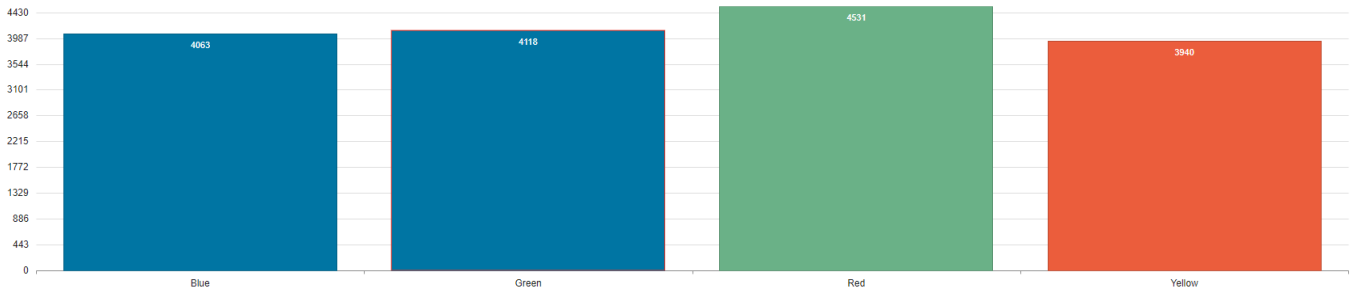
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REWARD POINTS

Congratulations to Year 5, for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 933 points. Go Year 5!

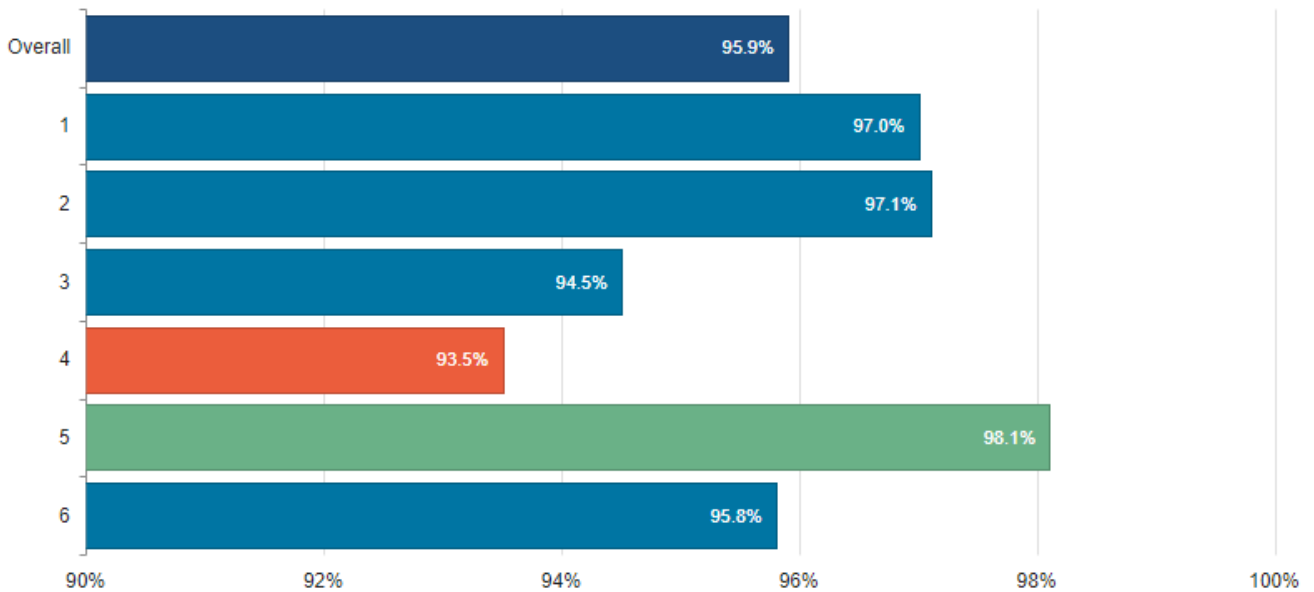


Congratulations also to Red House who remain in the lead with 4531 points!



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance percentage is 95.9%. This is 0.4% above our target.



Class attendance champions this week
Year 5 with 98.1%. Well done!

JOIN NATHAN ON HIS FESTIVE WALK IN MIDHURST!

Lifeboats
Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

Christmas charity walk
Sunday 17th December
The Grange Midhurst

- ★ Arrive from 10am for 10.30am start
- ★ 2.5 mile circular walk
- ★ Mince pie and hot chocolate included
- ★ Christmas outfits encouraged!

All donations will save lives at sea

Thanks to The Upholsterer, Stuff & Co,
Porter Estate agents and the Grange for their
support of this event

A reminder that Nathan, one of our fantastic Year 5 children is walking 200 miles for the RNLI from his 10th Birthday on 12th December to the RNLI's 200th birthday on 3rd March.

If you would like to help Nathan reach his target why not join him on his festive walk in Midhurst on Sunday 17th December. If you would like to donate you can do this via the QR code on the poster. Good luck Nathan!

WRAP AROUND CARE

Bookings for wraparound care for the next half term (Jan-Feb 2024) are now open. All parents should now be able to book directly on MCAS except those with special payment arrangements (tax free childcare, childcare vouchers, already agreed payment plans and special arrangements agreed with the Headteacher). Those parents should email their booking requests to bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk in the usual way.

THE CHOIR ENTERTAIN AT THE RAINBOW RAFFLE



Congratulations to all our winners at the recent Rainbow Raffle drawn after the carol service on Monday. Thank you so much for supporting this event and I hope you were able to enjoy the mince pies and mulled wine served by our governing body. The school choir certainly enjoyed entertaining you.

MAKE DO AND MEND



In Year 5 we have just finished our DT project inspired by Make Do and Mend in WWII. We have created different designs and put our textiles and sewing skills to the test - here are our finished Christmas Decorations. I think you'll all agree they look absolutely wonderful! FAB job Year 5!

HENRY ADAMS PRIZEWINNERS



Over the past fortnight, children have been challenged by Henry Adams to create a Christmas decoration out of recycled materials. All entries won a selection box and a big well done to Frances in Year 5, who won the overall competition.

REV.MARCUS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Did your child enjoy singing at the Market Square, at the carol service or in the choir?

If they did and would like the chance to sing again at a special Christmas service on Christmas Eve please contact our chaplain Rev Marcus on: vicar@midhurstparishchurch.net

Rev Marcus is organising the annual Christingle service for 4pm on Christmas Eve and would be delighted to host a choir of Midhurst Primary in a starring role at that service if the children would like to take part.

If your child would like to come along and sing a few Christmas favourites (they will get to choose them on the day!) please do let Rev Marcus know by Tuesday evening.

And, of course, all of you are warmly invited to the Christingle service as we get ready to celebrate Christmas itself!

CHRISTMAS MARKET/CHRISKINDLMARKT by Evie Else of Year 5



In Germany, a big Christmas market was held. The lights twinkled on the vast, fern tree and the glittery decorations swayed in the strong breeze. Many people lined up at a food staff. A quick gust of wind blew the smell of gingerbread across my face. Under the large tree, presents sat waiting patiently to be opened. I came up and stroked a present gently. Carefully, I tore the wrapping paper off, picking off the shiny blue bow.

Treading on the cold, icy floor, I came to an ice-skating rink. I raced around it at the speed of light until the smell of raclette (Swiss cheese fondue) led me to a stall. It was melted and had a golden hue to it. A group of swing boats flew majestically into the air. Suddenly I heard some young girls singing Christmas Carols at a platform next to the sweet stall. I bought a medium sized bag of sweets and even got to choose some of them myself. One of my friends handed me a cup of hot choco. I took a sip and it tasted liked a million blended hazelnuts.

Then it started to snow. She led to me to a Ferris Wheel and we rode it. We went to high that I almost felt as if I was falling out! After that, we went to see Father Christmas at Santa's Grotto. He gave us each a small present and in my one was a small brown fluffy dog stuffed toy. My friend got a vibrantly coloured remote-control car! Someone walked past and the wonderful smell of spiced mulled wine blew across our faces. As we left we both said that we had enjoyed our time at Christkindlmarkt. It was the most amazing site that we had ever seen.

YEAR 4 EAR DEFENDERS



Year 4 have designed and made ear defenders as part of their science topic on sound. They made choices on which materials to use. They drew around a template, cut out their design and then went to the filling station. This is where they used their knowledge to decide which materials would be more sound proof. They had bubble wrap, foam, small pieces of felt and fabric. Some children combined their fillings others used different stuffing for each side. They then carried out a noise pollution test to see which ear defenders were the best.

YEAR 3 HARD AT WORK



All the children in Year 3 have been very busy these last two weeks. They have been investigating the properties of different rocks and what they can be used for. We have also finished our DT project which was to design and create a lamp.

FATHER CHRISTMAS MAKES A GUEST APPEARANCE AT WINTER FUN DAY



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event /Activity	Details
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January		
Tuesday 2 nd Jan	INSET DAY	School closed
Wednesday 3 rd Jan	School open Year 1 & 2 PE today	Please bring your children in! Don't forget your PE kit
Thursday 4 th Jan	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Little woods forest schools Big woods forest schools Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 4 am Year 2 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 Group 1 (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 5 th Jan	Year 4 & 5 PE today Big woods forest schools Cross country club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 1 (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.15pm
Monday 8 th Jan	Year 1 & 3 PE today Year 5 trip to DDay Museum Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit See letter for more details 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 9 th Jan	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 10 th Jan	Year 1 & 2 PE today Year 6 trip to DDay Museum	Don't forget your PE kit See letter for more details
Thursday 11 th Jan	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Big woods forest schools PTA meeting Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 4 am Year 5 Group 1 (please bring kit in) 3.30pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 12 th Jan	Year 4 & 5 PE today Big woods forest schools Cross country club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 1 (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.15pm



4pm on
Christmas Eve at
Midhurst Parish
Church

Join us for this joyful
celebration to share
the light of Jesus and
spread a message of
hope



MIDHURST
PARISH CHURCH

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!



Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

CENSUS DAY!

18TH JANUARY 2024

MENU

Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice

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Peas or Salad

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Chocolate Brownie

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school funding, so lets come together to support your school.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL ON PARENTPAY, BY 4/01/24.
*SPECIAL DIETS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SIGNED OFF MENU.**

LET'S CHAT!



An informal English discussion group for anyone with English as an additional language

Everyone
welcome!

Drop-in!

Refreshments
provided!

Every Friday from 5th January 2024
3.30pm-4.15pm



Chichester Library
Tower Street
Chichester
PO19 1QJ
01243 777351

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Pop Up Play Village - West Sussex

Christmas themed
play sessions

Wednesday 13th December
Midhurst Guide Hut,
Midhurst
9:30-10:45am

Christmas special themed
play session, and story time with
Mrs Claus.

Wednesday 20th December
Midhurst Guide Hut,
Midhurst.
10:00 - 11:15am
Present for each child.

Christmas themed
play sessions

Friday 15th December
Hampers Green Community
Centre, Petworth
9:30-10:45am

Christmas special themed
play session, and story time with
Mrs Claus.

Friday 22nd December
Hampers Green Community
Centre, Petworth.
10:00 - 11:15 am
Present for each child.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) FOR CHILDREN

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

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www.westsussex.gov.uk/HAF



Christmas Storytime

Chichester Library
Saturday 23rd December
10.30-11.00am

Join us for Christmas stories and songs
and also meet our special guest.

Come in fancy dress if you would like to!

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

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Tower Street
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www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries



£18 per Family



Goodwood Education Trust: Forest Adventures Family Day

Please join us for one of our Goodwood Education Trust Family Fun Days. A wonderful opportunity for our young people on the neurodevelopmental pathway and their families to access a range of outdoor activities in a fun and relaxed environment.

Activities: Fire lighting and S'mores, Hapazome, Wood Cookies and Nature Detectives*

Please wear appropriate clothing, footwear and bring a packed lunch for the day

*Please note: activities are subject to change



Date: Sunday 17th December, 11am-3:30pm
Venue: Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0QF
Booking is essential, please contact: wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk



aspens.org.uk Charity no: 1171446

JOB VACANCY:

Business Partnership Coordinator

16 hours/week | up to £17.50/hour | 6-month contract

You'll be the face of Midhurst's business partnership and will have a 'no job too big or too small' attitude. The role will be varied and fun - helping deliver town business projects and liaising with Midhurst Town Council, Chichester District Council, Visit Midhurst, Midhurst Vision and others.

You'll need to be skilled and highly motivated with strong admin experience.

To see the full job description scan the QR code. To apply email your CV and covering letter to: info@midhursttownteamcic.co.uk



**Application deadline:
5 January 2024**

Interviews will take place
early January 2024.

The Midhurst Business Partnership (MBP), formerly the Midhurst Business Network, is operated by the Midhurst Town Team CIC.



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