

# FRIDAY FLYER

Happy Friday Everyone! So, this week's topic of conversation is social media. I have to admit that we are experiencing a number of concerns regarding our children's use of social media, particularly outside of school during evenings and weekends.

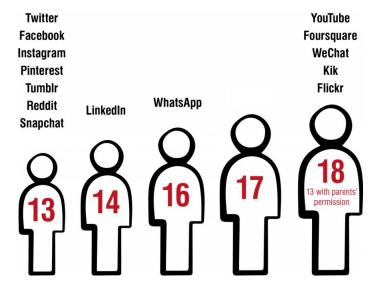
There are several groups of children using social media to be persistently unkind about other children over platforms such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and Instagram. I understand that this has included both sharing unkind comments about pupils and sharing unkind images or memes of the pupils. This is leading to a lot of upset and polarisation of some children within school and is not in line with our ethos or values.

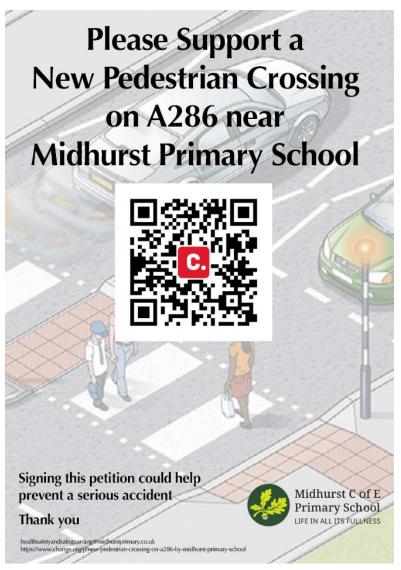
I would point out that most social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over so I am a little surprised that I have the need to write this, but if you do allow your child to access social media, then I would strongly ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support. What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles
- Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to
- devices
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.

We are asking for your partnership in dealing with this, as this is happening outside of school. As a school we are responding to this with additional teaching during Computing, PSHCE and Wellbeing lessons and in 1:1 conversations and teaching opportunities as they arise.

To complete my thoughts on social media, I would draw your attention to this graphic that makes the age guidelines in relation to social media apps quite clear





I have some disappointing news. Further to my notes from a few flyers back, the county council have now withdrawn the promised school crossing patrol on Bepton Road. I am at a loss as to why this could be the case, particularly as it raises safety concerns for both you and our children. We are not accepting the current situation and would very much appreciate your help.

Once again, our Health and Safety
Governor, Andy Scott, is spear heading
your concerns to the county council but we
need your views to pass on but we now
need to think bigger. To that end, Andy has
started an e-petition on change.org to
hopefully gather some community
momentum for a permanent crossing. You
can sign our online petition at
<a href="https://chng.it/8G7NbSXjtS">https://chng.it/8G7NbSXjtS</a>

And finally, whist I am on the subject of roads I need to point out, if you don't already know, that during the Easter holidays - Ashfield Road will be completely closed while it is made one-way towards the Bepton Road and speed humps are installed. When we return, Ashfield Road

will be one way coming in from the Petersfield Road end. Standing on the gate and observing pick up and drop off, I do feel the need to remind some of you that the private road, Heathfield Gardens, just outside school, is just that – a private road and should not be used by vehicles under any circumstances.

With every best wish

## Mark

#### **Booking for Wrap Around Care**

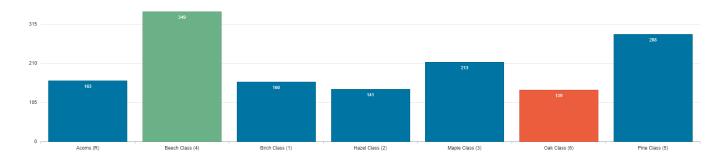
B/ASC dates for the first half of the summer term have been available for booking on MCAS from Monday 18 March. Parents with an approved payment plan should send in their requests to bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk in the usual way.

#### **Red Nose Day**

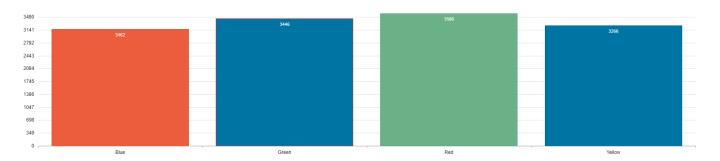
Thank you so much for your support and generosity towards our children during our recent Red Nose Day events. The final total raised by the school was £139.43.

#### **Reward Points**

Congratulations to Beech Class for gaining the most Reward Points this week with 349 points. Well done Beech Class!

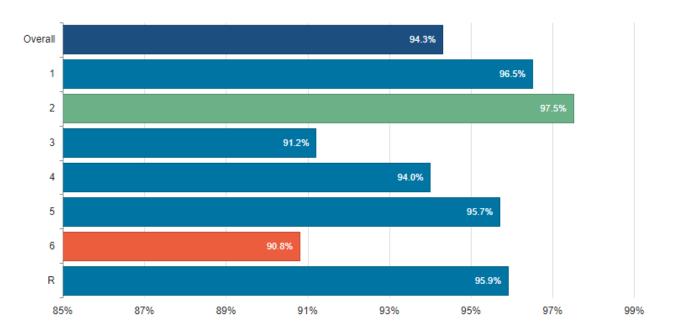


Arun House are in the lead this week with 3586 points!



## **Weekly Attendance**

This week's overall attendance is 94.3% just below our target of 95%



This week's attendance champion

Congratulations Hazel Class, this week's attendance champions with 97.5%

### **Aspire Holiday clubs**

With the Easter Holidays coming up Aspire coaching are offering 3 days of places for <u>free</u> to a pupil or pupils of our school to attend one of their Multi-Sports venues at either Buriton Village Hall near Petersfield or Easebourne Primary School near Midhurst

Buriton is running from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April (3 days) and Easebourne is running from Monday 8th until Friday 12th April (5 days)

If you are interested in putting forward your child for one of these places please let the school office know by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We will put all names in a hat and draw out 3.

#### **Forest Schools**

Pine class had a busy week at Forest School making charcoal, making a fork which they used to cook toffee apples and bananas, sawing, making magic wands and friendship bracelets.







#### **More Chartwells Vacancies**



Obviously, Chartwells, our School Caterers, are doing very well at the moment and are looking for more catering assistants. Take a look.



Welcome to your Friday Inside Insights! This is the final article for this term because all of our team need a big break 🚳

Plus, many interesting articles so read on to find out!

"Enjoy this week's article!"

- Barni, Eloise, Amalia & Emma



#### Rock & Roll!

As you may know certain members of your class have been going out for music lessons every Friday, but do you know what they were doing there? Well on Friday last week, all was revealed when the people who go to Rock Steady took to the stage and performed their gig!

This performance consisted of drummers, guitarists, singers and more and they put together everything they had learnt and made it into something to remember. They performed many different songs like Never Going To Give You Up and Roar! Overall it was an amazing experience and was a wonderful way to end the week!

The Netball teams are in action later today (Friday) with the tournament at MRC. They have reluctantly agreed to let Mr Ind and Mrs Mullen tag along.....but we do not promise to be quiet on the sidelines! Good luck netball teams, you are awesome and you are going to have so much fun!

### Story Time!

The Inside Insights team has had lots of additional articles and stories submitted, which is wonderful. Thank you everyone who has shown interest, we really appreciate your support. The submissions have inspired us to run our own competition. Due to unexpected circumstances we have run out of story's so please continue to send them in.

#### Thank You!

During Red Nose Day, we as a school raised £136.83 which is truly amazing, and we hope next Red Nose Day we raise twice as much. We also thought everyone's clothes looked awesome and we hope everyone had fun during this fun Comic Relief event!



Where's Lenny?



## **Diary Dates**

Date	Event/Activity	Details
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 & 3 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
-	Dance Club	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Gardening Club	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
	Vicars award – Forest school	Some children involved. Invite will be sent home.
	treat – am	
	Big Sing at MRC for Year 5 - am	Remember to bring a waterproof coat
	Aspire Football Club	3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1 & 2 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
	ArtSMASH club	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Choir Club KS2	3.30 – 4.15pm
	Netball Club Yrs 5&6	3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 3 & 6 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
	Swimming	Year 3 am
	Little woods forest schools	Year R Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform)
		Year 5 Group 2 (please bring in kit)
	Big woods forest schools	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Dance Club	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holidays	School closed
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	INSET day	School closed
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First day of the Summer term	
	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today	Don't forget to wear your PE kit
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 1 & 2 PE today	Don't forget to wear your PE kit
	ArtSMASH club	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 18st Apr	Years 3 & 6 PE today	Don't forget to wear your PE kit
	Swimming	Year 2 am
	Little woods forest schools	Year R Group 2 (please wear kit and bring uniform)
		Some year 6s involved
	Church Friendship tea	3.30 - 4.30pm
	Dance Club	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 5 PE today	Don't forget to wear your PE kit
	Big woods forest schools - am	Year 2 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 2 Group 2 (please bring in kit)
	Big woods forest schools - pm	7 4 3









Have a quacking time this Easter join us at the library for some hay-larious stories and a-moo-sing craft activities!

Suitable for children aged 4-10

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

**Thursday 4 April** 10.30-11.30am





Chichester Library Tower Street, PO19 1QJ

01243 777351

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# Wednesday 10 April 10.00-11.00am





Midhurst Library The Grange, GU29 9HD

01730 716671

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# **Thursday 11 April** 2.00-3.00pm





Southbourne Library First Avenue, PO10 8HN

01243 375924



Enjoy all things singing, Dancing & Acting with professional coaches!

08 Apr 2024

Age: 4 - 18

Time: Mon - Thu 09:00 - 15:00 Performance: Thu 14:00

Cost: £175.0 (Sibling £145.0)

Venue: Bishop Luffa C of E School, PO19 3HP

HAF Spaces Available

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# West Sussex Young People's Service



# April School Holiday Programme (Week 1) 2024

Please see page two for activities in the second week of the holidays

Tuesday 2nd April	EMPOWER Programme 8-11 years 10:00-13:00 12+ 13:30-16:30	Chichester
Wednesday 3rd April	Teens Community Group 14+ Lazer World, Crawley via Train 10:30-14:30	Meet at Barnham Station
Wednesday 3rd April and Thursday 4th April	EMPOWER Programme 8-11 years 10:00-13:00 12+ 13:30-16:30	Shoreham- by-Sea
Thursday 4th April	Mid Sussex Holiday Club 8+ Session 1 10:00-13:00 Session 2 13:30-16:30	Haywards Heath
Friday 5th April	Arun Forest School 8+ Session 1 10:00-12:30 Session 2 13:00-15:30	Angmering, Arun
Friday 5th April	Arun Youth Club 14+ 17:00-19:00	Felpham, Arun
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# West Sussex Young People's Service



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Monday 8th April	Arun School Holiday Club 8+ Session 1 10:00-13:00 Session 2 13:30-16:30	Felpham, Arun
Monday 8th April and Tuesday 9th April	EMPOWER Programme 8-11 years 10:00-13:00 12+ 13:30-16:30	Chichester
Wednesday 10th April	Teens Community Group 14+ Activity Day in Chichester 10:30-14:30	Meet a Westgate Leisure Centre
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# Community Day Saturday 27 April 2024

Local Artists, Creators and Makers, Community Groups Sports and Activities, Delicious nibbles to taste



# Come along • Bring your friends • Have some fun

For more information email: madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org or contact the College Office on: 01730 812451