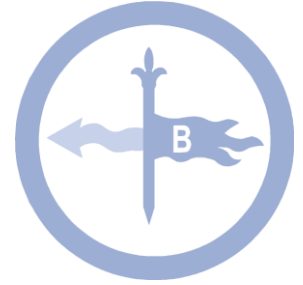


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CARING CHILDREN LOVING LEARNING



24th January 2017
No. 6

Dear Parents/Carers

Safeguarding

Please remember to let us know if your child is unable to attend a club. We always take a register at the start of clubs and chase up any children who are not there. This can be difficult as we have limited staff available after school, so it is important we are aware of non attendees so we know all the children are safe- thank you.

School Uniform

We seem to have a number of children who are wearing inappropriate clothes to school at the moment. Please remember that trousers/skirts/dresses should be grey and sweatshirts/fleeces should be navy blue. Children should be wearing school shoes not trainers and there should not be any wearing of dangly/hoop earrings, jewellery, nail varnish or make up. A lot of these issues are particularly evident in Years 5 and 6. Secondary schools these days are very strict about uniform so it is important that children get into the habit of wearing correct uniform at primary school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Red Mason bees

As you will be aware we now have a bird box with webcam installed for children to see birds sheltering at this time of year and hopefully nesting as time goes on. It has been great to see that pupils have been commenting on the bird box and have been watching the blue tit who has been visiting.

You may have noticed that we have another box which is situated by Pluto's window near the play equipment. This box looks slightly different as it is especially designed for Red Mason Bees.

Information about the bees:

Red Mason bees are a native solitary bee. The bees may have a community of up to 40 individuals but they never act as a collective. They don't swarm, they are non-aggressive and have no interest in supporting their fellow bees if they are threatened. The bees are quite happy for you to stand right in front of the habitat and will happily ignore inquisitive fingers(though our box is high up to avoid this!). There is no threat to the children as the bees have no sting to speak of (their sting is tiny, does not cause a reaction and is similar to a single nettle sting that lasts less than 10 seconds with no itching afterward).

The sting of the mason bee does not carry the venoms that cause anaphylactic shock and there are no recorded incidences of allergic reaction. The bees do not produce honey so they have nothing to protect.

See also

<http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/species/red-mason-bee> for more information and photos of this lovely bee.

There is a webcam in the bee box and children can watch the bees at:

Login address: <http://www.seenature.org.uk/wp-login.php>

Username: burwash2

Password: swan128

Please note this is the same log in as the bird box.

At the moment there is nothing in the box. In due course the bees will be delivered as cocoons and will hopefully hatch so the children can watch. We hope that they will prove useful pollinators for our apple orchard. We have been able to afford this wonderful project thanks to a generous grant from the Ernest Cook Trust for this purpose.

Headteacher Debbie Gilbert
Chair of Governors Jan McKeever
East Sussex County Council



Reading results for term 3

	Pluto	Mercury	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Jupiter
06/01/2017	42%	88%	70%	80%	50%	72%
13/01/2017	89%	88%	67%	77%	70%	78%
20/01/2017	84%	84%	67%	71%	67%	94%

As you will see Pluto are now doing amazingly well. This is really pleasing as daily reading will greatly enhance the children's life chances.

Lost property

Once again we have a huge amount of lost property including lots of school uniform plus hats etc. Please do have a look in the box as we will have to take unclaimed items to the clothing bank soon as there are too many items for us to store them indefinitely. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Gilbert
Headteacher

Dates for Terms 3 and 4	
3 rd January 2017	INSET day 3
4 th January	Start of term 3 for children
10 th January	Swimming lessons for Y5 start
9 th February	Enterprise sale in the hall- more details to follow – NO CLUBS
10 th February	End of term 3
20 th February	Start of term 4
27 th February	Book week
2 nd March	World book day
15 th March	The Big Dance- Y6
17 th March	Clubs Finish
Week beginning 20 th March	No Clubs except Judo
21 st March	Parent consultation evening- 5.30pm- 8pm
23 rd March	Parent consultation evening- 4pm- 6.30pm
28 th March	Y3 and 4 play 2pm
29 th March	Y3 and 4 play 6pm
30 th March	Open session
31 st March	Egg rolling 2pm- details to follow End of term 4
1 st April	Easter holidays
18 th April	Term 5 starts
Week beginning 8 th May	Y6 SATs week
16 th and 19 th June 2017	INSET days 4 and 5

We intend to print the dates for the term with each Newsletter; please note that this chart will be updated as new events are planned with new events appearing in **BOLD** text.