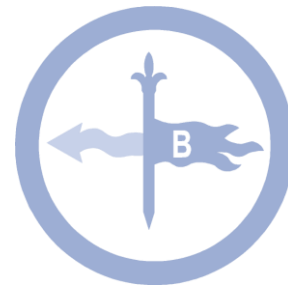


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Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Readathon

This year as part of book week we are running a Readathon Sponsored Read and we really hope that your child will be able to join in. Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. Readathon encourages children to read for pleasure - an activity proven to increase children's chances of success and personal happiness for the rest of their lives. (Source: OECD)

Readathon motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read – they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. We would like you to support them, in particular by sponsoring them. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readathon.org.

Sponsors can pay by cheque or cash, or pay online by www.readathon.org/sponsor. Please do support your child's reading efforts. Research tells us again and again that children who read for pleasure are more likely to have successful outcomes. Above all, we hope they have fun!

As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, **our school will get free books worth 20%** of our sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone.

What we'd like you to do:

1. Your child's will be given a Readathon sponsorship card on 24th February on which to list whatever they will enjoy reading. Books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books – sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!), as well as listening to audio books. Our Readathon will last for one week from Monday 27th February. If you are paying sponsorship monies to the office they should all be paid by Monday 13th March, alternatively you can pay on line. Thank you.

2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. Sponsors can pay directly on line at www.readathon.org/sponsor or by cash or cheque made out to Readathon and sent to school. Please also encourage UK tax payers to tick the GiftAid box - Readathon will then be able to claim an extra 25% from the Government at no cost to the donor.

For any more information please visit www.readathon.org.

Thank you for your support – and happy reading!

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents of children who are now wearing correct uniform. As the half term break approaches I realise that some of you may be purchasing new uniform. Please can you ensure that skirts and trousers are grey NOT black and support the school by not allowing your child to wear make up or nail varnish in school.

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



World Book day

The week beginning 27th February will be Book Week at school. During this week the children will take part in lots of different activities to do with books. On Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day. We would like the children to dress up as a book character on this day. The PTFA have generously offered to provide a prize per class for the best dressed character. I look forward to seeing the characters in all their glory!

Yours sincerely



Debbie Gilbert
Headteacher

Dates for Terms 3 and 4	
9 th February	Enterprise sale in classrooms at 3pm. On this day the gates will be opened just before 3pm. Children will man the stalls until usual home time. There will not be any clubs run on this day. We hope that you will support your child in their sales efforts. If your child usually goes on the bus and you plan to collect them on this day, please let the office know- thank you
10 th February	End of term 3 PTFA cake sale on the playground 3.30pm
20 th February	Start of term 4
27 th February	Book week starts
2nd March	World book day and Dressing up day
9th March	PTFA film night – 5pm start
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
24th March	Red Nose Day - This year the children will be encouraged to wear clashing clothes in exchange for a donation to the Red Nose Day charity.
26th March	Mothering Sunday Service at St Bartholomew's Church 10:00am
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
9th June	PTFA summer fair
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.