

Turners Hill C of E School News



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Welcome from the Headteacher

Happy New Year and welcome back (is it too late to still be saying Happy New Year?)!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you all for the cards and gifts that were sent into members of staff and to the staffroom at the end of last term. We very much appreciate your kind generosity.

We hope that you all had a brilliant Christmas and were able to relax following the very busy lead up to the festive period. Thank you for all your support with the Friends of Turners Hill School (FoTHS) event, the Christingle and our Nativity productions. The Christmas event raised an amazing £1,500. Thank you all for supporting this event.

We now embark on another busy and exciting term through to Easter. Do keep an eye out on the school website and through the newsletter for all the activities taking place.

Here's to a happy and successful term!

Best wishes
Ben Turney

INSET DAYS – Friday 25th May, Friday 22nd June & Monday 25th June 2018

The Creation Story by George Coyne, Cherry Class (Year 1)

In line with our Christian value, the children have been learning about the creation story.



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STAR PUPIL AWARDS

The following Star Pupil Certificates have been awarded:

Blake Beer for showing great perseverance with his writing this week.

Maple Class for their amazing Nativity performance. Well done, you are all superstars!

Cherry Class for their hard work and beautiful singing in the Nativity!

Hissaan Mahmood for his creativity when drawing a medal for Sergeant Stubby.

Nathanael Leslie for being very brave when hurting his arm, not making a fuss and persevering with his school work.

Alfie Parker for growing in confidence, especially in Writing!

James Knight for developing more pace in your learning and lot of effort!

Tilly Hepburn for always showing perseverance in all subjects and life.

Jakob Leslie for his confident and enthusiastic approach to learning. He is a great role model in our class.

Isobel Lake for being eager to learn and having a 'can do' attitude to new tasks and experiences.

Ewan Mackintosh for being a responsible learner, suggesting that he do his work again to make it neater!

Jodie Smith for getting involved with our new topic and being creative with her art work.

Isabella Seelig for amazing confidence in Maths to become a 'Star Mathematician'.

Keira Beasley for always trying her best and working with enthusiasm and independence.

Thomasina Bennett for her amazing Maths work this week. Thomasina is an independent and confident learner.

Oskar Altun for being a superstar in English and grammar this week, remembering lots of tricky terms!

Mia Simpson for being brave and working hard to improve in a number of areas.

Chris Bouck-Standen for always being helpful and learning to challenge himself.

Jake Fry for rising to the challenges in Maths and English!

Callum Jenkinson for working diligently in English and Maths. You have been very focussed this week.



SAFEGUARDING FOCUS

Please find attached a leaflet regarding The Prevent Strategy, Information for Parents and Carers.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



This is a reminder that we are a 'NUT FREE' school as we do have pupils with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that there are no nuts in your children's lunchboxes, this includes Nutella. Anything found in the children's lunches containing nuts will be sent back home. We would also like to remind you that chocolate and sweets are not appropriate for lunches. For more ideas on snacks please see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/cards#08vc0WPhEjEZq9xS.97>

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance is essential to your son or daughter's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 95%, and attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your son or daughter only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable. Routine medical appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible.

Punctuality to school and to lessons is also important as it is indicative of a student's general motivation and commitment towards school. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8.55AM at the latest, wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn.

As an incentive, the class with the highest attendance (lateness is also taken into account) each half term will have the opportunity to have a 'mufti day' (non uniform). Last half term the class with the highest attendance was Holly Class so they are able to wear their own clothes on Friday 9th February 2017. The following is the attendance for each class:

Last Term:

Holly	97.1%
Cherry	96.4%
Maple	95.4%
Willow	95.2%
Birch	95.2%

So far this Term:

Cherry	98.89%
Maple	97.98%
Holly	97.83%
Willow	97.73%
Birch	96.98%

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK AND YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 ASSESSMENTS

All children in Year 1 and some in Year 2 will be screened for their phonological awareness week commencing 11th June 2018. Children in Year 2 will undertake assessments during April, May and June. Children in Year 6 will undertake assessments in May. Please do not request absences from school during April, May and June. This is a very important time for your children and they need to prepare for these assessments.

EARLY YEARS MUSIC AT CRAWLEY MUSIC CENTRE

The Crawley Music Centre runs on a Saturday morning during term time at Hazelwick Lower School, Three Bridges, RH10 1SX, and children participate in many musical activities, including Early Years for children age 3 to 6 years. The sessions develop listening, singing and rhythm skills through fun activities and games, and the children also learn to play hand percussion and other instruments. This provides a great basis for future music making. The cost per term (10 sessions) is £60.00. To join the Centre and participate in the Early Years sessions, please visit their website www.westsussexmusic.co.uk click on 'Making Music' and 'Area Music Centres' for more details and an online application form.

BEGINNER RECORDERS AT CRAWLEY MUSIC CENTRE

Here is an exciting **free** opportunity for children from Years 2 to 5 to learn to play recorder with our woodwind teacher, Mrs Sarah Grose. You may have a talented flute, clarinet or saxophone player in the family, and this could be the start of their musical journey! These sessions will be provided at Hazelwick Lower School, Saturday 11.00-11.45am each week, starting Saturday 3 February. Children will have fun learning how to produce a pleasing sound on the recorder, play a series of notes and perform some simple tunes. The skills learned in this class will be transferrable onto a woodwind instrument in due time.

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Please register in advance for this activity as places are limited:

- visit our website www.westsussexmusic.co.uk;
- click on 'Making Music' on the red banner;
- click on 'Area Music Centres';
- click on the link to apply for Music Centre Activities;
- complete your details on the online form and from the drop-down menu 'Preferred Music Centre Activity' select Crawley Beginner Recorders.

GYMNASTICS CLUB FOR BEGINNERS

We currently have spaces at the Star-Tastic Gymnastics Club on a Wednesday morning at 8.00-8.45am. These lessons are taught by talented, fun and qualified UKG and British Gymnastics Coaches with experience of teaching all ages. This is a 10 week term at £5 per session, which is part funded by the school, £50 for the term. To sign up please contact the school office.

GREEN WEEK/SCIENCE WEEK

Green Week/Science week is week commencing Monday 5th February. If anyone is able to volunteer their services any day of this week, please speak to Miss Constable (Birch Class teacher).

POLITE REMINDER.....

This is just a reminder that after listening to feedback, as requested, we have a 'Dog Zone' which is along the railings nearest to the school building, where you can drop and collect your children from, so we can keep the other path clear for people who would rather not come too close. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday

Cheerleading/Gymnastics (Year R-3) – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Tuesday

Netball (Year 4-6) – 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Football (Years 2-3) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday

Rocksteady (morning sessions)

Gymnastics (Mixed Ability) – 8.00am to 8.45am

Forest Schools (Year R-6) – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Thursday

Gymnastics (Advanced) – 8.00am to 8.45am

Football (Years 4-6) – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday

Tri-Golf (Years R-6) – 8.00am to 8.45am

Tennis (Years 2-6) – 3.15pm to 3.55pm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th February to Friday 9th February 2018 – Green Week/Science Week

Monday 5th February 2018 – 3.30pm to 6.00pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February 2018 – 5.00pm to 7.30pm – Parents Evening

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2018 – HALF TERM

Wednesday 7th March 2018 – 10.00am to 3.00pm – Year 5/6 Quicksticks

Hockey Tournament – East Grinstead Sports Club

Wednesday 14th March 2018 – 10.00am – Year 3/4 Netball Festival – East Grinstead Sports Club

Friday 23rd March 2018 – 9.05am - Birch Class Assembly

Thursday 29th March 2018 – 1.30pm – Final Assembly – **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM**



SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Please look at our school website (www.turnershillschool.org.uk) for up-to-date news and useful information as well as excellent websites to aid your child's learning.

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