

Congratulations!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Child of the week!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>14th January</u></p> <p>St Andrew: Joey St Elizabeth: Bethany St Francis: Daisy-Mae St Margaret: Faustina St Philip: Eloise St Teresa: Philip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Child of the week!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>21st January</u></p> <p>St Andrew: Evie-Rae St Elizabeth: George St Francis: Sofia St Margaret: Brandon St Philip: Billie St Teresa: Isabel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Best Class</u></p> <p>KS1: St Elizabeth 95% KS2: St Francis & St Margaret 98%</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Headteacher Award</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ella-Louise</p>

IMPORTANT DATES:



January

Wed 30th Y5 St Matthias

Thur 31st Y6 Withdean Climbing Wall

February

Wed 6th School Nurse/Dental Nurse

Mon 11th Y2 Hove Museum

Tue 12th Y1 Hove Museum

Fri 15th Last day before half term

Mon 25th First day back after half term

Thur 28th KS2 African Drumming

March

Fri 1st World Book Day

Fri 1st YR Hove Museum

School Nurse

The school nurse will be running a drop-in clinic on Wednesday 6th February at 2.30pm. She will be accompanied by an Oral Health Promotions Practitioner – so if you'd like to talk to either or both about any healthy concerns (including dental), please come along.

Mary's Meals

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Mary's Meals charity. An amazing £93.23 was

raised (which will be matched by the UK government, taking the amount to a fantastic £186.46).

Y5 Trip to St Matthias

As part of their RE lesson looking at other churches and religions, Year 5 has been invited to visit St Matthias Church in Fiveways on Wednesday 30th January. Please return the form as soon as possible to the school office if you haven't already done so. If any parents are able to walk with the children on the day, we would be very grateful (leaving school at 1pm and returning by 3pm).

Withdean Climbing Wall Trip

Year 6 are going to the High Sports climbing wall at the Withdean Sports Complex on Thursday 31st January. They will leave after an early lunch and will return to school by 3pm. The children will travel to and from Withdean by school minibus. There will be no charge for this as it will be covered by our PE and Sports Funding. Children will need to have a full school PE kit in school and appropriate footwear (trainers). Please return your form to the school office if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

KS1 Visit to Hove Museum

KS1 are visiting Hove Museum to enhance the learning and enjoyment of their current topic, Toys. Year 2 will be on Monday 11th February, Year 1 on Tuesday 12th February and Reception will be visiting on Friday 1st March. Please return the permission forms that were sent out on 18th January as soon as possible. Thank you.

A-Life Workshop

We had a great visit from A-Life on the 14th January who came to the school to help develop the children's awareness of healthy living through fun workshops and fitness sessions.

Indoor Athletics at BACA

We took a team of children to the Sportshall Indoor Athletics Competition on 23rd January at BACA (Brighton Aldridge Academy). They came sixth out of eight schools and also won the Determination Award. Well done to all!

Afterschool Clubs

We have a few spaces left in our fun afterschool clubs. If you wish to book your child a place in one of our clubs, please see school office. Please note that the children go directly to the club at the end of the school day (including Karate). As we have increasing numbers at Jolly Jo's we may have to cap it, so although we do allow last minute bookings, it would be best to book ahead in order to secure a place. Please note that if you are late picking up after clubs then your child will not be given a place.

SchoolPing

There are a number of parents still not on SchoolPing – which is a great way for us to communicate. If you need assistance setting up, please come and see Miss Hill who will be happy to help.

Breakfast Club Cashless System

Breakfast Club switched to a cashless system from 21st January. It will work in the same way as our School Meals payments, so you'll be able to top up your account with an amount of your choice and this balance will be reduced every time your child attends Breakfast Club. Please note that if your account is not kept in credit, unfortunately your child will not be able to attend Breakfast Club. Thank you.

Minibus Payment System

Payment for the minibus now works in the same way as the School Meals payment system whereby you can top up your account on ParentPay and your balance will be reduced every day that your child uses the minibus. As

we are unable to offer this service if your account has a negative balance please make sure your account is kept in credit. Also, we require 24 hours' notice if your child is **not** going to use the minibus (otherwise you will still be charged for that trip). Thank you in advance.

Pick-up Arrangements

If there are any changes to pick-up arrangements at the end of the school day, please let the office know before lunchtime if at all possible. Thank you.

Book Swap

A reminder that we have an adult and child book swap in the foyer. Please feel free to take a book to read. There is no cost and all that we ask is that you return the book when you've finished with it. Ensure that your children see you reading. It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, novel, detective mystery, short stories, a manual, magazine - anything! Likewise it's important that your child sees you writing, so please find lots of excuses to do so and encourage your child to help.

School Uniform Orders

If you require any school uniform, please pay on ParentPay before collecting from the school office.

Snow Closures

We will always do everything we can to remain open during snowy weather; however, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff are of utmost importance to us and any decision to close the school will be taken after much consideration. If the school needs to be closed due to adverse weather, you will be informed via SchoolPing and the school website.