

## IMPORTANT DATES

4th December	6.40pm—Uckfield Late Night Shopping Singing—meet at the old main post office 6.50pm—Uckfield Late Night Shopping Singing
9th December	<b>All costumes to be brought into school</b> Eagles 'Big Sing', Eastbourne 10.00 am—12.00 noon Rehearsal 7.00 pm Children arrive at Winter Garden Theatre, Eastbourne 7.30-8.30 pm Performance
10th December	Dress Rehearsal for school performance
11th December	9.30am—School Performance
14th/15th December	6.00pm—School Performance
17th December	School Christmas Lunch
18th December	9.00am—Christmas Service at church—uniform please PTFA Christmas Lunch/party—children in Christmas jumper/party clothes Last day of Term 2
5th January 2016	First day of Term 3
12th February 2016	Last day of Term 3
22nd February 2016	First day of Term 4
23rd February 2016	Parent/Teacher Consultations
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# Framfield News

Week Ending

**4th December 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The Governing Body met last week for their termly meeting and as ever the discussion was wide ranging. As a new 'team' we are quickly getting to grips with working across two schools and we had a good overview from Mrs King of progress at each school as well as an update on key priorities that stretch across both. In addition we had a presentation from Mr Sullivan, Head of School at Blackboys, about the Federation's approach to the 'life without levels'. For a while we have been discussing the impact this will have on tracking children's progress across the partnership, the oversight of which is a key role for Governors - I am delighted to report that the system we have adopted seems simple and easy to use for teachers and also easy to understand for parents and we look forward to sharing the system with you all at sessions in the New Year. Mrs Davies explained about the new assessment tests for both KS1 and KS2. Governors were given the opportunity to look at the first sample papers for English and Maths.

We are very aware that the role of the governors is a mystery to many, yet it is

becoming an increasingly important part of any school's leadership team. If you would like to find out more about what we do, visit the *Governors* page on the website under *Information*. There you will also find our biographies. If you are interested in finding out more do contact me via the School Office.

*Katharine Rabson Stark, Chair, St Thomas à Becket Federation Board of Governors* National Takeover Day

We had a hugely successful National Takeover Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed the roles they had and conducted themselves in a very professional manner. A newspaper on the day's events has been produced and is now on sale at a cost of 20p.

"On the Takeover day all of the press pack really enjoyed interviewing and taking photos of all of the reserve teachers." by press photographer Oscar

### Phonics Workshop and Maths Activities

Thank you to those parents who came along to hear Mrs Kent explain about how phonics and early maths skills are taught in EYFS. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the presentation will soon be available on the school website.

### Fundraising Site

Please remember when shopping online to shop through our fundraising site. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/framfieldceprimaryschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/framfieldceprimaryschool)

Thank you to Mr Wickens who kindly came to talk to Peacocks class with his ambulance.

### PTFA

Huge thanks for all the support at the Christmas Fair, which raised a total of £965.00. This will be put towards the much needed interactive whiteboards in two of our classrooms.

A fun evening was had by all at the 1980's disco, where £235.00 was raised.

A Christmas party for the children is currently being organised for Friday, 18th December—have you returned your reply slip together with your contribution towards the cost of the food and the entertainment?

### Chess News

"Last week Spencer G, Freddie, Elliott and I went to Holy Cross School to take part in a chess tournament. There were two groups and we came second in the competition. Brian said we did very well!"  
*by Bobbie*

### Books

The BBC have recently published a list of must-read novels which have been chosen by 500 teachers for the National Association for the Teaching of English and the TES magazine. Below is the list of the top ten books they recommend children read before leaving primary school, which we thought you may find interesting:

1. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
2. Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
3. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

4. Matilda by Roald Dahl
5. The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
6. The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis
7. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
8. We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
9. Dogger by Shirley Hughes
10. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

### Pupil Voice

#### Peacocks

The children have been enjoying our weekly learning outside on our 'Welly Walks'.

"I loved the walk when e collected leaves and watched them falling." *by Felix*

"The ladies from Tesco came to show us lots of fruit and vegetables, but the best bit was making gingerbread men; they were yummy!" *by Daisy*

#### Kingfishers

"Why you should join Multi Skills .... We play four or five games like 'duck, duck, goose', 'catch the beanbags' and many others. I think you should join, it's really good!" *by Felix.*

#### Puffins

"We planned our chariots including what we needed and how it would look. We decided to choose something different from every ones ideas. We used cardboard, paint, tinfoil, hula hoops and strips of cardboard for the reigns."

By Spencer Greenhough

"In DT we made some chariots. We made them by getting a box and we put some decorations on it. I thought it was so very good I did enjoy it."

By Trinity Hawkins

#### Eagles

On the 3rd December Eagles class had a talk from an archaeologist called Dr Diane Davies to tell us about the Maya and we got to touch her own tools and also some of her replica artefacts from her excavations. It was very interesting how she had been on so many adventures.

By Millie Pringle and Bobbie Ridley

Thank you very much to the PTFA for the £100 contribution towards her costs.

### Effort Awards

20th, 27th November and 4th December

#### Peacocks

Georgia Fenton for a fantastic 'thank you' letter

Thomas Horscroft for working hard in phonic sessions

Daisy Holland for moving up a level in her reading

#### Kingfishers

Theo Goodrich for his increasing independence and his big efforts to improve his writing

Austin Greenhough for his much improved behaviour for learning and for his great help in class

Emma Hastings for her consistently excellent behaviour and attitude to learning at all times.

#### Puffins

Spencer Murphy for giving 110% in maths and literacy this week!

Thomas Baggalley for persevering in maths this week and for always trying hard with his work

Elliott Howell for taking on new challenges however difficult, and always with a smile on his face.

#### Eagles

Shannon Goodrich for really good effort in her writing

Emma Britt for a great attitude to learning, especially in the Shooting Stars group

Hayden Roberts for an improved attitude and focus in class.