

IMPORTANT DATES

20th November	7.00pm—PTFA Disco (adults only)
24th November	KS1 Flu Immunisations
24th November	KS1 Multiskills, Freedom Leisure
25th November	9.05am—Kingfishers Class Assembly
28th November	2.00pm-5.00pm PTFA Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall
1st December	9.05am Puffins Class Assembly
3rd December	1.00pm Maya Archaeologist Talk for Eagles Class
4th December	6.50pm—Uckfield Late Night Shopping Singing
9th December	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	Dress Rehearsal with an audience
14th/15th December	6.00pm—School Performance
17th December	School Christmas Lunch
18th December	9.00am—Christmas Service at church 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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NEW DATE: Tuesday, 24th November, 3.45-5.00PM

KS1 Multiskills, Freedom Leisure, Uckfield

Framfield News

Week Ending

20th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation

Last month saw the first Parent Consultation of the academic year. Thank you to all the parents who made an appointment and showed such interest in their child's/children's progress.

As class teachers explained, we are at an exciting time in education with regard to how we assess children's progress and ability. National Curriculum levels have been removed, allowing schools to create their own system for assessment. This "Life without Levels" has been a challenge to all schools, but in the St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation we are confident that we have a fit for purpose, robust system in place that will further improve standards while still keeping parental involvement at the forefront of what we do.

Children will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science 3 times a year (December/March/June) using a set criteria of skills unique to each age group. For example, there are 15 skills a good writer in year 3 has to demonstrate. Staff will look at work and think about a child in lessons and record which of these criteria a child has fully grasped.

These skills will need to be achieved by the end of the academic year. Children

will naturally achieve them at different rates.

Class teachers agreed that rating children against end of year objectives in November was a little premature, so the focus of Parent Consultation was on attitudes to learning and attitudes to home learning. These are the very building blocks to a successful year at school. We trialled using a report form to record the key messages from the meeting. These have been sent home. Once again we invited year 5 and 6 children to join their parents in the consultation meeting.

It is crucial that we receive feedback from parents with regard to the information given.

Please find attached to this edition of the Newsletter a questionnaire to gauge feedback. Please return this, completed to the school office by Friday, 27th November—thank you. If you have a child in Reception, you will not be given a form. This is because children in EYFS are assessed in a different format and Mrs Kent will keep you up to date with any progress.

Harvest Festival

The school's Harvest Festival collection raised £66.32 so thank you all for your donations.

Children in Need—Champions of Change 'Be a Hero' day raised £75.81. A big thank you again for your generous donations.

A big 'Thank you' to Mr Hunt at H & H Produce for donating all the fantastic fruit for Peacocks super smoothie day.

Ofsted Inspection

Thank you for completing Parentview for our Ofsted inspection. We are awaiting our report and will let you know as soon as we receive it.

Anti Bullying week

Last week we have been having assemblies and talking in class to mark anti bullying week. Hopefully your children have had opportunities to explain what they have been doing. The children have especially learnt the definition of bullying as being something that someone does on purpose, more than once. They have also learnt about relational conflict which happens in friendship difficulties and is not bullying. As a staff, we feel that this is an area which the children get confused by and we would like to spend some time making a clear distinction between falling out with our friend/s and bullying behaviour. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Tsapparelli, our PSHE lead teacher.

Clothing

As we are now entering the winter term and the weather is changing it is very important that all children come to school with a warm waterproof coat to wear in the playground at break times. Just a reminder, if you have any spare PE shorts or shirts that your child has grown out of we would really appreciate them.

Sports News

Girls football

In October the girl's St Thomas á Becket Federation football team played extremely good football and earned themselves a place in the girls' finals, which was played on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at UCTC. Mr Sullivan complimented the team on their excellent effort as they came fourth in the Wealden District Finals. Fantastic! Well done to Elmira, Maria, Freya and Florence and our Blackboys friends.

Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday 17th November a team from Eagles class took part in the indoor Athletics at UCTC. They did extremely well and came fourth in the competition.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Elmira for getting through to the cross country county finals. She did extremely well to get into the Wealden finals.

FAB Football Team

Framfield and Blackboys went to a football tournament at Manor school on Tuesday 6th of October. The team was the smallest but they weren't the worst. The FAB team came 2nd and were rewarded with a silver certificate which was the best FAB have ever done! It was a tie and had to be decided by goal difference. Overall Framfield and Blackboys were pleased with their result in the tournament. Recount written by Haydn Roberts

Effort Awards

23rd October, 6th November and 13th November

Peacocks

April Buckley for working very hard on her phonics and reading
All children for their contribution to our Ofsted inspection
Theo Cardno for working hard on his handwriting and pencil grip

Kingfishers

Jake Green for his very hard work and amazing achievements in Maths. He doubled some very high numbers successfully.
All children for their contribution to our Ofsted inspection.
Miles Cripps for the big improvements he has made in his writing, in particular, great descriptions.

Puffins

Archie Bradford for always having a positive attitude to learning and a great start to the first term
All children for their contribution to our Ofsted inspection
Cooper Gagola for his positive attitude this week and big improvement in his writing

Eagles

Evie Jarrett for her great focus and effort and for always being a good example to her classmates
All children for their contribution to our Ofsted inspection
Freya Jeffery for her improved attitude to learning.

School Dinners

If your child has school dinners, please could you log into ParentPay to book your child's meal. This can be done in advance, but definitely before 8.30am on the day. This would help us considerably as a lot of time is currently being spent booking children's meals on the system. This is relevant to all children, whether KS1 or KS2. If you need a reminder of your ParentPay password please see Mrs Lee in the school office. Many thanks.