

NEWSLETTER 2

28th September 2023

Open Mornings for Children due to Start School in September 2024



There are to be four Open Mornings in November, all starting at 9.15am for parents/carers to visit the school:

Tuesday 7th November 2023;

Thursday 9th November 2023;

Tuesday 14th November 2023;

Thursday 16th November 2023.

Interested parents/carers are invited to contact the School Office from Wednesday 1st October to make their appointment to come and visit the school on one of the above days.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Change to Procedure for Booking Appointments

Parent/Teacher consultations will take place on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October 2023 for all classes except Mr Noakes' Class 3RN, whose consultations will take place on Thursday 12th and Monday 16th October. Appointments will take place in school face to face in your child's classroom. **Please note the booking procedure has changed, and the details given in Newsletter 1 are no longer relevant.** You will be able to book your appointments from 11.00am on Monday 2nd October through Parents Evening Manager on Parentmail. If your child is in the POD, please speak to Miss Reeves directly to arrange an appointment. Please note that bookings will close three days before the date of the consultations. If you have any queries with regard to booking appointments, please contact the School Office after 11.00am on Monday 2nd October.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th October

Individual school photos

Thursday 12th October

Parent/Teacher Consultations -
class 3RN only

Monday 16th October

Parent/Teacher Consultations - all
classes

Monday 18th October

Parent/Teacher Consultations - all
classes except 3RN

Apply for a School Place in September 2024

Do you have a child born between 01.09.19 and 31.08.20? If so, they are eligible to start school in September 2024. Information is available for parents to view or download from www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Parents can apply for a school place online by visiting the above mentioned website and clicking on the 'Starting school for the first time (4+)' tab. If you have difficulty accessing the website, or need any other advice regarding the process, please contact the Admissions team on 0300 330 9472. Applications must be made by 15th January 2024.

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Friday 20th October

Year 6 Trip to Battle Abbey

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

October

Autumn break

Monday 30th October

Staff Training/Inset Day

Tuesday 31st October

First day of Term 2

Monday 13th November

Whole school flu vaccination

Friday 15th December

Last day of Term 2

Monday 18th December -

Monday 1st January

Christmas break

Tuesday 2nd January

Staff Training/Inset Day

Wednesday 3rd January

First day of Term 3

Friday 9th February

Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th - Friday 16th

February

February break

Monday 19th February

First day of Term 4

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term 4

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th

April

Easter (April) break

Monday 15th April

First day of Term 5

Friday 24th May

Last day of Term 5

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Whitsun (May) holiday

Monday 3rd June

First day of Term 6

Monday 22nd July

Last day of Term 6 for pupils

Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Training/Inset Day.

Please note there is one further Staff Training/Inset Days to be allocated this academic year.

Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School in September 2024

The ESCC online registration website is now open and the closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Individual School Photos - Monday 9th October

Tempest Photography will be coming in to school on Monday 9th October to take individual school photographs. For those parents who would like sibling group photos for their children **who attend Battle & Langton School**, there will be the opportunity to bring your children in to school between 8.00am and 8.30am on the morning. The photographers will be setup in the large hall (access down the slope to the left of the school gates). You will be required to supervise your children whilst the photo is taken and until the start of the school day.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed harvest donations this week. These donations will be taken to Battle Food Bank.

Change to Lunch Menu - Thursday 5th October

On school census day, Thursday 5th October, there will be a change to the school lunch menu. Please see attached poster for more information. The main meal on Thursday 5th October will be breaded fish fingers and chips, and the vegetarian option will be quorn dippers and chips. The lunch choice for Friday 6th October will be beef bolognese or Chinese vegetable rice. Unfortunately this change will not show on Parentpay. Please choose the main or vegetarian option required on the day.

Changes to School Dinner Menu

From Term 2, there will be a new Autumn/Winter school dinner menu (this will be sent out to parents/carers once the school has received details from Chartwells). From Term 2 there will be no packed lunch option. A tomato pasta option will be added to the choice of meals each day.

Ordering Lunch on Parentpay

Please can we remind parents/carers that all meals (whether or not a child is entitled to free school meals) will need to be ordered by 8.30pm on the day via Parentpay. Parents/carers will be able to book meals for the whole week or term.

Coats and Jumpers

Now that the weather is beginning to change, please can we ask parents/carers to ensure that their children come to school with a jumper/cardigan and a coat each day. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

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Breakfast Club and After School Club Contact Information

Contact details for Breakfast Club and After School Club are below. If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or After School Club for the first time, please contact them on the relevant email. If your child already attends the Breakfast Club or After School Club please ensure you complete the booking form which will be sent out via Parentmail each Monday.

[breakfast@battlelangton.e-](mailto:breakfast@battlelangton.e-sussex.sch.uk)

sussex.sch.uk

afterschool@battlelangton

Walking to School Superstars

Week ending 15th September - Walking to School Superstars 6CC.

Week ending 22nd September - Walking to School Superstars 2CB.

Cough Sweets/Throat Lozenges/Over the Counter Remedies

Please can we ask that children do not bring any of the above items in to school. In accordance with our Administration of Medication Policy, only prescribed medicines for pupils who have Individual Healthcare Plans are permitted in school. Parents are welcome to come in to school to administer medicine to their child should the need arise on a temporary or one-off basis.

Design & Technology

Every class takes part in various design & technology projects throughout the year. Specific items and materials need to be purchased for these projects. To help cover the cost and enable your child to bring their finished items home, a voluntary donation of £4.00 per child would be much appreciated. This is a 'one off' payment that will cover the academic year to July 2024. Please pay via Parentpay, if possible. Alternatively children can bring donations in to school in a named enveloped and give it to their class teacher or School Office. Thank you.

Reminders

Year 6 - Please pay voluntary contribution for trip to Battle Abbey.

Year 6 - Secondary School admission application by 31st October 2023.

Sent home since last Newsletter

All Years - Parentmail re Coats.

All Years - Parentmail re Keystage 2 Library.

All Years - Parentmail re Hastings Storytelling Festival 2023.

All Years - Parentmail re A Parent's Guide to Keeping Kids Healthy this School Year.

All Years - Primary Times.

All Years - Parentmail re Battle Food Bank.

All Years - Parentmail re Community Litter Pick.

All Years - Parentmail re Harvest Festival.

All Years - Parentmail re Attendance Letter.

All Years - Parentmail re Change to School Lunch on Census Day.

All Years - Parentmail re Girl's Black School Shoes found.

Year 6 - Parentmail re Year 6 Art.

Year 6 - Parentmail re PGL.

Year 6 - Parentmail re Trip to Battle Abbey.

Year 6 - Parentmail re Link for NHS Parent Portal - National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP).

Year 6 - Parentmail re Year 6 PGL Blog.

Year 6 - Parentmail re Secondary School Open Mornings.

Years 5 & 6 - Parentmail re Spelling Frame.

Year 4 - Parentmail re Year 4 Expectations.

Year 3 - Parentmail re Spelling Frame.

Year 2 - Parentmail re Threadworm

Year 1 - Letter re Reading.

Year 1 - Parentmail re Headlice.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 - Parentmail re Rugbytots.

Reception - Parentmail re Outdoor Learning.

Reception - Parentmail re Booking School Lunches.

Attached to this week's Newsletter

Chartwells' Census Day Menu.

East Sussex County Council Coffee and Chat sessions poster

NHS Measles poster.

East Sussex County Council Battle Baby Group poster.

Sussex Cricket Foundation - Cricket Holiday Camp poster.

Rother Area Family Hubs Baby Groups poster.

Rother Area Family Hubs Under 5s Groups poster.

Battle Sports Centre Roller Disco poster.

Census Day

KS1 Free
KS2 £2.85

5 October 2023

Did you know?

If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then the meal is free of charge

Census Day Menu

Choose a Main Meal...

Breaded Fish Fingers & Chips

Quorn Dippers & Chips (v)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

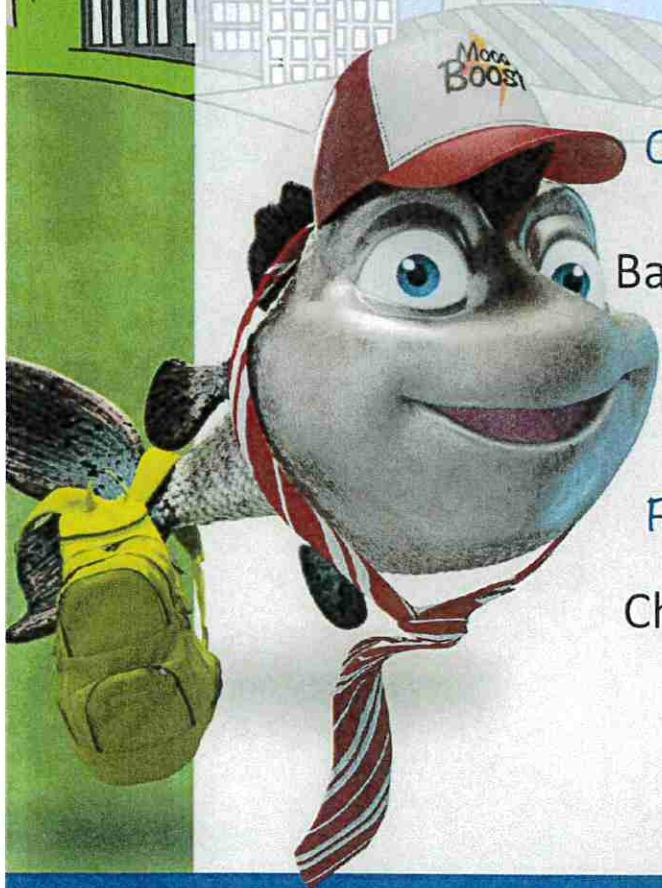
On the Side...

Peas

Baked Beans

For Dessert...

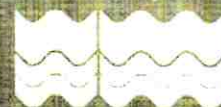
Chocolate Ice Cream
or Fresh Fruit



Don't forget! If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then you can get their meal free of charge!

CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions

East Sussex
County Council



Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session. There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of autism and change.

18 September, Westfield Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

20 September, St Thomas a Beckett Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

27 September, Peacehaven Community School, 9:15am to 10:45am

28 September, Willingdon Primary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

4 October, Robertsbridge Secondary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

19 October, Telscombe Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

No need to book just turn up

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.





Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

Battle Baby Group

A group for new parents with babies to pre-walkers.

Thursdays

1pm - 2:30pm

Starting on the 21st September
(term time only)

Battle Library
Market Road, Battle TN33 0XB

- Free to attend, just pop in.
- Safe and friendly environment.
- Meet other families in the area while socialising with your child.



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or email: ehrother@eastsussex.gov.uk

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Rother area Family Hubs



Baby groups

Are you pregnant or do you have a baby under 12 months?

Come along to a free drop-in group for parents/carers



Alternative Wednesdays*

Practitioner Lead
0-12 months
Tilling Green Community Centre
10.15am-11.15am

*Starting 27th September

Thursdays

Baby Buddies
Volunteer lead
Pre walkers
Battle Library
1.00pm-2.30pm (Term time only)

Friday

Baby Buddies
Volunteer lead
Pre walkers
Sidley Family Hub
10.00am-11.30am

Get in touch to find out more...



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Under 5's groups

Do you have a child under 5? Come along to a free drop-in group for parents/carers and make memories with your little ones.

Tuesdays

Practitioner Lead
0-5 years
Ticehurst Village Hall
10.30am-12.00pm
Volunteer Lead
Meet and Play
Sidley Family Hub
9.30am-10.30am

*Alternative Wednesdays

Practitioner Lead
0-5 years
Tilling Green
Community Centre
12.15pm-1.45pm

*Starting 27th September

Thursdays

Practitioner Lead
Messy Play
Sidley Family Hub
12.30-2pm

Get in touch to find out more...



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Battle Sports Centre

Roller Disco



Sunday 8th Oct

3.30 - 5.00pm

A Roller Disco that is open to all ages and abilities with skate guards on hand to help those in need, and to challenge those that are more experienced skaters.

Each session consists of skating, music, lights, lasers, strange noises and is filled with lots of different games and skating activities.

Cost: £5.00 Skate hire £2.00

Turn up or call 01424 774772

Sports.Centre@Claverham.Org

