

Dear Parents,

This has been another very busy week which has flown by; it is hard to believe that we have just over a week to go with so much still to fit in! The sport was great on Wednesday afternoon with some really strong performances from the girls and boys. The 1st XV are now through to the quarter finals of the Sussex Cup and the members of this very strong team played a show piece game on Monday afternoon against St Christopher's. However, the team of the moment are the Under 9 B's; on Wednesday afternoon they had the first win of the academic year and the boys were so excited by this. They were awarded the sporty monkeys, which are residing in the Year 4 classes this week, so that the members of the under 9B's can enjoy their company!

My sincere thanks to the members of the Chapel Choir who sang carols in The Osteopath's in The High Street in Hurstpierpoint on Thursday evening when the shops were open for late night shopping. The Chapel Choir are really working at a tremendously high level at the moment and they lift our spirits every week in our Thursday evening service. Next year we will be moving the time of the service; for our youngest children it ends far too late for them to appreciate it, and I believe that all the children would benefit from an earlier end to the day so that we can fit in

more after school activities on a Thursday evening. Next term Celebration Assembly will be moved to our Monday assembly time and our Chapel service will start at 3.40pm with a finishing time of 4.20pm. I do hope that those of you who enjoy our service will still be able to come along and share it with us.

On Sunday some members of the Chapel Choir will be singing at the Holmbush Centre in Shoreham to raise money for the children's charity Starr Trust <http://www.starrtrust.com/> and I would like to thank them in advance for their time and commitment.

Next week on Thursday evening, Year 3 and 4 will be performing our Nativity Service; I look forward to this every year, it is charming and if you would like to join us at 4.20 in the Chapel you would be most welcome.

As in previous years the Pre-Prep are supporting the Brighton City Mission this year by collecting gifts for local children in need. This is a lovely thing to do with your children at this time of year and if you would like to take part please see the attachment at the end of this Newsletter. A basket for gifts will be placed in the Foyer by the fireplace.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday afternoon at the matches.

Best wishes,

Heather Beeby

House Point Certificates

Congratulations to those children who were awarded **Gold and Platinum House Point certificates.**

Outdoor Activities

Congratulations to those children who achieved Paddle Power Level One kayaking certificates.



Canine Partners 600 of the Best

Betty's House would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for helping us raise over **£600** for Canine Partners

www.caninepartners.org.uk/

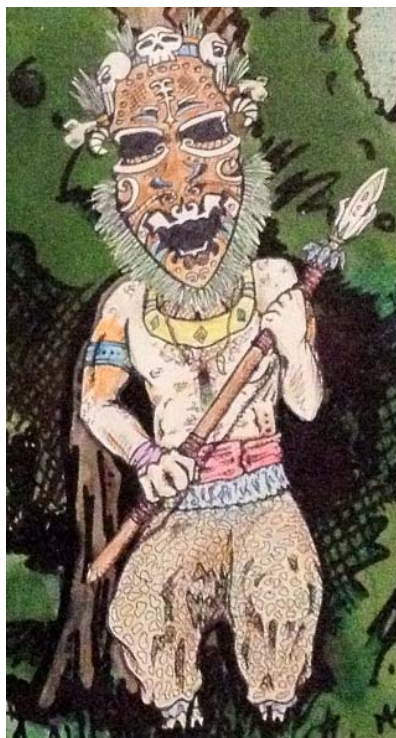




Hair-Raising Raffle

In an effort to raise more money for Canine Partners, I am going to be selling raffle tickets. The pupil who gets the winning ticket will win the chance to colour and hack my hair and beard.

- £1 for 1 ticket
- £5 for 10 tickets
- £10 for 25 tickets
- £20 for 100 tickets



MAGNIFICENT 7

Paul Goodwin and I would just like to say an **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to all of you who have so kindly sponsored us for Movember. All the money raised goes towards research into the prevention of prostate cancer, its treatment and a search for its cure. Maybe because it's a male health issue, and where the prostate gland is in the body, that unfortunately people seem to be embarrassed to talk about prostate cancer and it tends to get overshadowed and not brought to the public eye. The result of this is that research into the causes of prostate cancer and its treatment doesn't attract anywhere nearly the same amount of money as research into other kinds of cancer and so sadly the treatment is nowhere nearly as good. Paul and I are **ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED** to announce that thanks to your remarkable generosity Hurst Families' sponsorship not only

beat the £500 pound target but in fact raised a **MAGNIFICENT £700!** We would like to say **A SINCERE HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU** for all of your generous donations as it is a cause 'close to our hearts' with a grandfather and uncle who have died from prostate cancer and two other uncles currently suffering from it.



In these difficult economic times we would like to remind you about www.schoolstrader.com Tens of thousands of families are using this well-established free service to buy, sell and rent everything from musical instruments, text books and bikes, to boats, ski kit and holiday homes. Trade with



other families completely free. Schools Trader has featured across the media and as a Sunday Times Top 10 website.



Philip Reeve Visit

Philip Reeve, the author of **'Mortal Engines', 'Fever Crumb', 'Here Lies Arthur'** and many other award-winning books, came to visit us today. First, he talked to all of year 7 who are going to be looking at **'Mortal Engines'** in the Lent Term. He told us

how he got his inspiration for his stories and characters, and even drew them for us on the board!



Philip was born in Brighton and trained as an artist. He was originally an illustrator of books such as 'Horrible Histories' before he started writing his own books. He told us how he had come about deciding to write about towns that were moving and how he had changed the world so that they could travel far distances. He showed us the map of the 'Mortal Engines' world, which shows the UK joined to Europe and the North Sea all dried up! Finally, years 5 to 8 were able to hear him speak about all of his books in the Bury Theatre. He was fascinating to listen to and answered all the children's questions.



Maths Challenge

Horatio is tiling his kitchen. How many tiles of 1cm equilateral triangles can he fit inside a regular hexagon of sides 5 cm?

Last week's correct answer was 57

ICT HEAVEN IN 2011

ICT Smartie Challenge Turn Off Fortnight

Answers: Hit or Myth: Leaving your PC screen switched on during the lunch break prolongs its life and doesn't waste much energy?

Myth. Screens use up less energy in screensaver mode?

Myth. Screens use no energy in sleep mode? **Myth.** Up to how much electricity consumption in an average office is due to PC screen consumption? **33%** Most of the wasted energy is given off as heat. In an air-conditioned office how much more energy can be used in getting rid of this waste heat in summer?

50%

ICT Smartie Challenge

164 This week saw the 30th anniversary of the first computer that Computer Chris owned.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-15969065>

What is the computer called?
What company made it?
What was the computer language it used called?
Why was it called this?
E-mail your answers to me at Chris.Wroth@hppc.co.uk

Can You Crack the Code?

The BBC also announced this week that UK intelligence agency GCHQ has launched a code-cracking competition to help attract new talent. The competition began in secret on 3 November and will continue until 12 December.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-15968878>

Can you crack the code?
<http://www.canyoucrackit.co.uk/>



WEEKLY CALENDAR

DAY	EVENT	PICK UP
Mon 5 th Dec		16.30 Years 3–8 17:20 After Prep/Activities 18:00 After Prep/Activities
Tues 6 th Dec	16.30 Burgess Hill School Council Meeting 18.00 Girls' Indoor Hockey League	16.30 Years 3–8 17:20 After Prep/Activities 18:00 After Prep/Activities
Wed 7 th Dec	14.30 Netball v Ardingly (All year 7s and 8s) (H) 14.30 Netball v Ardingly (U11, U10, U11/U10, U9/8, U9, U8) (A) 14.30 Rugby v Windlesham House (U9B, U8A,U8B) (A) 14.30 Rugby v St Bede's (2 nd XV, 4 th XV, U10A) (A) 14.30 Rugby v St Bede's (1 st XV, 3 rd XV, Colts AXII, U9A) (H)	16:00 for children not in matches, please look at Games' board for match finishing times. 17:20 After private study 18.00 After prep
Thurs 8 th Dec	Year 8 Challenge Grade Review 3 16.20 Year 3 and 4 Nativity (Chapel) 18.00 Year 3 Parents' Evening	17.10 After Chapel 18.00 After Prep/Activities
Fri 9 th Dec	Year 7 Challenge Grade Review 3 14.45 House Hockey	16.30 Years 3–8 17:20 After Prep/Activities 18:00 After Prep/Activities
Sat 10 th Dec	14.30 Rugby v Holmewood House (1 st XV, U10A) (A) 14.30 Rugby v Holmewood House (2 nd XV, U11A, U9A) (H)	