



## Newsletter 11 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. We can't wait to welcome so many Role Models in to school next week!

### Future Prime Ministers?!

Seventeen of our House Captains and School Council representatives spent the day in London last week. They visited the Houses of Parliament, met local MP Alison Bennett and watched the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace.

The children were given a guided tour of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall. They asked many questions to find out about the daily life inside the Houses of Parliament and took in all the sights. Their visit also coincided with Prime Minister Keir Starmer's lunch time meeting! Whilst they didn't meet the Prime Minister, they had time with local MP, Alison Bennett, and asked her many thoughtful questions about how she became an MP and what her thoughts were on local housing and increasing population in our area.

The children said:

'The tour was top class because we got to go into the House of Commons and the House of Lords.'

'When I asked Alison Bennett what it was like to be an MP, she said she wakes up every day and feels excited to do her job because it is so varied.'

'We got a tour around Westminster Hall where the Queen was laid in state and we saw her plaque.'

'The best bit was going into the House of Commons. We weren't allowed to sit on the chairs and they had to send the sniffer dogs in after the visitors to check the room before the 12 o'clock Prime Minister Questions.'

'The best bit was seeing the throne in the House of Lords.'

'It was a really fun experience watching the changing of the guards.'

This was a day to remember, full of information and inspiration!



## Sporting STARS of the Newsletter

We have had some extremely exciting and successful sporting action over the past few weeks!

First, our determined Cross Country Team competed over a windy, muddy and hilly East Grinstead course with excellent results. A special mention to Frankie B (Year 6 Ash) who came second overall in the boys race, as well as a significant number of the team who qualified to represent Mid Sussex at the upcoming Sussex Finals!

Next, our Year 6 Boys Cricket Team took part in the Mid Sussex Indoor qualifiers last week. After hard-fought victories over St. Peter's and St. Wilfrid's in the group stage, the team played against Windmills in the semi-final, really raising their game to win the match and qualify for the Mid Sussex Final later in the term.

Following this, some of our other Year 5/6 children took part in friendly Indoor Cricket matches against Blackthorns. Both matches were keenly fought with each school winning one match each.

On a separate note, children across KS2 have attended Basketball Festivals recently. These events were non-competitive and gave pupils the chance to try out new sports/skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Finally, it was wonderful to see some of our Year 2 children having a great time at a Net Games Festival, trying different activities and learning new skills in badminton, volleyball and even pickleball!



### Developing diversity in our curriculum

February is LGBT+ Awareness Month and, as part of our continued work on inclusion and diversity, we will be using LGBT+ Awareness Month as an opportunity for teaching our children. Like in previous years, we will be using key texts in class that represent everyone and teach our children about kindness and acceptance.

We are also proud to be taking part in the 'Rainbow Award' to ensure our curriculum is inclusive and diverse. We are teaching children to grow beyond their postcode and become well rounded individuals who are knowledgeable about how we are all unique and special. We value your support with our continued work to ensure everyone is seen and heard.



### PTA News

**Thank you** so much to Sarah, Andi and their amazing team for such a fabulous sort and sale of uniform this week. We hope you all managed to pick up some bargains.

**Thank you** also to Julia, Kirsty and everyone who has volunteered to help out at the disco. We simply couldn't run these events without you and we know the children really appreciate it.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Role Model Week, wc 10th February:** We can't wait for you all to inspire our children with some future aspirations.

**Book Week Reading:** 7th March

**Quiz Night:** 7th March. Some tables are still available online if you want to come.

### Out of School Sporting Success

Many congratulations to two of our LPA pupils who have shone in recent sporting events outside of school.

Josh B (Year 5 Cedar) took part in the Sussex County Relay Championships, competing against the best swimmers across the county. His team won the silver medal for the 4x50m Medley!

Emma H (Year 4 Pine) took part in a gymnastics competition last week and came 1st place in her group!

Well done both for being Stars of Success!



### LPA

### Over and Above

Henry West	Rufus Birley
Peggy Wicker	Noyan Zarei
Finn Mulligan	Mark Johnson
Bonnie Collier	Isaiah Decruz-Young
Luke Ramsay	Matilda Maidman
Emma Wooller	Dylan Phillips
Theo Steynor	Amelie Payne
Grace Bradick	Amelie Sayers
Leina Phillips	Oliver Bending
Ben Treen	Ted Parkin
Joel Anchery	Ada Shears

### Car Park Closure

We recently wrote to you to outline how we will be closing our car park at key drop off and pick up times to ensure our children, families and staff are kept safe and the site is accessible to emergency vehicles.

From **Monday 10th February**, only staff or other professionals working with our children, and those in receipt of a valid disability Blue Badge for a person in the vehicle, will be granted entry and/or exit access between 8:15am-9:00am and 2:30pm-3:20pm. If you do not meet the listed criteria, please do not attempt to access the car park as you will be turned away.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 10th - Thurs 13th Feb: Role Model Week  
Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb: Half Term Holiday  
Mon 24th Feb: INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Tue 25th Feb - Interim Reports home to parents  
Fri 28th Feb: CommuniTEA Event 9am  
Thurs 6th March: World Book Day  
Fri 7th March: PTA Quiz Night  
Tue 11th March: PTA Meeting 8pm  
Fri 14th March: Year 4 & 5 PTA School Disco 5-6pm  
Tue 18th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip  
Wed 19th March: Planetarium Workshop Year 5 & 1  
Tue 25th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip  
Fri 28th March: CommuniTEA Event 9am  
Fri 4th April: End of Term  
Mon 7th April - Fri 18th April: Easter Holidays  
Mon 21st April - Easter Monday Bank Holiday  
Tue 22nd April - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)