



Twineham CofE School

Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity



Autumn Term 22nd September 2023

Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

2nd October—Reading is magic week

5th October—David Fuller—author visit KS2

October—Black history month

12th October—Fire and Rescue service—Buttercups, Poppy and Oakwood

16th October—Harvest Festival at St Peter's Twineham 2pm (Parents invited)

18th October—Buttercups 6 weeks in meeting at 9am (details to be sent)

23rd—27th October—Half Term

1st November—Parents' evening until 6pm (details to follow)

2nd November —Parents' evening until 5pm (details to follow)

1st December—Decorations day

8th December—Buttercups and Poppy 9am Songs in the hall

12th December—Church service at St Peter's Twineham 2pm (Parents invited)

13th December—KS2 Christmas production

15th December—Last Day of Term

3rd January—First Day of Term

INSET DAYS 2024 2nd January, 22nd July, 23rd July

A message from Mrs Davy

It has been a week of mixed weather but fortunately we have ended the week with some sunshine! Our new Reception Buttercups have settled in beautifully and now have a buddy from Oakwood class to support them at lunchtime on the field. Do ask them who their buddy is! Benji (Year 5) was runner up in the Hen Harrier Junior category writing competition—his poem is published below. Have a lovely weekend. Many thanks Mrs Davy

Local events

'Shine Bright' on Saturday 7th October 2023, at 5pm at the beautiful local Bluebell Vineyard Estate. It is a magical, family-friendly 2.5km woodland, moonlight walk, through the stunning Sussex Countryside; in memory and celebration of those that are special to us. Please see attached flyer.

Please see attached flyer for October half term cricket club and Henfield girls football.

2023 Young wild writers competition

Runner-up: Benjamin Fallow (aged 9), Twineham CE Primary

Hen Harrier

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Circus cyaneus

The accidental meaning of their name, an extreme acrobat
A harrier catapults down to grab its prey with flint-sharp talons –
It's a bank vole!

The sky turns the blue of wet slate
Two harriers, a male and female, circle against the dark sky
They're food passing.

You see that one above? That's the male
Males are whitish-grey, like fresh ash the morning after a fire,
They have black wing tips,
dark like felt that absorbs all light and takes away shadow
The male flies directly above the female, she flips and
balances in thin air,
the male lets the vole free, and
it plummets down into the female's grasp.

The male and the female only stay in that position for a second,
blink your eye and you'll miss it –
She can't leave the chicks unguarded.
The female flips around –
Her feathers are tesserae
a mosaic of rich brown,
spattered with ochre, like watercolour paint.

Their nest is disguised in the heather,
The chicks call, begging,
shedding their downy fluff, it drifts in the wind...

She tears the vole into tiny pieces, the size of oats,
feeding her chicks a vole porridge.
A sea of heather moorlands stretches out,

Men burn the heather
like it's waste –
they're making money, and making a wasteland.
But to the harriers the heather is home, it's the only way they can survive.

In the light it glows with purples and pinks,
the heather's colours are like lavender, Rosanne geranium,
storksbill, red campion,
jasmine bud,
herb Robert,
surrounding the nest, like a garden.



Safety

Parking is always an issue for schools. We would ask that you are considerate about where you park (not blocking driveways) and reducing your speed on the lane to protect all our children. Thank you in advance!



Aspens are running some free online sessions for parents next week so asked us to share the attached poster.

We are, I'm sure, all aware of the vulnerabilities of autistic pupils in terms of their mental health and it is something that I know parents are keen to learn more about.

All of the information, including the links to sign up, can be found here or by scanning the QR code below.

<https://www.aspens.org.uk/news/join-our-free-online-sessions-for-parents-carers>

Worship Spot

This week we were fortunate that Reverend Rachel led our collective worship. We thought about angels and how they look over us. We then ended our worship singing 'Praise Him'. The school will start practising our songs for the Harvest Festival shortly.

What is My Child Learning? Curriculum Update

Please have a look on our website for all our latest 'Curriculum of Hope' overviews. These will explain what we are learning and key vocabulary to support your child's understanding.

https://twineham.eschools.co.uk/website/curriculum_overviews/25295

School Clubs/Sports

Welcome to the new term! I am currently looking at which sporting events we would like to attend this term. These will be both festivals, where children will have the opportunity to try different sports, and also competitions, where we will compete against other schools. As per usual we will endeavour to ensure every child has the opportunity to attend at least one event over the school year. I will also look again to combine with St Mark's if that gives us more opportunities.

However, in order for this to happen we are reliant on your support in getting the children to and collecting them from the events. We fully understand that this can be challenging and we will do all we can to help:

- We will send out the information 3 weeks in advance of the event
- Class teachers will put the information on Seesaw for families to liaise with each other to share lifts

We will then collate the final list of who is taking/ collecting each child.

These are really valuable opportunities for the children as it is a chance for them to socialise with children from other schools. It also allows them the opportunity to create new friendships which can support them when they transition to year 7 and so reinforcing the social benefits of being active and helping develop their love of being active. Mrs Stafford.

Every child is a gift and every child is gifted

This Week's Celebrations...



On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values. We are now thinking about our value of creativity. Here are our latest celebrations :

Poppy: George and Aaro for persevering to write super sentences, Elfin for being a great year 2 role model and Noelle for great work in Maths

Willow: Tobias, Daisy, Rhys and Boden

Oakwood: Sam for independent extension work, Casper for writing with suspense, Edwin for working hard and independently, Jasper for working well applying his learning and Ihsaan for answering well in class.



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