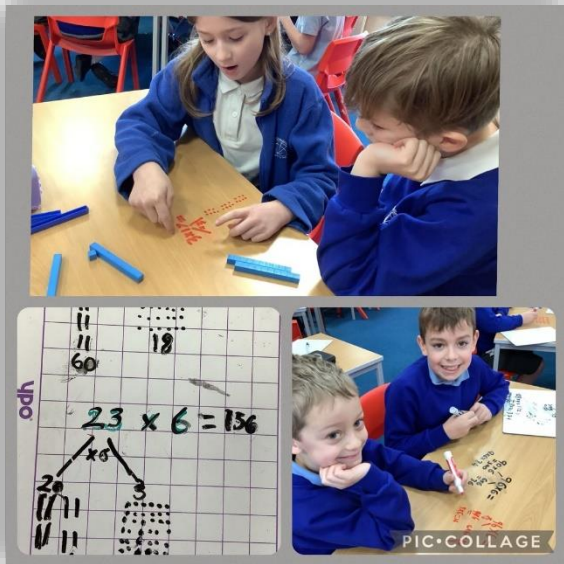


Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of the Spring term 2024.

Curriculum

Year 3 were allowed to write on their tables this week for a Table Top maths activity where they practised multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit with exchange. *“It was really fun!” Freddie & Irina*



Snow!

There was great excitement on Monday at the first snowfall of the year. Lessons were abandoned for a short period of time and for some of our pupils, it was their first experience of snow. *“Ahhh! It was so lovely.” Maverick*

A separate Parentmail was sent this week regarding emergency school closures, such as heavy snow.



The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children’s Commissioner wants to take children’s thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people’s voices on what they think needs to be done to make children’s lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey is open until Friday 19th January and can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding - West Sussex Single Point of Access

The [West Sussex Single Point of Access](#) (SPoA) is a dedicated service which provides a simplified single route to access specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health support. The SPoA helps direct you to the right service, eliminating the need to refer to multiple services.

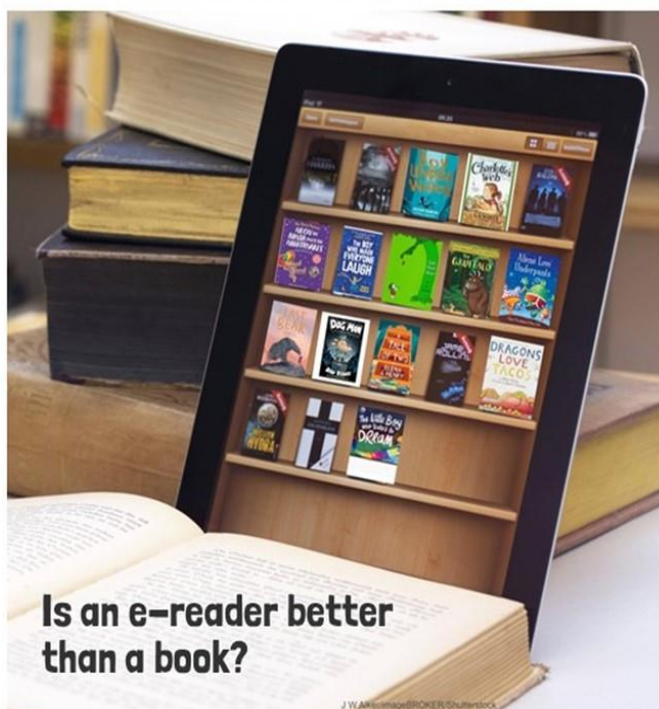


SPoA accepts referrals for children and young people from the age of 4 up to a young person's 18th birthday. The young person must also be registered with a West Sussex GP. Anyone can make a referral including: children, young people, parents, carers, families, GPs and other professionals.

All Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and ADHD (neurodevelopmental) referrals need to continue via the current referral pathways. If there is a mental health or emotional wellbeing concern separate to this, the young person can be referred to SPoA. Referrals for young people with eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa, need to continue directly to Sussex Family Eating Disorder Service (SFEDS).

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is **Is an e-reader better than a book?** – see below.



In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
18th January 2024	29th January 2024
25th January 2024	5th February 2024
Half Term week	
8th February 2024	19th February 2024
15th February 2024	26th February 2024
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024
29th February 2024	11th March 2024
7th March 2024	18th March 2024
14th March 2024	25th March 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2024	
Thursday 11 th January	Y3 Swimming starts
Thursday 11 th January	Y4 Ukulele starts
Monday 15 th January	DOT day- Children may wear colourful clothes
Friday 19 th January	Young Voices at the O2
Thursday 1 st February	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC Number day
Monday 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half term
Monday 19 th February	INSET- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book day

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes