



The Parkland Press!



The Parkland Federation Newsletter

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Swale Academies Trust



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It's certainly been a very busy few weeks as we start to think about all of the incredible achievements this academic year and the astounding level of resilience that children, their families and school staff have shown during a very challenging 18 months. We are so proud of the entire community! You will shortly receive a letter that will outline children's new classes for September and transition arrangements for pupils in current Year R - 5. Year 6 pupils will have had notification from their secondary schools about virtual transition materials available from 8th July. These will be looked at in school, but do follow them up at home as well.



NEW WEBSITE

We are very excited to announce that we have launched a new and updated website! Please use the link below to take a look!

www.theparklandfederation.com

NHS ARTWORK

On June 1st, Eastbourne's Covid-19 Mass Vaccination site moved from The Welcome Building (Congress Theatre) to (the old) Mothercare Store in Hampden Park. NHS staff worked hard to set this up but asked for our help because they said: 'The problem is, the walls inside that building are VERY bare!' Parkland artists swung into action and created these pictures to help keep spirits high. They certainly delighted staff who sent a big thank you our way and told us that Eastbourne is currently the highest performing area of the UK for vaccinations! Well done NHS! What excellent work!



KEY STAGE 2 - SPORTS DAY 2021

The Junior School's Sports Day took place a little differently this year, with year groups participating in their respective bubbles. Nerves, tension and excitement were all on display as the children looked to compete against their peers in their class, testing out their skills in a range of disciplines. The children took part in the following events: Sprint, javelin, target throw, relay race, sack race and obstacle course. This tested the children, pushing their skills as far as they could go. Well done, everyone!

The children had a wonderful time at Sports Day and we will be sharing more photos with you at a later date. A massive thank you to all parents and carers for making sure everyone had their PE kit and additional water to drink!



INSTAGRAM: A GUIDE

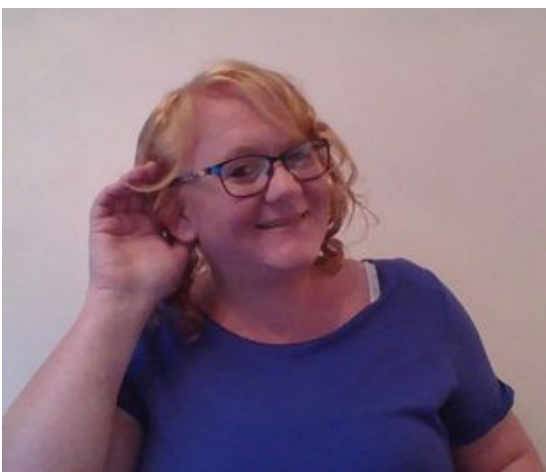


One of our lovely Llamas wants to set up an instagram account! Although we all know children shouldn't have instagram accounts until they are 13 years or over, we thought we would share a video regarding how to keep accounts private for those families who have siblings at secondary school.. Learn more about how to set up an Instagram account so teenagers know only their friends and family are in their instagram circle. [Click here to watch](#) or view it on the new website!

WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we bring you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school, we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and when we talk to one another.

The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.



This week's sign is **'listen.'**

Cup your dominant hand around your ear and say "listen."

SHIN PADS FOR FOOTBALL CLUB

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome some of our budding footballers to Football Club this term! In order to minimise any risk of injury, please ensure your child has a pair of shin pads to wear during the club.. Thank you so much for your continued support. It's great to be back!



ECO TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT

Our eco tip this fortnight is to **use a microwave!** You'd be surprised by how much more energy efficient microwaves are compared to conventional ovens. You can cook your vegetables, jacket potatoes and even a delicious mug cake - and it saves time too!



ATTENDANCE FIGURES THIS WEEK

Class	Percentage	Class	Percentage
Inkpen	96%	Kerr	97%
Donaldson	98%	Shireen	96%
Dahl	97%	Santat	97%
Angelou	97%	Jeffers	96%
Walliams	97%	Blackman	96%
Lewis	95%	Zephaniah	96%
Rosen	98%	Mian	96%

A very BIG well done to **Donaldson** at Parkland Infant School and **Rosen** at Parkland Junior School for having the highest attendance. **What superstars!**



The Parkland Federation Absence Protocol

Please can we politely remind all parent and carers of the procedure you must follow if your child is absent. All parent and carers must:

- ★ Notify the school by telephone on the first, **and subsequent days of absence**, as early as possible and no later than 9am.
- ★ To inform the office and provide a Medical Appointment letter/card if your child needs to attend a medical appointment in school time. Whenever possible, please try to make all appointments out of school hours.
- ★ To liaise with the school about specific problems, or barriers, which might cause absence so that we can offer support.

BROMCOM - MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

We will soon be introducing a new online portal for parents/carers called 'My Child at School' (MCAS). MCAS enables you to view your child's information and update using the web or using mobile app. The facility allows instant access to:

- Attendance
- Important Documents
- Medical information
- and much more...



User account details will follow soon, so that you can activate your account. It will also mean that text and email communications will come via MCAS rather than Parentpay.

REMINDER - EYFS HEIGHTS, WEIGHTS & MEASURES - 30TH JUNE 2021

Just to confirm that the Health Team will be at the Infant School on **Wednesday, 30th June 2021** to take the EYFS heights, weights & measures.

If you wish to opt out of this, then you have to contact the School Health Team on **0300 123 4062** or email: kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net



RESCUE CHICKEN UPDATE

Our lovely new ladies have settled in well and have been very spoilt by our Animal Welfare Team. They have put on weight and grown new feathers in the past two weeks and go from strength to strength, enjoying their new home and the attention they get from the children. They are also enjoying the company of The Parkland Cockerel who also looks after their needs each day.

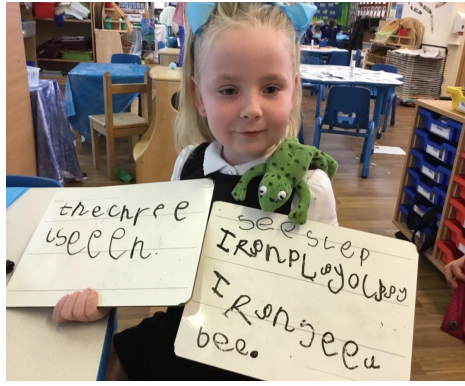
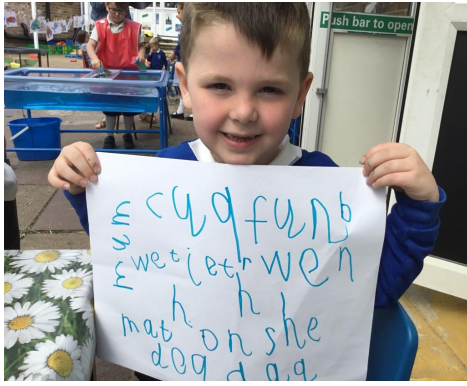
LLAMA WALKS

Star and Luna have been out and about this week and are very much enjoying the children's company. They are certainly very good at keeping the school field nice and short too! We love how curious they are!

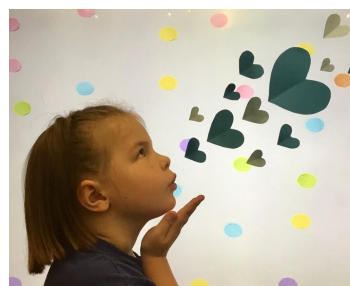


EYFS LEARNING

For Healthy Living week, we had a fantastic time exploring all of the different things we can do to keep our bodies healthy. We did fruit tasting, made our own toothpaste and we tested the effects of Coca-Cola, orange juice and vinegar on our teeth (but using an egg!). Our book of the week was Pirates Love Underpants and we designed our own underpants, made telescopes and built our own pirate ships. Shiver me timbers!



A big thank you to our Dads and all the special people in our lives! We hope you all had a wonderful day on Sunday!



YEAR 1 LEARNING

We had a great time at the Lewes Nature Reserve - on the hottest day of the year too! We enjoyed exploring the pathways through the woodlands and around the riverside taking in the natural beauty of the wildlife areas. We learnt how to use different tools to identify and name the different creatures living in the pond water and woodland areas. The children loved being able to go on a coach and discover somewhere new and enjoyed a picnic in the shade! The nature reserve is open every day if you would like to go and explore with your family!



As a part of our healthy living week we enjoyed learning about how to keep healthy with our body and mind. We tried different experiments to look at the effects that being healthy or unhealthy has on our body. We used our senses and tasted fruits to find our favourite. We took time to remember to be calm and use nature to rest our busy minds. Bliss!



YEAR 2 LEARNING

TOP SECRET

Well done, Year 2 for completing your first week of Secret Agent Training! You have demonstrated some amazing maths skills to help you on your spy missions at the end of next week.

We continue our training next week and we will swap out mathematics for detective skills. Can you find the hidden meaning in the text and collect clues to crack the code! We'll have to wait and see.

Good luck Secret Agents, may the odds forever be in your favour.

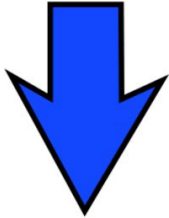


We have been making the most of the lovely weather by doing some outside learning. Honing in on our reading skills in the fresh, open air!

In maths, we have been using equipment to learn how to partition our numbers and be able to visualise all aspect of a given number. The children worked fantastically in pairs, keep up the good work everyone.

YEAR 3 LEARNING

In English this week, we have been hard at work on our play scripts, drafting and editing them. We used stage directions, dialogue and even performed to our friends! What a class act!



What a busy two weeks Year 3 has had! Last week was Healthy Living week and we took part in lots of exciting opportunities. We started off with an assembly all about our hearts and learnt how they work and how we can keep them healthy. We were then asked to make a poster all about how we can keep them healthy.



In Science this week, we have been learning all about reflection! Hidden around our classroom we had a series of objects which we had to identify and say whether they were reflective or not. We used our grouping and classifying skills to come to the conclusion that reflective surfaces are usually shiny and brightly coloured! We also learnt where and when we may see these objects and the importance of them.



We have been busy developing our fluency in addition and subtraction and in order to do so we played some interactive games! They had missing number problems, solve the calculation and also find the calculation! We then had a race to see who was the quickest at addition and subtraction! What stars!

YEAR 4 LEARNING



Year 4 spent Thursday morning trying out some delicious fruits as part of healthy living week. The children tried pineapple, plums, bananas, mango, cherries and tangerines. The children had a wonderful morning sampling all of the flavours and hopefully took home with them some new healthy food ideas that they can enjoy!

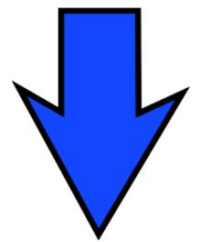
Year 4 were treated to an afternoon with a guest visitor - Mr Thrower's mum! Mr Thrower's mum is a registered nurse and spoke all about how to have a healthy heart. To test out how heart rate increases, Year 4 went for a bit of a boogie and measured how long it took for their heart rate to return to normal.



Have a look at these fantastic pictures of Year 4's marvellous javelin throwers in preparation for sports day.



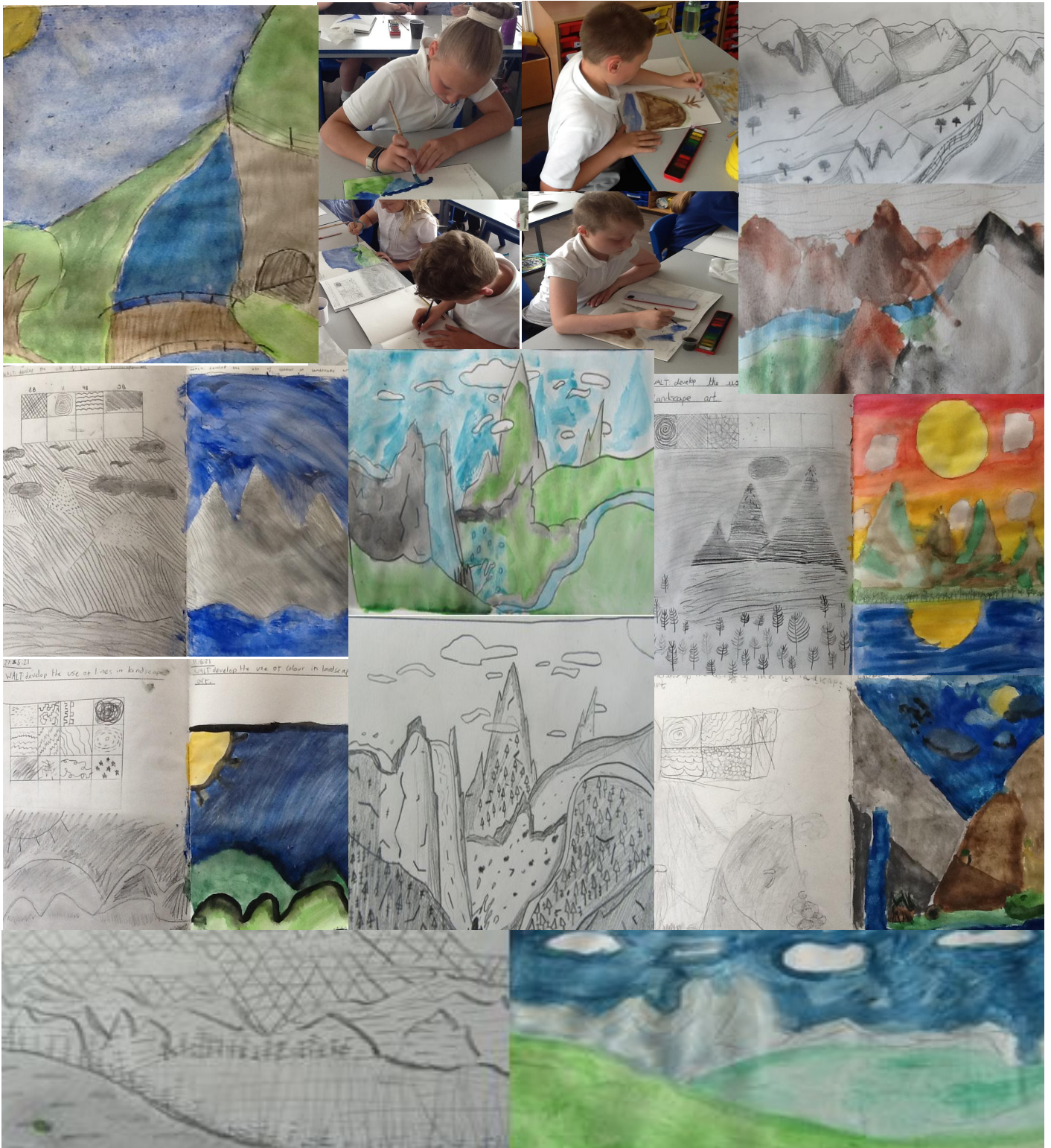
We created our very own toothpaste last week! Using a mixture of cornflour, bicarbonate of soda, glycerin and peppermint essence, the children began creating their very own brand of toothpaste. Once they had done this, the children then added water to their mixture. To test their toothpaste, the children created a stain on the side of the bowl their mixture was in. Using a toothbrush, the children then began to dissolve the stain and see how effective their toothpaste was! A highly enjoyable afternoon was had by all! Colgate and other toothpaste brands - you have some serious competition!



YEAR 5 LEARNING

Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring the artwork of Eric Ravilious, an artist well known for his works of art based on the Sussex countryside. The children began by investigating the use of lines to add texture to artwork using sketch pencils. They worked with different patterns and strokes to create different shapes and depth in their work.

Children then used these new skills to create a picture of a Greek landscape using Eric Ravilious' style. They looked at mountainous and rocky landscapes, again developing texture and layers through lines and sketches. The third part of their learning focused on adding colour to their pictures, using watercolours.



YEAR 6 LEARNING

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard in preparation for this week's End of Year Assessments. They have shown real resilience and have been an absolute credit to the school.

The children have also continue to work on our their geography skills by designing 'Fantasy Maps', spending the day planning and making their own islands.





Congratulations to the following pupils

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	Emilia - for being such a ray of sunshine and for working super hard on her maths.	Mia
	Brooke - for working her socks off in phonics and for being such a kind member of Inkpen Class.	Joshie
Kerr	Piper - for being so wonderful with our chicks. Piper shows them so much love and affection and it's absolutely gorgeous to see! Well done, Piper.	Alfred
	Mikey - for being incredible in Phonics. Mikey is working so hard and always has such a huge smile on his face when learning. Well done, Mikey!	Bethany
Shireen	ALL of Shireen for their fantastic behaviour and positive engagement during and after our school trip - on the hottest day!	Rhylei
	Hannah - for her amazing art! Hannah created a beautiful collage of Monet's Lily in the Pond. She worked with clear intent and concentration. Superstar!	Paige
Donaldson	Louis - for his incredible hard work with his spelling and writing. We are so proud of you!	Mason
	Jesse - for being such a kind and caring member of the class. You are incredible and we are so proud of you!	Stanley
Santat	Lukas - for his incredible effort with his handwriting and a great job in English. Well done, Lukas.	Emelia
	Lola- for her all round dedication and working incredibly hard this term. Well done, Lola!	Isabella
Dahl	Zara - For being the perfect student! She is always keen to learn, positive and she follows the rainbow rules every day.	Kian
	Louis - For having a positive approach to his learning and working incredibly hard this term. Great work, Louis!	Serene

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	<p>Toby - For excellent work in English and improving his handwriting.</p> <p>Susie - For sharing wonderful ideas in PSHE and being brave and putting herself forward in script plays.</p>	Grayson
Jeffers	<p>Danielle - for her hard work and enthusiasm in Maths.</p> <p>Finley - for his independence in PSHE and for working so hard.</p>	<p>Carol</p> <p>Ethan</p>
Walliams	<p>Edward - for consistently working hard and continuing his excellent progress</p> <p>Sophia - her fantastic presentation of learning and taking pride in what she does!</p>	<p>Neveah B</p> <p>Zahraa</p>
Blackman	<p>Liam - For his amazing effort and hard work in all areas of the curriculum!</p> <p>Harry - for being a kind and helpful member of our class!</p>	<p>Nathyn</p> <p>Angel</p>
Lewis	<p>Dexter - For being an amazing friend</p> <p>Jayden W - For being a super hard worker</p>	<p>Jayden F</p> <p>Chloe</p>
Zephaniah	<p>Alfey I - For good maths talk and logical thinking</p> <p>Sophia - such a hardworking attitude and excellent listening</p>	Jasmine M
Mian	Millie F - For your fantastic effort in Year 6 assessments.	Luke
Rosen	Lucas J - For your fantastic effort in Sports Day	Kayla



STEM CHALLENGE

SCIENCE FUN FOR NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

You will need

- * Drinking glass or another see-through container
- * Jug of water
- * Paper and pens

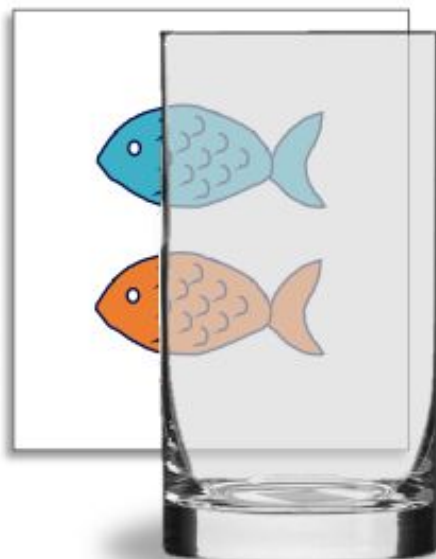
1 TRY THIS INDOORS ... Confused Fish

Amaze and puzzle your family and friends with this optical illusion! Draw two fish on a piece of paper and prop it up behind an empty drinking glass so that you can see the fish through the glass. Then slowly fill the glass up with water while you watch the fish – what do you see happening?

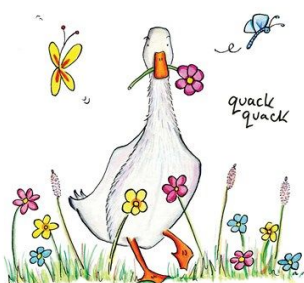
WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?

Things to talk about ...

What changes about how you see the arrows when you pour water into the container? What happens if you turn the fish so they are pointing upwards? What happens if you use a different glass, or move it nearer to or further from the fish? What happens to writing? Instead of using fish, can you write a word that looks the same when the glass is empty and when you pour water into it? What do you know about how we see objects?



Thank You



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Isabel at Cliffe Vets. She has been supporting one of our little ducks with a poorly foot.



WALK AND TALK

An informal, chatty, safe, confidential space for Parents and Carers to chat and be supported (and to get some fresh air too!)

Every Friday @1pm

Meeting on the Beach

(outside The Fishermen's Club)

Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AA

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFO:

contact@holdingspace.org.uk

07922 851207

www.holdingspace.org.uk

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Social distancing and government guidelines will be adhered to



PARENT SUPPORT

Holding space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.



PARENT & CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

PRINTERS PLAYHOUSE | 49 A GROVE ROAD | EASTBOURNE | BN21 4TX

Are you caring for a child who is struggling with their mental health? You are not alone. Please join us for our monthly coffee mornings.

This will be a relaxed group offering a safe, confidential space; time to chat, connect and share with one another.

We will be running coffee mornings on the following dates 10am-11.30am:

Thursday 20th May

Thursday 17th June

Thursday 22nd July

07922 851207

contact@holdingspace.org.uk



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Are you caring for a child who is struggling with their mental health? You are not alone. Join us for our friendly parent support group where we offer a safe, non-judgmental, confidential space for you to come together, be supported, share and chat with like-minded people. Everybody is welcome!

Every Wednesday
9.30AM - 12.30PM
Langney Community Library,
Langney Shopping Centre,
Eastbourne BN23 7RT



Please get in touch for more info:

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Our team of volunteers are here to support you!

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REQUIRED FOR JULY 2021

Parent Governor for Eastbourne Swale Primaries

'Effective governance begins with effective governors'

A governor must be a good listener, and someone who is able to read and take in information

easily-

A governor must be able to:

- raise questions and take part in discussion and decision-making
- be discreet, open minded and fair
- be a source of ideas and a good communicator
- be enthusiastic about the work of the school
- be prepared to work as part of a team
- attend 6 meetings a year early evening (these are virtual meetings at present)
- commit to completing Governor training, relevant to the role

Applications will be especially welcome from individuals with experience/ interest in any of the following areas:

- Employment and HR
- Child Protection and Welfare
- Health and Safety
- Finance
- Early Years Foundation Stage
- Spiritual Moral Social and Cultural Education and the community

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Office for an application form and Governor Declaration.

Closing date is: **12th JULY 2021**