



St Paul's News



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

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Our Christian Values

To **persevere** with everything, we do.

To show **respect** for each other and the world around us.

To **forgive** others when they hurt us.

To always be **honest** and tell the truth.

To **serve** others.

Give **thanks** to God for all he does for us.

A 'wet' welcome back to school after a warm summer break.

It's been lovely seeing the children settle back into school life as well as seeing the new Reception cohort find their way around the school. The children have been 'letting their light' shine; sharing their talents as well as helping one another.

Skateboarding has started again for the older children but due to the wet weather, we have had to cancel at short notice. We are hoping we will get a few more sessions in before the weather turns for the worst.

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Attendance

"ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE BETTER"

18 classes had their attendance above 95% this month.

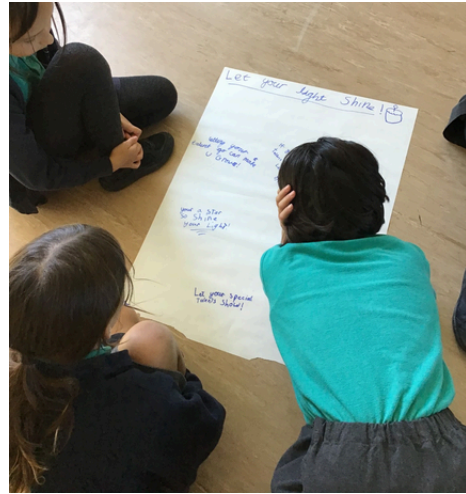
Overall school attendance is 95.3% which is inline with the national average of 95.5% to date. Please remember that in the event of your child being absent from school, it is your responsibility to let the front office know the reason for this through ringing in using Option 1 or leaving a message via Arbor.

A big well done to all 18 classes that have an attendance above 95% so far this term!

Attendance this term

RLB	97.4%	2JS	93.9%	4AB	97.2%
RBCKC	95.7%	2LG	97.1%	5JM	95.2%
RKS	94.7%	3EL	95.7%	5ER	96.3%
1CD	95.5%	3AY	95.9%	5GH	92.9%
1RM	95.6%	3JB	95.0%	6CW	95.3%
1MCLB	95.8%	4VLTS	96.2%	6KG	94.8%
2HONH	97.0%	4HM	95.0%	6ECM	95.4%

Year 5 Music Workshop



The Year 5 children were brilliant on Friday 13th September! So many children really shone and sang solo which is amazing. They also listened very respectfully to a mini concert by the pianist. The organisers commented on how brilliantly they engaged and how amazing the behaviour and listening was.

The workshop was on song writing and the children decided (genuinely, without a nudge from me!) that they wanted to write a song around

“Let Your Light Shine”.

They brainstormed some ideas on paper and then jointly wrote the lyrics and the melody.

Miss Watson [Music lead].

Video link

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New House Names

Chosen for their courageous advocacy



Courageous advocacy is the act of speaking up and advocating for a cause or issue that one believes in, even in the face of opposition or backlash.

It requires a level of courage and conviction, as one is taking a stand and potentially putting oneself at risk in order to make a positive impact.

Courageous advocates are willing to take a stand and speak out against injustice, even if it means facing personal or professional consequences.

They are driven by a strong sense of purpose and a belief that their actions can make a difference.

Courageous Advocacy Network for Church of England Schools September 2023- 2024

Courageous Advocates



Sir David Attenborough

Who is he?

Sir David Attenborough is a TV broadcaster and conservationist. He teaches people about the natural world and how we can look after it.

Why is he a courageous advocate?

Sir David fights for the planet and the impact that climate change has on the world and the animals in it. His programmes teach others how they can be a good steward and protect the Earth.

Interesting fact:

He is the only person to have won BAFTAs for programmes in black and white, colour, HD, and 3D



Malala Yousafzai

Who is she?

Malala Yousafzai loved school. When she was told she would not be able to attend due to her gender, she continued to go despite her life being in risk. Malala fought all of the odds to receive an education.

Why is she a courageous advocate?

Malala continues to fight for the right for children to attend school. Particularly, she fights for equal opportunities for girls and boys.

Interesting fact:

Malala received the Nobel peace prize in 2014. She received it for her tireless campaign for all children to receive an education.

Courageous Advocates



John Logie Baird

Who is he?

John Logie Baird was an inventor. He came to Hastings and it was in the Queen's Arcade that he created the first television images.

Why is he a courageous advocate?

John Logie Baird had lots of health problems. Despite these, he persevered to create one of the most influential inventions of all time. Imagine not having a TV today?

Interesting fact:

John Logie Baird tried to create lots of new inventions including creating diamonds by heating graphite. Unfortunately, this was not a success.



Mother Teresa

Who is she?

Mother Teresa was a nun in Calcutta, India. She helped people in need such as orphans or homeless people. In 1979, she won the Nobel prize for peace.

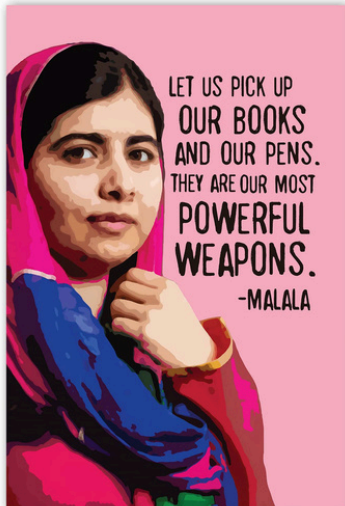
Why is she a courageous advocate?

Mother Teresa spent her life helping those in need and encouraged others to do the same.

Interesting fact:

She had received more than 120 honours and rewards.

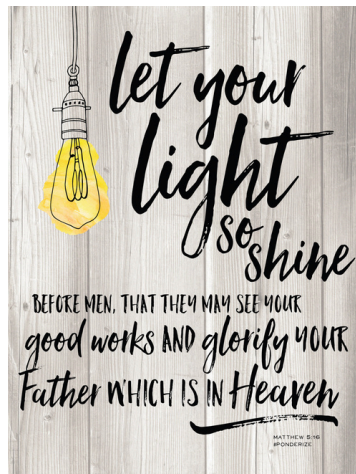
Updated Hall Canvases



Key Stage 2

IN HIM THERE WAS LIFE, THAT LIFE WAS LIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERPOWERED THE LIGHT

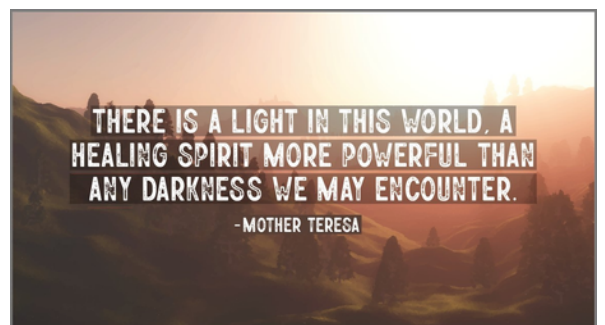
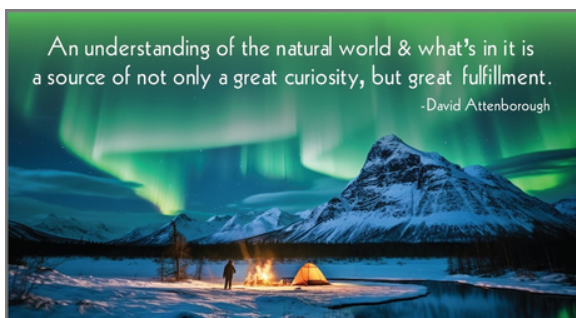
JOHN 1: 1 - 5



Key Stage 1



We have updated the canvases in the hall to reflect our vision, house names and strap line 'Let your light Shine'



Year 7 Secondary School Open Days

Bexhill Academy - 23rd and 24th October 2024- see website for times

St Richard's Catholic College - Wednesday 2nd October 2024 4.30pm-7pm

Claverham Community College - Thursday 3rd October 2024

The St Leonards Academy - Prospective parents evening - Tuesday 1st October 2024 Open mornings are also available,

ARK Alexander- Tuesday 24 September 10:15 to 11:00; Tuesday 1 October 10:15 to 11:00;
Tuesday 08 October 10:15 to 11:00

Hastings Academy- See website for dates and times <https://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/key-documents/prospectus>



School Admissions

Going up to Secondary school?

If your child is in Year 6 you must apply by **31 October 2023**

Apply online – don't miss the deadline!
eastsussex.gov.uk/schools

Step 1 – Find out about schools

You can find out about schools by:

- Visiting schools - most will have open days or virtual tours
- Looking at school websites
- Reading the most up-to-date Ofsted reports and school performance data.

Our website has details of all schools available to your child including data relating to how places were allocated last year. There's a searchable map for you to find out which school(s) serve your area. We also have links to league tables and Ofsted reports. Please visit eastsussex.gov.uk/schools

You can also get information about schools on the GOV.UK website www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk

You can use the internet at your local library.

What happens when

September 2023

Apply online or call **0300 33 09 472** for a form
31 October 2023 (closing date)

Online applications – midnight 31 October 2023

Paper forms must be received by the Admissions Team by 31 October 2023

Please note: ensuring applications are returned on time is the responsibility of parents and carers.

1 March 2024 – Decision day

Decisions are sent by email on the offer day. If we are unable to email you, we will post you the decision letter. Online applicants have the ability to view the decision online.

April to June 2024

Appeals for parents who are unhappy with the decision.

September 2024

Children start at their new school.

Need more information?

In addition to applying for a place, you can also find out about school life such as transport, meals, term dates, uniform etc at: eastsussex.gov.uk/schools

If you need specific advice on applying for a school place email the Admissions Team who will be able to answer detailed enquiries on the admissions process.

Email: admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk

You can find independent advice online by visiting Ace Education Advice www.ace-ed.org.uk

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Step 2 – Understand the admissions system

You should put up to **three** school preferences when you apply. It is important to put a second and third preference in case we cannot give you your first preference. **If you don't apply for any school place your child will not be allocated a school.**

- If a school has enough places, then everyone who applied will be given a place.
- If there are not enough places for everyone the 'admissions criteria' will decide which children will be given the places.
- Criteria change from school-to-school so you will need to understand the rules for the schools you prefer.
- Please note that most secondary schools do not take into account where your child goes to primary school.
- If you do not name a school local to your home as one of your preferences and your preferences cannot be offered, the school offered to your child may be a considerable distance from your home and you may not qualify for assistance with transport.

The criteria for all schools can be found on our website eastsussex.gov.uk/schools

If your child has a Education, Health and Care plan the school application process is different. Please contact your Assessment and Planning Officer or school SENCO for more information.

Step 3 – Apply by 31 October 2023

Please apply online at eastsussex.gov.uk even if you're applying for schools in another council area.

Step-by-step instructions will guide you through your online application.

Applying online means:

- your application is safe;
- you can be sure your application has been received; and
- a decision will be emailed to you.

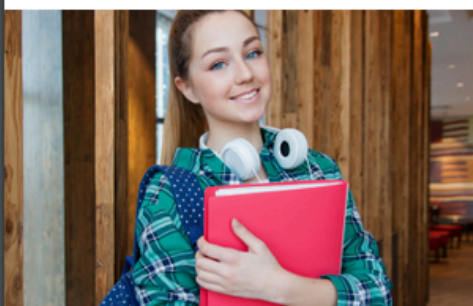
You can access the internet at your local library.

If you prefer a paper form please email: admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk

Use this space to record your online details

Email:

Password:



"Let Your Light Shine"

HOW CAN YOU LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, TODAY?



'BE THE SMALL LIGHT THAT IGNITES A FIRE OF CHANGE IN THIS WORLD'

Please take a tea light as a visual reminder of the power a small light can have and the change you can be in our community.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

St Leonards on Sea



Looking for Wisdom?

Do join us on a Sunday morning at our 11am service for our Autumn sermon series in the bible book of proverbs. We will be discovering God's wisdom for life.

Starts Sunday 8 September 2024

 **St Matthews**
helping local people follow Jesus Christ



SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

Harvest Festival

**11AM CELEBRATION SERVICE
FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

St Matthew's Church
St Matthew's Road, St Leonards on Sea

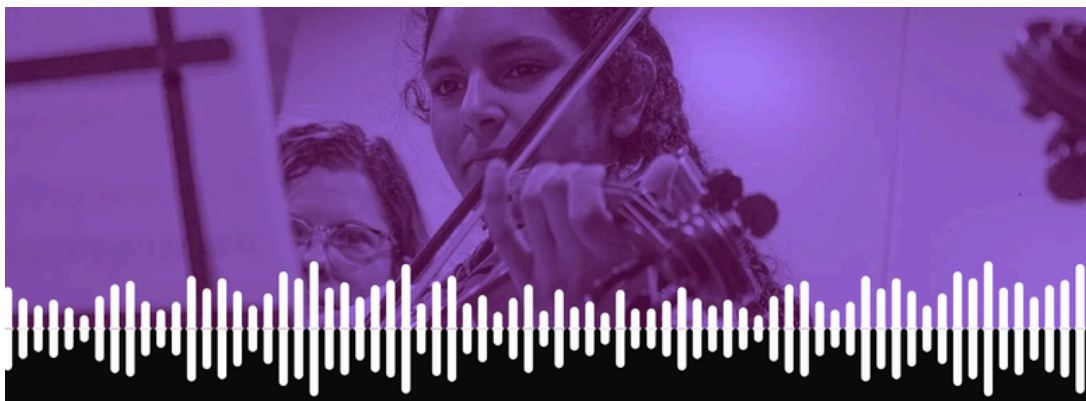
Please bring a gift for the foodbank
if you are able.

Music Hub for Brighton & Hove and East Sussex

Transforming lives by giving children, young people, and adults the lifelong gift of music.

We are the region's leading provider of high-quality, inclusive music and arts education together with performance opportunities in the South East.

Taking in Brighton & Hove, Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, Rother, Wealden and the surrounding areas we offer children, young people and adults the chance to explore their passion for music through lessons, ensembles, projects, workshops, orchestras and summer schools.



**We currently have guitar, violin, cello and keyboards.
Further information from www.createmusic.org.uk**

Maths

Times Table Rockstars

Have you ever wanted to be a rockstar?
Now's your chance!

Join us on Friday 11th October to celebrate
the re-launch of Times Table Rockstars.

All children in Years 1 - 6 are invited to
come to school wearing their wackiest
rockstar outfits ready for a fun filled day of
Maths. Rockstar hair and makeup are
welcome!

There will be certificates for the craziest
rockstar in each class. The bolder the
better!

Key Dates

Wednesday 16th October - Crazy Hair Day

Friday 25th October - End of Term 1

Monday 4th November- Start of Term 2

Tuesday 5th November Parents Evening -3.30pm- 6.00pm

Thursday 7th November Parents Evening -4.30pm- 7.00pm

Monday 9th December at 2pm & Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am- Reception
Nativity

Tuesday 10th December at 2pm & Thursday 12th December at 9.30am- Year 1 & 2
Nativity

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm - Year 3 Christingle

Thursday 12th December at 2pm- Year 4 Christingle

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

Friday 20th December at 10am- KS2 Carol Service

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