



The Parkland Press!



The Parkland Federation Newsletter

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Swale Academies Trust



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and that you are all looking forward to the exciting things teachers have planned ready for the Summer Term. It has been wonderful to enjoy the warmer weather and sunshine as well as seeing some of the restrictions around Covid -19 revised. Please do continue to support us in keeping every year group bubble open so that we can ensure all pupils catch up on what has been missed over the past year. Our assessments last term have given us a very clear picture of how each child is doing and what their next steps are. We are determined to ensure the best possible support for every child, so please help us by:

- ★ Arriving and departing at the designated time for your child so that there is no waiting outside the school gates
- ★ **Please wear a face mask on site at all times, unless you are medically exempt**
- ★ Please read the latest guidance here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Whilst the Government are pleased with recent infection rates, please remember that it only takes one positive case to close a Year Group Bubble, resulting in 10 further days of lost education for our pupils. A huge thank you in advance for your support.

Congratulations to our Easter Prize Winners

During school closures, you may remember that we rewarded outstanding learning through certificates. Each certificate winner's name was then put into a prize draw and Mrs Berhane drew the winners at the end of Term 4. [Congratulations to:](#)

Abigail R in Dahl Class who won 1st Prize - A Family Day Trip out.
Bridie B, Zoe R, Summer P, Alex H and Jasmine M all received a delicious runners up prize. Well done, everyone!





Congratulations, Miss Male!

I'm sure everyone will join us in saying a **huge** congratulations to Miss Male, who got married during the Easter break. You make a beautiful bride, Miss Male and we wish you all the happiness in the world! Miss Male will keep her name for the rest of the academic year but will become Mrs Somers from September 2021.



PARENTAL CONTROLS: A PARENT'S GUIDE

As we're coming into Spring you may be thinking about letting your older kids having time on their devices while you step out into the garden.

[This Think U Know guide](#) for parents looks at how you can make sure that the devices you have around your home have the best controls set for your child.

WELCOME TO THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be bringing 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. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.

This week's sign is: work.



Move your hands in a sawing action, with your non-dominant hand on the bottom and your dominant hand on top.

This can be used with the 'good' sign for when your child has produced good work in class or at home.



REMINDER TO REDEEM YOUR EASTER FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Please can we remind our Free School Meal parents to redeem their Easter holiday FSM vouchers worth £35. These will expire on **30th April** unless you turn them into a giftcard with your favourite supermarket. We want to make sure you benefit from these vouchers and they can not be converted after this date. Links were sent to the mobile phone number of the first contact before the break.



SPORTS PERSON OF THE TERM

Sports Person of the Term in Key Stage 2 for this term is Thomas and at the infant school, we have Elizabeth. Well done and congratulations for all of your excellent work in PE. Not only have these pupils consistently demonstrated the values of our school consistently, but they have gone above and beyond in this subject area, demonstrating leadership, sportsmanship and excellent teamwork skills.

Congratulations, Thomas and Elizabeth. What stars you are! Enjoy the award!

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD

The first ever recipient of our new **Excellence in Science Award** is Rosie from Year 4! Congratulations, Rosie, for showing such fantastic Scientific skills throughout Science Week and throughout this term. Rosie consistently demonstrates fantastic investigatory skills, links her outcomes to predictions and also has shown fantastic observational skills as well.

Above all, Rosie always demonstrates the school's core values, something which makes her such an asset to this school. Congratulations, Rosie and enjoy this very prestigious award!



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to Charlotte at **TreasureMeUp** for the lovely wooden Easter boxes gifted to the EYFS and Year 1 classes in Term 4.

Please check out her business pages on Facebook, Instagram and Etsy for more wonderful gift ideas.

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/TreasureMeUp/>

ECO UPDATE

We are so excited to announce that we have applied for and have been granted our **Silver Award** in our journey to becoming an eco-school! We already have our bronze award and our next step is the Green Flag which will give us our eco-school status. How exciting! We will update you with the new initiatives that we have been working on in the next Newsletter! Thank you so much to Mrs Walker and Mrs Blakiston for leading the way!



ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK

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

A huge well done to Donaldson, Dahl and Rosen for your **outstanding** attendance figures! Every day in school really does make such a difference to your child's learning and academic success. Keep up the good work!

PLEASE LOOK AFTER OUR LOVELY NEIGHBOURS

As a result of staggered drop off and pick up times, our lovely neighbours along Brassey and Parkfield Avenue have been very patient at the start and end of each day. Please could we ask that all members of the school community respect the properties outside of the school site by ensuring they are conscious of parked and moving cars, garden boundaries, driveways and property. Please ensure all children are supervised during these times of the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

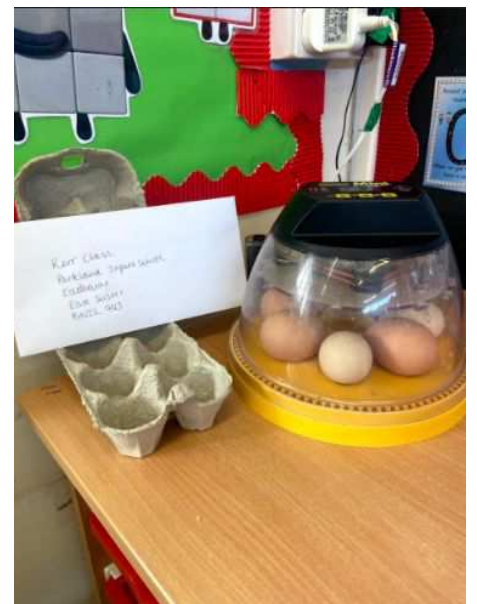


EYFS LEARNING

Reception had a very busy end to Term 4! The children made gorgeous Easter cards that they sent to Roclyns and Claremont Care Home to follow on from our Christmas cards. The adults absolutely loved them, so well done Reception! To finish off our topic, 'Traditional Tales', the children planted their own beans linked to our key text, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



We've had a great first week back learning about our new topic, 'Down on the farm'. The children have received exciting letters and videos from Farmer Smith this week. We've been learning about chickens and their life cycle. We're very lucky as we've also got some eggs from our lovely hens and Cockerel in the school incubator. Hopefully, in 21 days we will have some chicks. How exciting! We've heard that there are some duck eggs incubating at the Junior school too! Well done, Reception for settling back into school so well. We can't wait for another exciting term!



YEAR 1 LEARNING



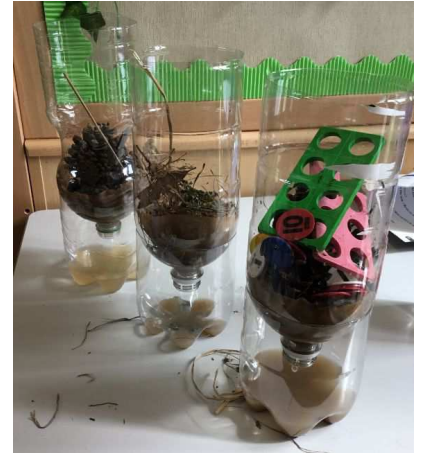
It was a busy few weeks at the end of Term 4 for our hardworking Year 1s! As our Kingdom of Ice Topic was drawing to a close, we welcomed a very special visitor. The polar bear was extremely sad as his home is melting. We spent a lot of time learning about how we can join the fight to stop global warming. There was even time for a quick cuddle too! Thank you to Evie, our Greenpeace Volunteer who helped us to learn about this.



GREENPEACE



We had a great time during Science Week! We took part in some exciting experiments... We also learnt about what and who can be scientists! We tasted different coloured space foods to see if colour changed the taste and we also made our own water filters. Bravo!



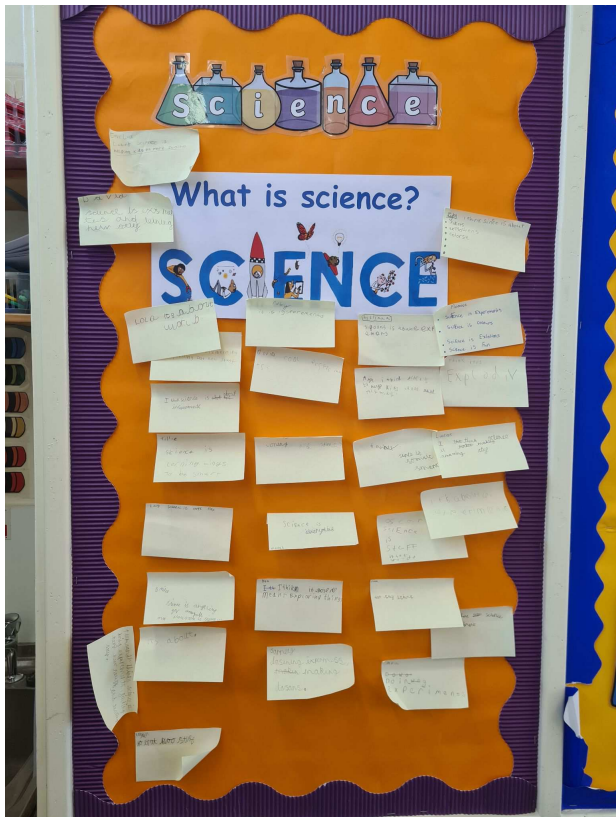
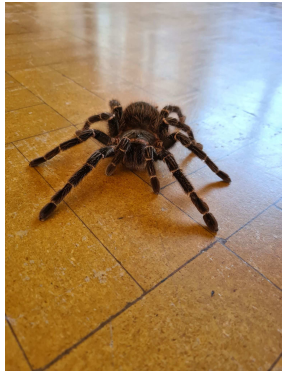
We have kick started this term by going on a plant hunt! We searched around the school grounds to see what plants we could find. A fabulous start looking for all the signs of spring. Well done Year 1 for always showing great enthusiasm for learning!



YEAR 2 LEARNING



This week in Year 2, we have been learning about what makes something classed as 'alive'. To get us off to a stunning start, we had the amazing opportunity to see some exotic animals first hand. One amazing fact we learnt was that tree frogs actually have little hairs on their body to help them stick and snakes only eat once a month! We even had one little boy's dream come true as he got to hold a snake for the first time!



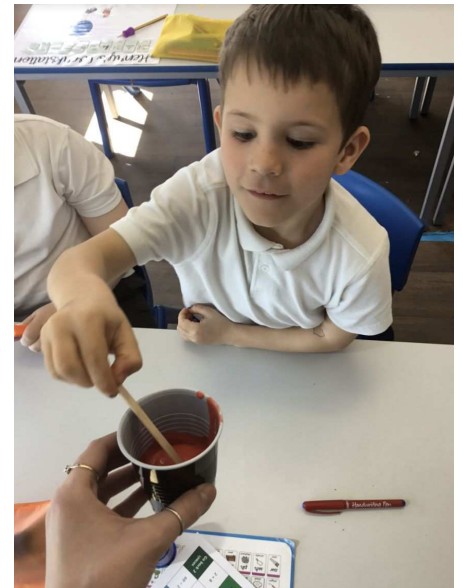
YEAR 3 LEARNING

Extreme Earth Science Day! Wow! We had the best day during our fabulous finish! We consolidated our learning about natural disasters which occur around our world and made a poster about these. We then put our Design and Technology skills to the test and created some wonderful structures using uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows - it was rather sticky! We learnt that by creating a bond between all corners using the spaghetti and by using more than one of them, it created a strong structure. We then got to place this on jelly and wobble it, just like an earthquake!



We have also been busy creating paper mache volcanoes! We have been adding to these over the last few days and designing what they were going to look like in our art books. We really enjoyed being able to paint them during our Extreme Earth Science Day!

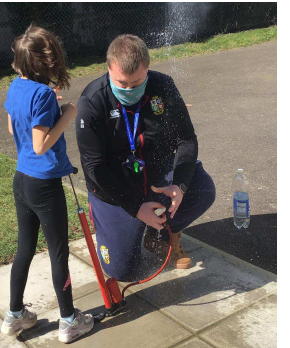
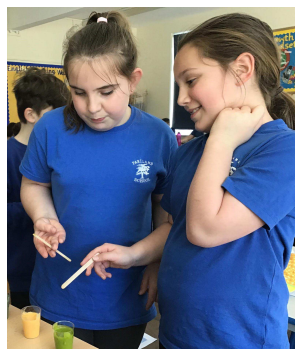
We also took part in Science Week! We were able to taste test different coloured foods to see if it made an impact on the overall taste. We were able to see how quickly germs transferred from one person to another and then we also got to create our own virus using playdough. This was a great end to a rather busy term!



YEAR 4 LEARNING

At the end of Term 4, we had a week focused all about Science. We took part in lots of investigations. We created water bottle rockets in order to see how lift, drag and pressure can make something launch. We also investigated terminal velocity with the flight of an object through the air. Using glitter and hand gel, we found out about the transition of germs, whilst also investigating which items are magnetic.

We also took part in a mind test, whereby we tasted the same type of food, which were in different colours. Because of the colouring, this made our mind think it tasted a particular way, when really it didn't. Using a range of resources, we also created lava lamps. This was by using water, vegetable oil, food colouring and an effervescent tablet. We also had a project where we put food colouring into the water a plant was drinking from, to test the effects of the food colouring on the plant. The results were very interesting!



Roman Day

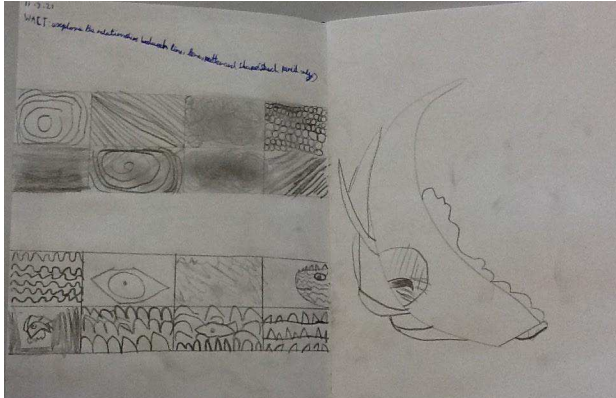
At the end of last term, Year 4 took part in a Roman Day. This was a whole day dedicated to the Romans!

The children learnt about the establishment of the Roman Empire, the Emperors of Rome and the end of the Empire. We also dedicated some time to take part in some Roman-themed DT activities and finally created some mosaics. Everyone had a wonderful day and had a great time finding out all about Rome!

YEAR 5 LEARNING

From Fabulous Finish...

At the end of last term, Year 5 designed and created Dragon Eyes. They looked at different sketching and shading techniques and how to create different colours and blend. They then developed their sculpting skills and created their dragon eyes from clay. The finished results looked fabulous!



...To stunning Start

This term, our topic is "A Greek Odyssey." For our Stunning start, the children had a day exploring Ancient Greece and Modern day Greece. They created timelines, to understand where the Ancient Greek civilisation fits into history, looked at the geography of the country and used atlases to identify Greece and some of its islands. They then looked at the science behind how columns work, and how the Ancient Greeks built their temples. They created some amazing artwork based on the Greek parthenon.



You will learn more about our Virtual Geography Day further on in this newsletter.

Here is a montage of our collages...



YEAR 6 LEARNING

Year 6 have returned from the Easter holidays raring to go! They started their new topic, 'Heartbeat' by making model hearts. They have also learned the functions of the heart and how important this amazing muscle is. The children have also had the chance to show their creative sides by making a variety of different heart shaped art creations.

On Wednesday, Year 6 also took part in the virtual 'Amazing Amazon' day learning about how to protect the Amazon, its climate and many more interesting facts.



Let's go on an Amazing Amazon Adventure - Virtual Geography Day

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to virtually 'travel' to the Amazon. The children took part in a virtual geography day, led by a team of geographers and some Brazilians. They explored the distance between the UK and Brazil, and looked at where rainforests are located in the world.

Much of the day focused on conservation and protecting the rainforest - looking at how the world is affected by forest fires, and what we can do to prevent these from happening.

We talked about what our 'Dream Amazon' would be, exploring what ideals we would create and how we would help to create a balance between humans and nature.

In the afternoon, we had a talk from Adriana, a Brazilian lady who has done a lot of work with indigenous communities in the Amazon, particularly around Manaus. She told the children about her visits there and discussed what life was like in the Amazon, looking at plants that grow there that can be used to create medicine and other products that we use daily in the UK.

The day culminated with creating 'forest spirits' from natural materials, photos of which will be shared with some of the Brazilian children who featured on the videos during the session.



My 'Dream' Amazon

Devon - 'Beautiful, full of life, in peace, full of reforestation, warm.'

Lottie- 'Thriving, providing a home for indigenous people, a safe habitat, abundant animals and plants.'

Jamie - 'There are no cities, people live in homes made of natural materials. People use the river for transport and the money we pay to visit is used to keep the forest safe.'

Alfie - 'I would like the Amazon to have the most majestic landmarks which contain a beautiful waterfall and the indigenous people will be in charge of the forest.'

Kayla - 'Animals would be protected and not afraid of losing their habitats'.





Congratulations to the following pupils

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	<p>Mia - for working super hard on her writing and phonics! She always follows the rainbow rules and is a kind and caring friend.</p> <p>Vixxie - for working her socks off on her writing this week! She is such a cheerful member of Inkpen Class, we are super proud!</p>	<p>Brooke</p> <p>Julianna</p>
Kerr	<p>Cayden - For being an absolute ray of sunshine. He always makes my day brighter! Cayden always follows the Rainbow Rules and is a kind, caring member of Kerr class. I am so proud of you, Cayden!</p> <p>Katie - For always working her socks off. Katie has been working super hard with her writing this week. What a star you are Katie!</p>	<p>Honey</p> <p>Rose</p>
Shireen	<p>ALL of Shireen class - for their amazing story writing of The Great Explorer. Fantastic presentation and use of adjectives!</p> <p>Anabell - for always being so polite and greeting every adult with a cheery good morning! She works hard and always tries her best. Superstar!</p>	<p>Nyla</p> <p>Neve</p>
Donaldson	<p>Victoria - For her incredible attention to detail, for always working hard and for being an absolute delight.</p> <p>Bailey - for working so hard with his name writing and initial sounds this week! We are so proud of you Bailey!</p>	<p>Tinni</p> <p>Jack</p>
Santat	<p>Lola - for her incredibly hard work throughout the entire week. You have been an absolute superstar! Well done.</p>	<p>Emelia</p>
Dahl	<p>Reggie - for his incredible enthusiasm and vast knowledge during our Animazing visit. Well done!</p> <p>Sophia for her incredible effort in maths this week - I have loved seeing you answering questions in class with such confidence!</p>	<p>Savannah Rowan</p> <p>Kian</p>

AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Lilia - For following all the rainbow rules and making sure to follow instructions!	Kirbie Henry
Jeffers	Alice - for working so hard in maths and trying her best even if she found it tricky. Ciaran - for his attitude to learning and for trying so hard!	Brandon Oliver
Walliams	Tommy - for his consistently hard-working attitude Bobby - for his amazing work in Maths and always trying his best.	Rosie Sophia
Blackman	Logan - For working hard in Maths and English this week! Well done Logan!	Tommy
Lewis	Brayden - For amazing work and being a great friend Jacob M - for super concentration and hard work all week!	Phoenix Jacob K
Zephaniah	Zara - what a superstar learner Amelia - for such dedication and super hard work	Seraina Kyle
Mian	Owen S - For being extremely helpful during an ICT activity and supporting his peers.	Raphael
Rosen	Kayla C - For your fantastic 'Dream Amazon' writing and having the confidence to read this aloud.	Nathaniel



Year 6 Independence

We know that the time is almost upon us when our wonderful Year 6 Cohort will leave to begin their KS3 journey. From Term 6 (only with permission from parents), we will be allowing Year 6 to walk home independently. Usually we start this earlier in the academic year but have not been able to do so due to the pandemic. A letter will be sent out nearer the end of term to Mian and Rosen Class to confirm details.

GROWING
UP

BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON SITE

We are so pleased to see that so many children are riding their bikes or scooters to school. This is a huge plus for their health and well being and also supports our quest to support the environment and reduce traffic pollution. However, please may we remind you to ensure your children DO NOT ride their scooters or bikes once on the school site and they are through the blue gate. This is for Health & Safety reasons and will help prevent any accidents. All children have been made aware of this by their class teacher. Please do reinforce this at drop off times. Thank you!



NEW TO EYFS / YEAR 3 - SEPTEMBER 2021



If you have been allocated a space for September either at the Infant School or the Junior School, we look forward to receiving your completed Admission Forms accepting your places for September. Please ensure your Admission forms are fully completed and returned to the Infant School Office by **7th May 2021**.



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 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:

✉ contact@holdingspace.org.uk
☎ 07922 851207

🌐 www.holdingspace.org.uk
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Willingdon Trees Community Volunteers



Coronavirus Help Point

Are you self-isolating and need help?



Our team of volunteers are here to support you!

Telephone: 01323 504438

Text: 07796869347 or 07920526216

E-mail: eastbourne@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Willingdon Trees Community Centre, 101 Holly Place, Eastbourne, BN22 0UT



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RED NOSE DAY

RED NOSE DAY - THANK YOU

We are pleased to let you know that the figures raised for Red Nose Day on 19th March 2021 were as follows:

Juniors: £142.50

Infants £94.50

Thank you so much for your support.

Big Moments of summer fun!



Join us at:

Huggets Lane Recreation Ground, Huggets Lane, Willingdon,
Eastbourne, BN22 0LZ

Sessions will run: 26/05/2021 to
14/06/2021

Session timings: 17:30 to 18:30

For any questions
please email:

Willingdoncricket@outlook.com

Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you remain safe and well, and we welcome the children back after their break.

The Governing Board met prior to the Easter break, where we discussed:

- Health, Safety and Premises
- Safeguarding
- Reopening of schools (8th March 2021)
- Mid-Year Appraisals
- Staffing Updates
- Financial Monitoring
- Online Safety Accreditation (Shinewater and Parkland Schools)
- Leadership Reflections

We also discussed the monitoring visits undertaken during Term 3 by Governors:

- ✓ Safeguarding
- ✓ Health and Safety
- ✓ Curriculum
- ✓ Pupil Premium
- ✓ SEND
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Website Checks – to ensure statutory information is available

We also approved the following policies:

- ✓ Online Safety
- ✓ Attendance and Punctuality

There will be no meeting during Term 5 as Governors will be attending compulsory training sessions across Swale Academies Trust on key themes to support their roles on the Local Governing Board.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Best wishes

Jane

Jane McCarthy-Penman | Chair



Sunday 27th June 2021



2021 Brighton Half Marathon





Book your place for just **£25 registration** via our website & **raise at least £300**, which will run our helpline for a week OR 2 support groups. Registration fee includes running vest and supporters pack.


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