



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# The Mill Messenger

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Please have a read through our latest news and the exciting things happening at The Mill.

## After School Sports Clubs

All clubs start next week, w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and spaces have now been confirmed. We are operating a waiting list for most clubs and will be in touch if a space becomes available later in the term. As a reminder, the clubs overview can be found [here](#).

## Polite Reminder – Parent Writing Workshop

There is still time to book your space for the 'Writing at The Mill Parent Workshop' on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Further information about the workshop can be found [here](#). There are two sessions available, from 9.00 to 10.30 and from 17.00 to 18.30. Please visit [this link](#) to book your space.

## West Sussex Mind – Mental Health Support

West Sussex Mind is an independent local charity supporting people with their mental health and providing specialist training. Please follow [this link](#) to find the schedule of their peer support coffee mornings.

## Room 13 – From Janey

Thursday was our first day back and we spent time making posters with slogans on the theme of 'Finding Our Voice'. This carries on with one of our themes for the year which is 'Protest Artwork'. The children are learning that artists often respond to what's going on in the world.



## Chelsea FC Foundation Half Term Soccer School

Chelsea FC Foundation will be running a soccer school for children aged 5 to 12 during the half term break at Thomas Bennett Community College. Please follow [this link](#) to book.

## Census Day School Lunch

We have a special menu for our Census Day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – [All Day Breakfast](#). Lunch bookings are available on our SchoolGateway app, don't miss out.

## Open Mornings & Afternoons

For the current term, we will again be offering open mornings as well as open afternoons. Please find the remaining dates below. We look forward to seeing you.

### KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Open afternoon (2.20 - 2.45): Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Open morning (8.30 - 8.50): Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Open afternoon (2.20 - 2.45): Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Kind Regards

*Sophie Gosden*

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Headteacher

## Makaton in Early Years

Every week, we will now share our Makaton signing with you.

This week's signing is: [Happy & Sad](#)

We are signing the song: [Baa Baa Black Sheep](#)

You can revisit previous signing on our [website](#).

## Forever Proud

On Fridays, each class nominates their 'Forever Proud' award winner who is announced in our whole school assembly and will receive their badge and certificate to take home. This week's winners are:

<b>Year 1 Hepworth</b>	Naomi J
<b>Year 1 Monet</b>	Nevaeh K
<b>Year 1 Hockney</b>	Charlie J
<b>Year 2 Goldsworthy</b>	Amelia K
<b>Year 2 Lichtenstein</b>	Ruby B
<b>Year 2 O'Keeffe</b>	Ameya-Rae F
<b>Year 3 Hokusai</b>	Elijah A
<b>Year 3 Cezanne</b>	Ayaan M
<b>Year 3 Mondrian</b>	Atandwa M
<b>Year 4 Kahlo</b>	Emily T
<b>Year 4 Moore</b>	Aurelia B
<b>Year 4 Miro</b>	Isaac B
<b>Year 5 Rousseau</b>	Harry C
<b>Year 5 Egonu</b>	Charlie N
<b>Year 5 van Gogh</b>	Soraya K
<b>Year 6 da Vinci</b>	Victoria P
<b>Year 6 Riley</b>	Luwayna M
<b>Learning Without Walls</b>	Noah H
<b>Reading - Book Winners</b>	Mikaeel J, Lukas F, Bear H – and Lichtenstein and da Vinci class won a new book for their reading corner.



## Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to this week's winners, our Year 6 classes had the highest attendance. Well done everyone!



## Diary Dates

### IMPORTANT - CANCELLED INSET DAY

Children are to attend school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**, the school will be **open as normal**.

### PTA Valentine's Disco

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
(Information to follow closer to the date.)

### February Half Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Back to school Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February due to Inset Day.

### INSET DAY

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### PTA Mother's Day Sale

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(Information to follow closer to the date.)

### Easter Break

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.  
This includes a bank holiday on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

