



MAYFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS  
Friday 2nd February 2024



Attendance this week was **92%**  
Our school target is **97%**.

**Red (under 92%) Amber (92-96%)**  
**Green (above 96%)**

**This term our value is  
Perseverance**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Nightingales' Class who shared some fantastic learning about the Victorians this morning in their Celebration Assembly.

### **New Clevertouch Interactive Whiteboard**

We are very grateful to Friends for funding a new Clevertouch board in the multi-function room. This will be used during Breakfast Club, to support children's learning during interventions and small group work as well as enhancing meetings and presentations for staff and parents. Thank you.

### **Parent Evenings**

There will be another opportunity to meet your child's class teacher in Term 4 on Tuesday 27th or Thursday 29th February. However, please note that appointments with Mrs Browne will be on 27th February and 6th March. Bookings will be opening at 5pm on 5th February on School Ping. If you are a separated parent and require an individual meeting with the class teacher, you may need to call the school office to make an appointment if the slot for your child has been booked by the other parent.

### **After School Clubs**

Next week we will be sending out a letter listing our after school clubs for Term 4. We have noticed that there are a number of outstanding payments for clubs from previous terms. Please ensure that these are paid for by the end of next week as we are unable to secure places in Term 4 for children whose places have not been paid for. Mrs Tigg's clubs are very reasonably priced as they are supplemented by the Government Sports Funding. However, we are aware that some families are struggling as a result of the cost of living crisis. If you need support, please do come and speak with us confidentially or refer to the Mayfacs information provided in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss J. Warren

# NSPCC

## Online gaming and keeping children safe

**Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?**

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

**GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.**

**Our webinar will help you:**

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.



**GAME SAFE  
FESTIVAL**

**7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via  
Zoom. Book your place via this link:  
[nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets](https://nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets)**

**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

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# Safer Internet Day

Next week, to support Safer Internet Day, South East police will be running a parent webinar explaining Cyber Choices and the risks to young people of committing computer misuse offences. The webinar is designed to explain to parents how children and young people can cross the line into cyber crime.

This webinar will be run three times throughout next week, at the following times:

Tuesday 6th February 13:00-14:00  
Thursday 8th February 09:30-10:30  
Thursday 8th February 20:00-21:00

And the invitation details are listed below:

When: Feb 6, 2024 13:00 London  
Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers  
Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA)

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London  
Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers  
Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Tpd56MjvSs25i\\_nz5W8Vlg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlg)

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London  
Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers  
Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_guDQFW6TRBiOJWEga\\_g6qw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_guDQFW6TRBiOJWEga_g6qw)

After registering, a confirmation email containing further information about joining the webinar will be automatically sent out.

There are 500 spaces available on each webinar. If anyone has any further questions, or wants to know more, please contact the team via the following email address: [cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk](mailto:cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk)



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# Is my Child too ill for school?

**Whilst good attendance is extremely important for children's learning and wellbeing, there may be occasions where your child is too unwell to attend school. Listed below are some links to NHS advice on different common conditions.**

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day of their absence to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school know.

- **Coughs and Colds**

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes away.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

- **High Temperature**

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

- **Vomiting and Diarrhoea**

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

- **Chickenpox**

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

- **Cold sores**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

- **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

- **Scarlet Fever**

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.



# VALENTINE'S DISCO

Thursday 8th Feb  
School Hall

Reception + KS1

3.30 – 4.30pm

Stay after school and bring  
in a change of clothes

KS2

4.45 – 6.00pm

Tickets in advance £6.50,  
includes a drink, snack,  
glow bracelet and UV  
facepainting!

Look out for the sign up  
forms on SchoolPing.  
Payment via ParentPay  
to confirm your ticket.



# MAYFACS

## HARDSHIP FUND & FURTHER SUPPORT

### WHAT IS MAYFACS HARDSHIP FUND

You may be finding it difficult to make ends meet at the moment, or going through a change in living or family situation. You may, for example, need to purchase an essential piece of equipment to support you at home, but do not have the funds available. Or perhaps you cannot afford to cover the additional costs of your child's education and learning such as school trips or equipment.



There are many reasons you may be finding things a little bit harder at the moment, and MAYFACS can support you during this time. Our Hardship Fund is a restricted fund, provided by very generous donations and grants, to support people who live, work or attend school in the Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish.

If you feel that this may be something that MAYFACS can help you with through a small grant, please do contact us in confidence to discuss further through the MAYFACS team on 01435 873888, visiting MAYFACS at London House, Mayfield, or by email [hardshipfund@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:hardshipfund@mayfacs.org.uk) for an application form.

You will be asked to provide proof of residency within our Parish during the application process and we will contact you with follow up questions regarding your application.

#### Speak to us at MAYFACS for more support

- Visit us at the MAYFACS Office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am and 1pm
- Call us on 01435 873888 and leave a message, we will call you back
- Or email us on: [hardship@mayfacs.org.uk](mailto:hardship@mayfacs.org.uk)



## OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM MAYFACS

**FOODBANK REFERRALS:** We are able to make referrals for families and individuals to local foodbanks for anyone in need of this support, be it short term or longer. Parcels are created for you, and specific requests/dietary requirements can also be accommodated. Collections or deliveries to your house are both available. Anyone who wishes to donate food to the local foodbanks can do so at their local supermarkets and help support others in need.



**COMMUNITY FRIDGES/LARDERS:** These are available at Heathfield, Hailsham and Uckfield and are open to anyone, no questions asked, to collect food as and when you need it. They are there to prevent food waste and support our environment by ensuring food goes to a home. They receive donations from supermarkets, cafes, local produce suppliers, and other generous donors, as well as the general public. Food generally includes fruit and vegetables, bread, cakes and pastries, and cold items.

**Support Volunteers:** With our incredible team of volunteers, we can support you should you need help with emergency shopping, getting to our activities, navigating other support services and agencies, as well as borrowing a wheelchair, DVD or Jigsaw!

If you need us for anything, please just get in touch, and if we can't help, we can tell you who can! We are here for everyone within our community.

**Please also contact the following external organisations for further support:**

### **Financial Advice and Support:**

Citizens Advice : <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money>

Government benefits check: <https://www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support>

### **Cost of living support**

Government Support: <https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

Keeping warm in East Sussex: <https://warmeastsussex.org.uk/>

Help for households: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services  
London House, Mayfield, East Sussex TN20 6AQ  
[www.mayfacs.org.uk](http://www.mayfacs.org.uk)  
01435 873888



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## Celebration Assemblies

Friday 9th February: Music Assembly

## School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of your child's school uniform are clearly named. It is much easier to return items when we know who they belong to. Thank you. If you are missing any items, please ask at the school office to view the lost property.

We have noticed that a number of children are wearing trainers or boots to school. Please may we remind you that children should be wearing black shoes. Also, hair should be tied back with simple blue, black or brown hair ties or hair clips only.

## Safeguarding

The school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss Warren. The Deputy DSLs are Mr MacNicol, Miss O'Connell and Mrs Moore. Please let us know if you have any concerns about the welfare of any child who attends Mayfield CE Primary.

## Dates for Your Diary

Dates in red are new or amended dates.  
Dates in blue have already appeared in previous newsletters.

Thursday 8th February  
Friends Valentine's Disco

Friday 9th February  
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 19th February  
Start of Term 4

w/b 26th February  
Class Performance Poetry Competition

Tuesday 27th February  
Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 29th February  
Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 6th March  
Performance Poetry School Final  
Nightingales' Parents Evening

Thursday 7th March  
World Book Day—Dressing Up Day

Thursday 14th March  
Y6 Big Dance

Thursday 21st March  
Y2 Little Sing Event

Tuesday 26th March  
Easter Service at St. Dunstan's Church 2pm

Wednesday 27th March  
Friends Easter Morning

Thursday 28th March  
Last Day of Term 4

Monday 15th April  
Start of Term 5

You can also look for upcoming dates on the website's school calendar:

<https://www.mayfieldcep.e-sussex.sch.uk/esussex/primary/mayfield/site/pages/schoolinformation/termdates>