Outlook

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'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, there is a real sense of excitement around the school. We have lots to look forward to, including our Year 5/6 production and the Year 6 leavers' celebrations as we prepare to say goodbye to our oldest pupils and wish them every success in their next adventures. The whole school was able to watch their amazing production of "Gross Busters" in our very own village hall. What a performance! Parents are in for a real treat. A big shout out to the Year 6 parents for funding and making most of the props - it all looks West End Ready!

Year 1 held their Collective Worship today and did a wonderful job sharing their learning and achievements.

Year 2's Collective Worship has now been rebooked and we look forward to welcoming families to that event soon.

Sports Day was a huge success and it was great to see such enthusiasm, determination and healthy competitive spirit from all our pupils. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children and to those parents that even participated!

School reports will be sent home on **10th July**, and I am sure you will be delighted to see how much your child is thriving at Ditchling. Due to the delay in the Department for Education releasing SATs results, there has been a slight delay to Year 6 reports, which will instead be issued on **Friday 17th July**.

A Gentle Reminder

We would really appreciate parents' support in helping children adhere to our school admissions policy regarding items brought from home. Toys, games, stickers, trading cards and similar items should not be brought into school. We provide a wide range of equipment and resources for playtimes, as well as fidget and concentration aids where they are needed to support learning. Using school-provided equipment helps ensure the smooth running of the school and reflects our ethos of equality and inclusion for all children. We would therefore be very grateful if all toys and collectable items could remain at home. Of course, if your child uses a transition or comfort object, this may continue to be kept safely in their school bag.Thank you for your ongoing support in helping make our school the very best it can be.

With warmest wishes as ever

Nikki Elliott

Headteacher



Important Dates

- Whole School Trip - Mon 13th July
- Church service at St Margaret's church - Thurs 21st July 2pm

- Last day of school - 21st July

Please find the term dates here:
https://ditchlingprimary.co.uk/school-life/diary-dates/

Safeguarding



SEND


Less screen time
Too much screen time makes it harder for children to understand feelings, stay calm, and get along with others.
More play time
Playing with others helps children learn to take turns, manage their emotions, and solve problems.
Get to Know You

News Crew

Loopy Lapathon

What a fantastic afternoon we had on Wednesday 17th June at our Loopy Lap-a-thon! Pupils took on the challenge of running as many laps of the field as they could in 15 minutes, all to raise money for the school.

The field was full of colour, energy and encouragement, with children proudly representing their houses and cheering each other on. Thanks to their brilliant efforts, and the generosity of friends and family, we're thrilled to share that we raised over £2,500!

After all that running, pupils enjoyed a well-earned treat on the inflatable, kindly provided by Pied Piper Activities – a perfect way to celebrate.

A big thank you to our FPTA, volunteers and families for making it all happen, and a huge well done to all our pupils for giving it their all!





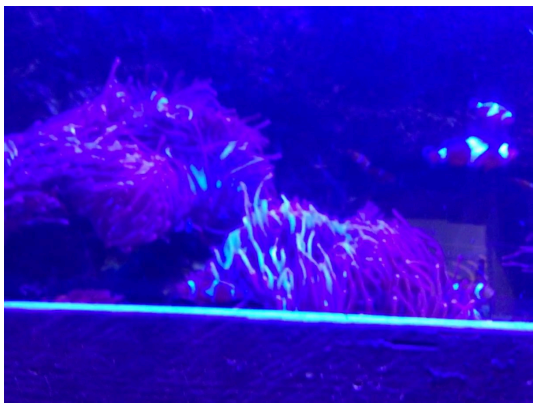
Reception Sealife Centre Trip

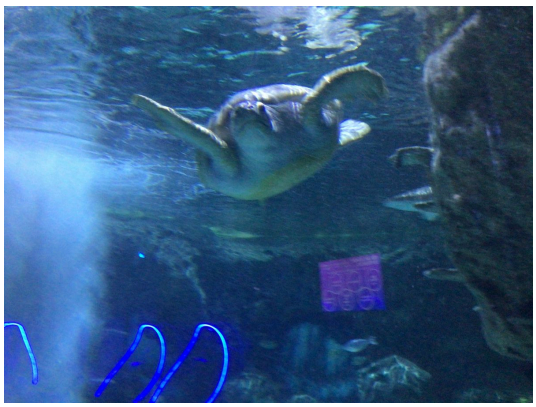
Reception had a fantastic time at the Sea Life Centre last week! It was lovely and cool inside, so we were sheltered from the heatwave. We saw so many wonderful sea creatures, including jellyfish, octopus, seahorses and lots of different types of fish. We even learnt all about the turtles and sharks! We were very fortunate that our coach had air conditioning, and we all enjoyed a scrummy packed lunch.


Watch out for
toiletries that contain
microbeads
These small plastic beads are









Sports Day

Ditchling had the most amazing Sports Day, filled with smiles, laughter, determination, and incredible team spirit! A huge thank you to all of our wonderful families who came along to cheer, encourage, and celebrate every child. Your support created such a positive and exciting atmosphere, giving the children the confidence to do their very best.

We are so proud of every child for showing resilience, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day.

Thank you for being such a caring and supportive part of our school community and for helping make Sports Day such a special and memorable event!







Summer Fair

What a fantastic afternoon we had at our Summer Fair! With the sun shining, the field was full of families enjoying a wide range of games, stalls and activities, from the tombola and hook a duck to glitter tattoos, raffles and more.

A real highlight was our Year 2 children, who performed a wonderful maypole dance, delighting the crowd. The tug of war also brought lots of laughter and great team spirit. Our Year 6 pupils impressed everyone by running their “Make £5 Grow” stalls.

There was plenty of delicious food on offer too, with the BBQ, cakes and Boho Gelato ice cream proving very popular as always.

A huge thank you to our wonderful FPTA, volunteers and families for making the event such a success. It was a brilliant celebration of our school community.

Forest School

Year 1 enjoyed traditional Forest school sports day challenges – all in the pouring rain! Their spirits stayed high, however, and the rain did little to dampen the cheering and enthusiasm. They also practiced the Japanese printing art of Hapazome, making beautiful petal/leaf pictures on fabric, whilst honing their mallet skills.

Year 2 had a fantastic and busy session! The children brightened up our allotment by planting beneficial companion flowers and used their super creative ideas to build wonderful, shady play areas—all while modelling lovely examples of friendship. They also tried their hand at whittling willow sticks, discovering just how relaxing and satisfying this new skill can be.

Mrs Cole - Forest School Lead









Sporting Champions of Ditchling

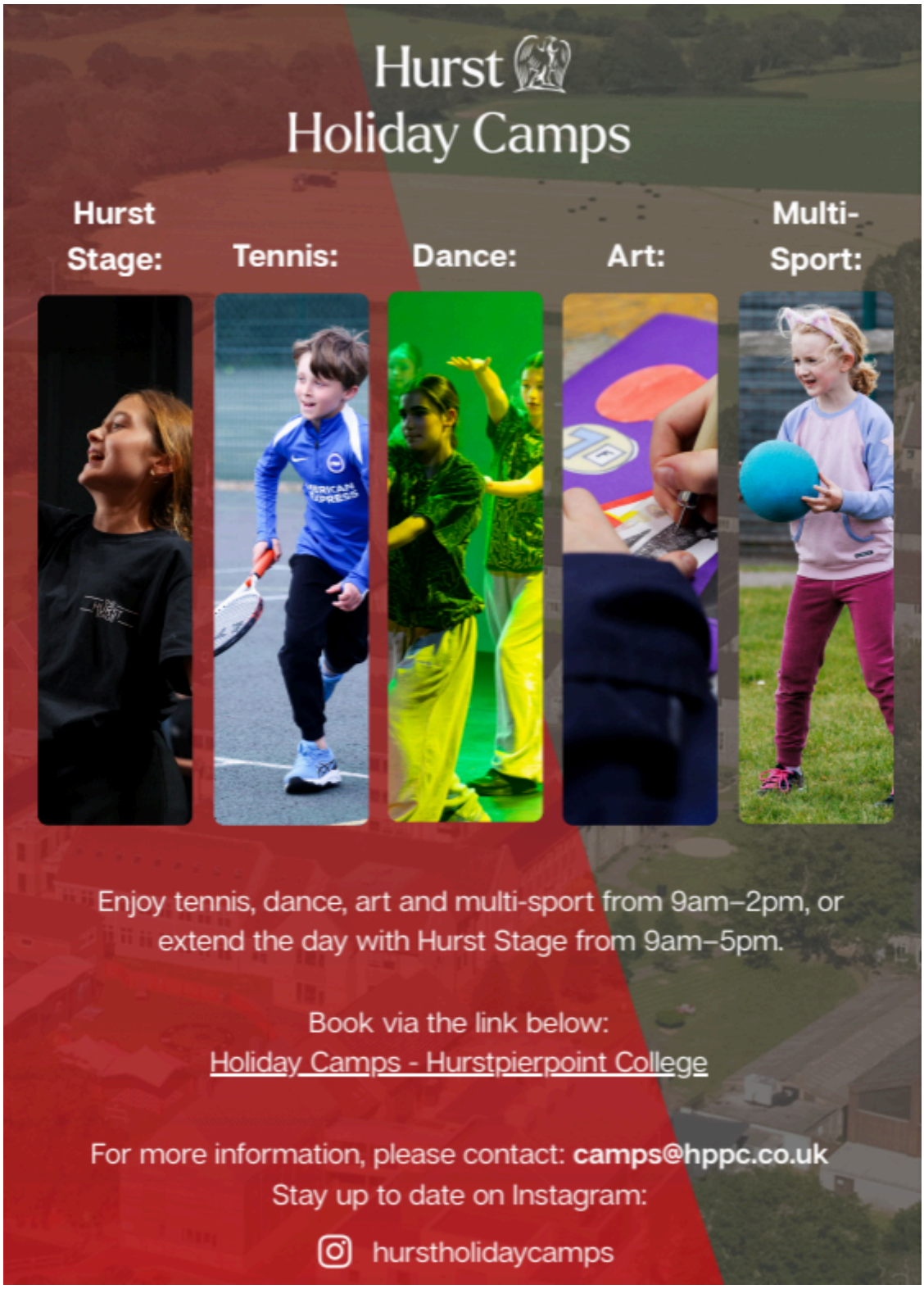
Darren's team won the South Coast Football Tournament!



Rosa took part in Brightons 'Race for life' (Pretty Muddy kids) 5K



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Holiday Camps
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Enjoy tennis, dance, art and multi-sport from 9am–2pm, or extend the day with Hurst Stage from 9am–5pm.
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2026


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TENNIS CAMP
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&
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St James Fury CC
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St James Montefiore CC
Summer Holiday Cricket Camp '26
Monday July 27th - Friday 31st
10am-2pm (*arrive 9.50am*)
£25 per day / £110 all week
Ages 7-11

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