

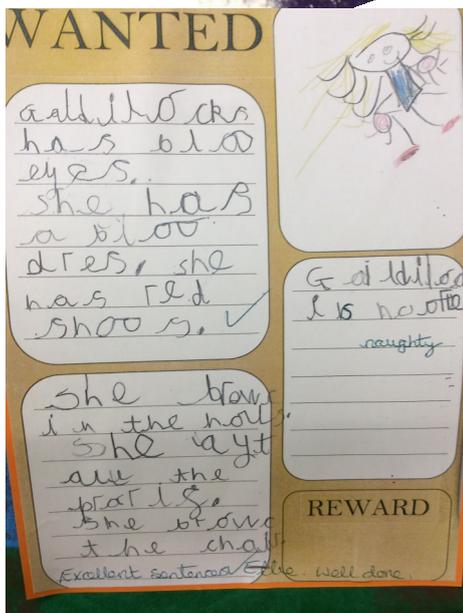
NEWSLETTER

1st March 2019

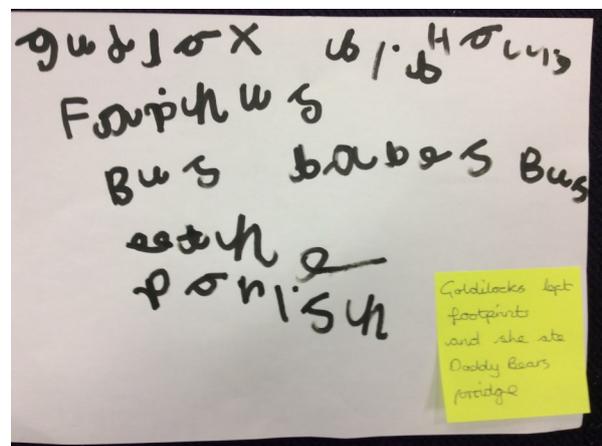
Potter Class Update

Potter Class wanted to share some of their highlights from last term:

Goldilocks came to the three bears' house and caused mayhem. We investigated the crimes and wrote crime reports and posters to find the culprit.



Little Potters enjoyed re-telling the story using stick puppets.



Potter Class Update continued...

We learnt about the Polar Regions in our topic work. The children used lard on their fingers to investigate how blubber protects animals from the cold.



It was interesting to find out about Inuits. Jack told me, "They go hunting for food; they go fishing and hunt for caribou. I wouldn't like to eat caribou!"

We also made our own igloo in the classroom.

Big Potters loved 'having a go' on guitars in music lessons and Little Potters enjoyed playing the xylophone, accompanied by nursery rhymes.



What a welcome back we have had after half term. The weather was perfect for our outdoor learning. We have started our 'balance ability' sessions, which will continue one morning a week throughout term 4.

The children showed such bravery in their first lesson and their smiles were priceless!

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*****STOP PRESS *****OFSTED NEWS*****



Thank you so much to everyone who has congratulated us on our recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection and subsequent report. We are all **extremely** proud of all that the school has achieved and we are already planning the next steps along our journey to be outstanding! We plan to celebrate our achievements with staff and children later this term.

Please do take the time to read the Ofsted report and share the good news with family, friends and everyone from the local community. The full report is now available on our website and, from next week, will be on the main Ofsted website. Meanwhile, here is a snapshot of the very best bits!

- Leaders and governors, led by a strong headteacher, have high aspirations for pupils to thrive.
- The strong leadership of the headteacher and other senior leaders has ensured that the school is improving rapidly.
- Leaders know the school well and have ensured that good teaching is leading to strong progress.
- Governors are becoming increasingly systematic when reviewing the effectiveness of the school.
- Leaders provide a broad curriculum with a range of exciting first-hand experiences.
- This is a nurturing school. Pupils are safe and cared for well.
- Teachers track pupils' progress regularly, and pupils are known individually to them.
- Additional adults play a significant role in the classroom, providing individuals with well targeted and appropriate extra support when needed, whether in small groups or individually.
- Pupils speak happily and confidently about their school.
- Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare are good.
- Pupils make strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Pupils welcome the additional physical activities organised in lessons and the wide range of extra-curricular sporting activities provided for them.
- Pupils are prepared well for life in modern Britain.
- Children have a good start in early years, with a wide selection of stimulating activities.
- Parents are kept well informed and consequently are able to help their children successfully with learning at home.

Book Week News

Once again, we are looking forward to one of our favourite weeks of the year and this year our theme is the Mr Men and Little Miss series. We will have lots of exciting activities at school. Below are a few reminders of events throughout the week:

Monday

We launch book week with a special assembly at 9am.

All children will be invited to browse the book trolleys during the day.

Staff story time will finish off the day.



Tuesday

Story tents will take over the hall during the morning. Children from Shakespeare need to remember blankets/sheets, teddies and a favourite book to read to Darwin Class.

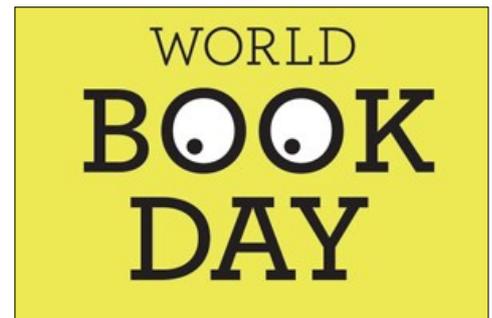
Wednesday

Book fair after school in the hall (3:20 pm).

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Story tents again – this time, please could Pankhurst and Churchill children bring in blankets/sheets, teddies and a story book to set up tents in the hall throughout the school day. Nightingale and Potter Class will be invited to hear the stories.



Friday



Dress-up Day: children (and staff) may come to school dressed up as a character from a book (this can be from a Mr Men or Little Miss book or any other book).

Book Week Open Afternoon: Friday 2:30 - 3:00 pm. We will be opening our doors at 2:30pm for children to share their Book Week work with you. When you arrive, our Parents and Friends team will kindly be serving tea and coffee in the hall. Please help yourselves and then pop along

P & F Update

Welcome back everyone; we hope you all had an amazing break!

It's Pancake Day on Tuesday, and what better way to start the term than with a bit of fun (and a full stomach!). We will be serving pancakes with some topping options during the school day on Shrove Tuesday to any children who would like to take part. There is no charge for this, and it is one of the events we do every year, just because we love doing it. We have sent a letter out so if your child doesn't want a pancake, or has an allergy which unfortunately means they cannot participate, please complete the slip at the bottom and put it in the P&F post box by the end of the school day on Monday.

Attendance & Punctuality

The winners of the class with the best attendance last term were Darwin and Churchill. Both classes will be planning their treats over the next few weeks.

Well done to all the children who enjoyed our VIP Bounce on Thursday too.



11 Silver 98% and 68 Platinum 100% certificates were awarded this week for attendance in Term 3 -Fantastic!

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	100
Nightingale	95.2
Darwin	100
Pankhurst	99.6
Shakespeare	99.2
Churchill	96.0

Well done to Darwin and Potter classes - 100% - and one late each. You will be sharing Pup and Ted next week.

Fantastic effort by our youngest children.

Great attendance by most classes this week.

Brilliant!



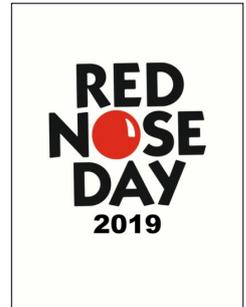
Clubs

Due to parent consultations, there will be no computing, gardening or netball clubs on 12th & 13th March.

Red Nose Day

Red Noses have arrived in school. On sale from Friday - £1.25 per nose. Which nose do you want?

This year we have eleven exciting Nose characters, all packaged in their own special boxes...well, 'Red Noses', a rare green one, and an even rarer nose designed by a UK school pupil!



On Friday 15th March, we will be asking children to donate a £1 to come to school dressed with at least one item of clothing that is red... and of course their red noses!



Our New Laptops

I am sure that the children have told you that Sandhurst Primary School is now the proud owner of a new set of thirty-two brand new laptops and a charging trolley. Each child can now have their own full-sized laptop to work on within their classroom. We have already seen some amazing research work and PowerPoint presentations as a result. Computing Club members thoroughly enjoyed using them too.

Celebrate Out of School Achievements

Just a reminder – if your child achieves something to celebrate out of school time, we are more than happy to include them in our newsletter. Just email a picture and a few lines to office@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk.

Also, if your child plays an instrument, we would love them to play at Friday assemblies. Please book your child a slot with Mrs Patridge or Mrs Norman.

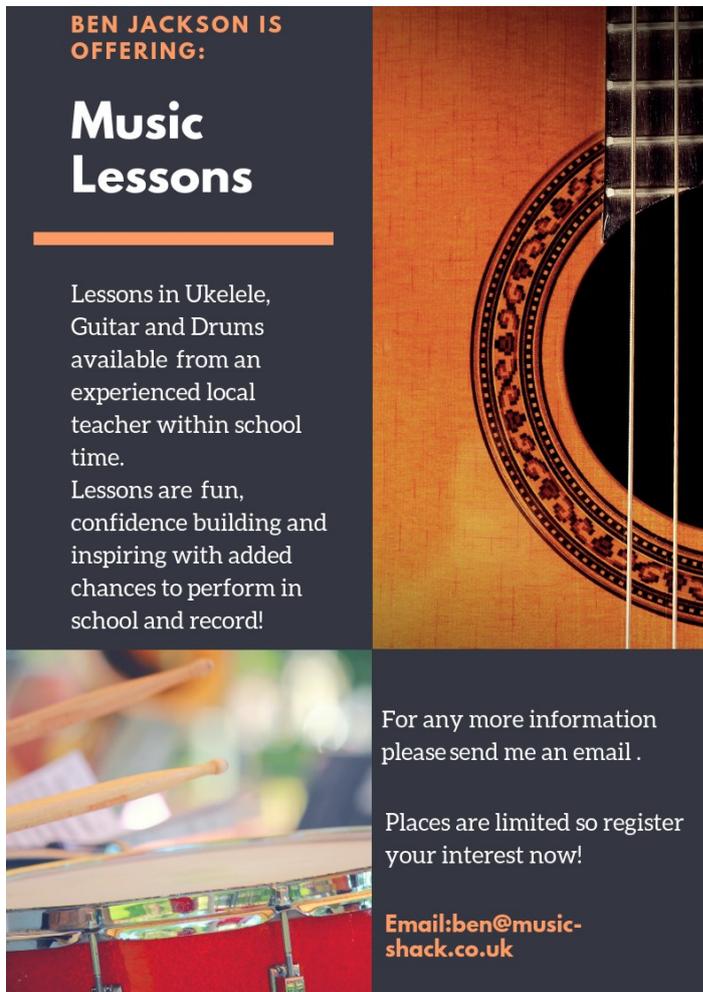
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Christmas Story Competition

Huge congratulations to Phoebe and Lexi , who were the Rotary Club Christmas Story Winners. They were awarded their certificates from Mr Freeston of the Rotary Club in this morning's celebration assembly.



Music Lessons at Sandhurst



BEN JACKSON IS OFFERING:

Music Lessons

Lessons in Ukelele, Guitar and Drums available from an experienced local teacher within school time.

Lessons are fun, confidence building and inspiring with added chances to perform in school and record!

For any more information please send me an email .

Places are limited so register your interest now!

Email: ben@music-shack.co.uk

Learning a musical instrument is very good for a child's development. Improving coordination and mental skills whilst learning to read a new language. A child's confidence and enjoyment also improves dramatically and the children will have opportunities to perform in assemblies and several concerts throughout the year.

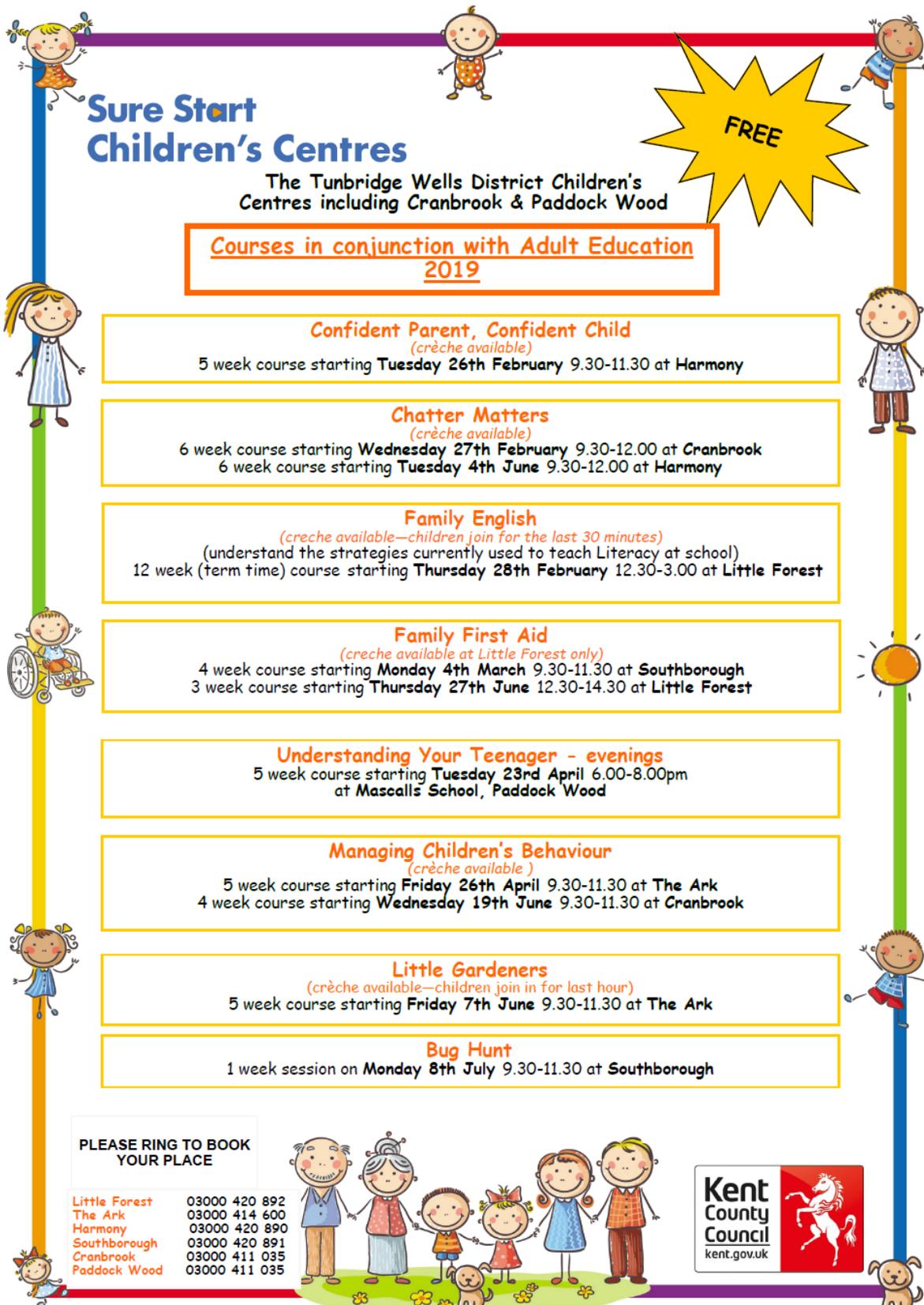
I am looking to see if there is any interest in learning **piano or keyboard** in school time one morning a week.

I will assume that you would like your child to have a 20 minute lesson (£10) unless you get in touch with me I recommend 30 minutes (£15.00) if your child would like to do grades.

Please contact me at katieslowgrove@hotmail.com if you are interested in lessons or have any queries.

Katie Slowgrove BA Hons PGCE

Local Events



Sure Start Children's Centres
The Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres including Cranbrook & Paddock Wood

FREE

Courses in conjunction with Adult Education 2019

Confident Parent, Confident Child
(crèche available)
5 week course starting **Tuesday 26th February** 9.30-11.30 at **Harmony**

Chatter Matters
(crèche available)
6 week course starting **Wednesday 27th February** 9.30-12.00 at **Cranbrook**
6 week course starting **Tuesday 4th June** 9.30-12.00 at **Harmony**

Family English
(crèche available—children join for the last 30 minutes)
(understand the strategies currently used to teach Literacy at school)
12 week (term time) course starting **Thursday 28th February** 12.30-3.00 at **Little Forest**

Family First Aid
(crèche available at Little Forest only)
4 week course starting **Monday 4th March** 9.30-11.30 at **Southborough**
3 week course starting **Thursday 27th June** 12.30-14.30 at **Little Forest**

Understanding Your Teenager - evenings
5 week course starting **Tuesday 23rd April** 6.00-8.00pm
at **Mascalls School, Paddock Wood**

Managing Children's Behaviour
(crèche available)
5 week course starting **Friday 26th April** 9.30-11.30 at **The Ark**
4 week course starting **Wednesday 19th June** 9.30-11.30 at **Cranbrook**

Little Gardeners
(crèche available—children join in for last hour)
5 week course starting **Friday 7th June** 9.30-11.30 at **The Ark**

Bug Hunt
1 week session on **Monday 8th July** 9.30-11.30 at **Southborough**

PLEASE RING TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Little Forest	03000 420 892
The Ark	03000 414 600
Harmony	03000 420 890
Southborough	03000 420 891
Cranbrook	03000 411 035
Paddock Wood	03000 411 035



Easter activities and crafts

for pre-school children

Thursday 21st March 2.30 pm

All children 0-4 years and their parents welcome



Dulwich Prep
Cranbrook

Community events open to all, no charge
To book: registrar@dulwichprepcranbrook.org | dulwichprepcranbrook.org

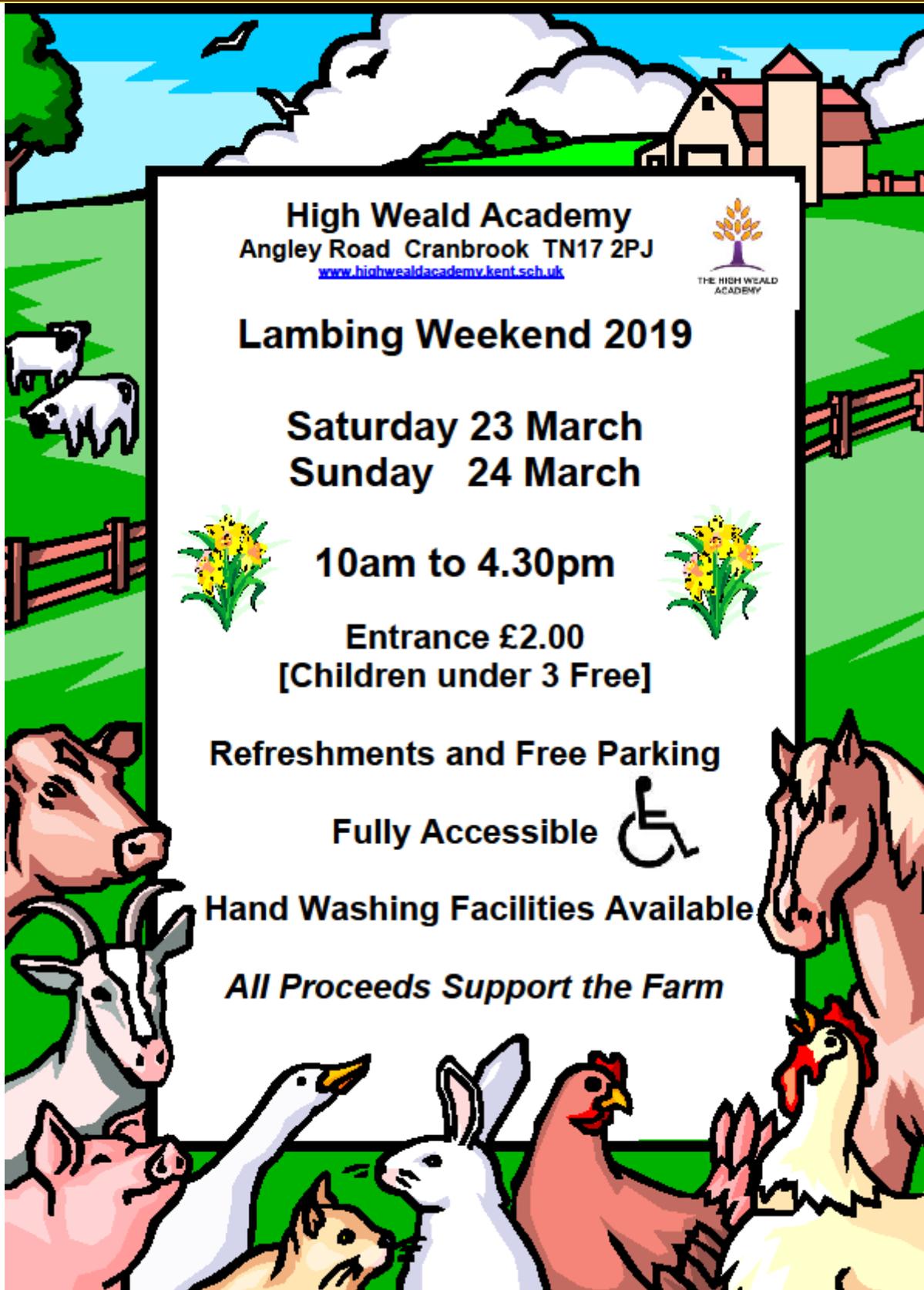
Fun world music workshop

Children in Years 1-4

Saturday 23rd March 9.00 - 12 noon

Try different musical instruments and learn songs from around the world. Enjoy a treasure hunt





High Weald Academy
Angle Road Cranbrook TN17 2PJ
www.highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk



Lambing Weekend 2019

Saturday 23 March
Sunday 24 March

10am to 4.30pm

Entrance £2.00
[Children under 3 Free]

Refreshments and Free Parking

Fully Accessible 

Hand Washing Facilities Available

All Proceeds Support the Farm

Diary Dates

18th Feb	February holiday
25th Feb	Term 4 begins -Children back to school
4th Mar	Book Week
6th Mar	Book Fair after school
7th Mar	Book Fair After School
8th Mar	Book Week Dress-Up Assembly
12th Mar	Year 6 Memory Book Photographer visiting Parent Consultation Evening
13th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon
14th Mar	KS2 Trip to Bethany School-Peter and the Wolf
15th Mar	Comic Relief Day
22nd Mar	Shakespeare Trip to Dulwich Prep-Mary Poppins Workshop
25th Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting
28th Mar	Year 5 Trip to Rewind
29th Mar	P & F Mother's Day Sale
5th Apr	Easter Service Mission Church P & F Easter Tombola after school End of Term 4
23rd Apr	Term 5 Begins
23rd -26th Apr	Year 5 & 6 Residential trip to Hardelot, France
10th May	School Photo Day-Class Groups
13th-16th May	SATs Week
13th May	Full Governing Body Meeting
17th May	Year 6 Reward trip
20th May	Sports Week
22nd May	Year 5 & 6 'Growing Up' talk
23rd May	KS2 Inter-house Sports Afternoon
24th May	Sports Day End of Term 5