

## NOT ALL CLASSROOMS HAVE WALLS



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Term 2—Week 5

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## Weekly Message from Mrs Key



After a much-needed long weekend for students, we really hope they are now energised to push on to the end of term. Every day in school counts. Every lesson missed impacts on the students who missed the lesson plus others in the class as the teacher has to spend time catching up on missed learning. I am not writing to moan about attendance but to emphasise that being in school is important. A 90% exam result would be amazing but 90% attendance actually equates to one day off every fortnight. Our attendance is actually above the national average at the moment and has been since lockdown but nationally schools are struggling to get student attendance back to pre-pandemic levels. We appreciate your support with us tackling this issue. We have also seen a rise in student anxiety and social needs after the pandemic and again this is something that has been seen nationally and locally. We are aware of the lack of help and support out there for families and therefore there are increased expectations that schools deal with these escalating health

needs. At Chailey we are doing our best to rise to this challenge, without additional resource, and we will shortly be publishing to you our Mental Health School Strategy. We hope to get this to you before Christmas. In school, we are working hard on developing students' oracy skills both as a tool for learning and to support the entire community in being able to communicate positively and effectively.

One great antidote to anxiety is to spend time outside and this is one of the reasons we are so proud of our 'Learning outside the Classroom' Gold Award.

This week a group of students from all year groups spent some time on Chailey Common creating leaky dams. Not only did this give them time outside in nature it also provided great learning opportunities in our local environment. We hope you will enjoy some of the photographs and quotes from students.

### JOB & TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

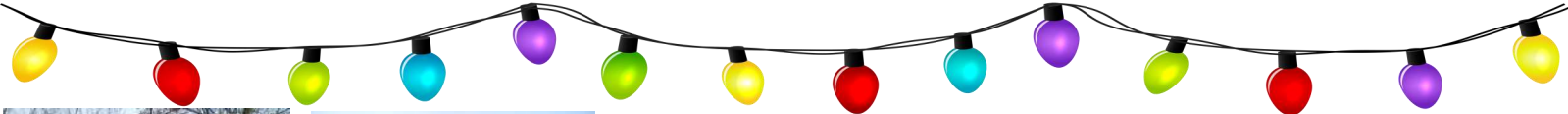
Chailey School has close connections with Really Wild for some years and are delighted that some of our ex-students have become trained instructors with them. They are now looking for more recruits. Any past or present student at Chailey who is 15-16 years is invited to apply. Of course, if there are any other member of our Chailey families who are interested then they would love to hear from you too.

Become an instructor or trainee instructor with Really Wild. Team selection and training starts soon so please do get in touch or recommend a friend. We are looking for people who share our values who live near to Wowo Campsite e.g. Brighton, Lewes or Chailey for example, to train with us. Full training is provided and no experience is necessary. Just a passion for helping people, a love for the outdoors and an ability or desire to lead and inspire others. Totally flexible additional part time and weekend work ideal for those in their mid to late teens and adults of any age. Here is a link to our team page. Do get in touch as selection and training starts soon. Thank you. Steve and the Really Wild team. <https://reallywildbushcraft.com/join-our-team/>



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I really enjoyed building the dams on Chailey Common because I got to improve my skills in conservation and dam building. I learnt that cutting the silver birch helps the heather to grow. I also learnt that the Sphagnum moss that grows on the common is very rare in the South of England and absorbs lots of the water which collects there. We need to keep it alive by building dams to slow the flow of water.  
Amy C 10 Ca



I made some dams and we learnt the importance of sphagnum moss to keep water in and that the tiny streams eventually lead to the Ouse. I'm proud of the dam we made because it curved and covered a lot of ground. I will bring outdoor clothes next time 😊  
Leo A 9 G1



Thank you so much for such an amazing experience and opportunity. I have been able to develop my understanding of dams even further. The work we have done will benefit everyone for years to come. An example is the ones we built last year that are still standing tall and strong so hopefully all these will do the same. On top of this I have met lots of interesting people and formed and developed lots of relationships.  
Eva K 10 Di



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## Chailey School Library Needs You

We are delighted that The Friends of Chailey School have agreed to support us in having a really big drive on updating and adding to our library stock this academic year. Before we decide what to buy, we want to ask you if you can help us. You may have unwanted books lying around, or even be tempted in gifting us a book? The Head of English, our School Librarian and myself met with students to find out what they want to see in the library.

We are going to have a book donation day on the 7th December but if you want to give us books any earlier, we will obviously be delighted.

This is what our students came up with:

### **What We Do Want**

Fantasy  
Sci-fi/dystopian  
Mystery/crime  
Thriller  
Action/adventure  
Contemporary (romance/teenage identity  
Family/mental or physical health)  
Young Adult  
KS4 general fiction  
Non-fiction appropriate for teens

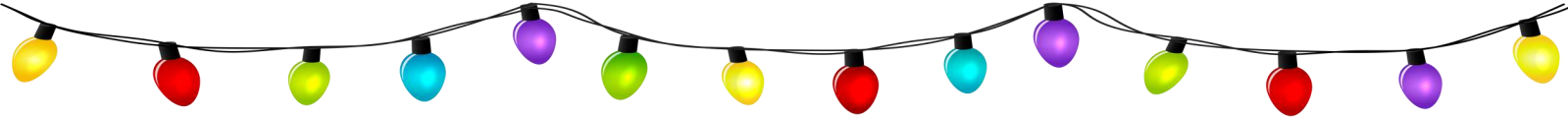
### **What We Don't Want**

Books aimed at Primary age students  
Books studied at Chailey already  
Picture books  
Tom Gates books  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid books  
Books by: David Walliams, Patrick Ness  
Anthony Horowitz, Darren Shan,  
Philip Reeve, Philip Pullman,  
Jacqueline Wilson



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**ARTISTS OF THE WEEK**  
**Mary P, Millie S and Jay I**



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# CHAILEY FOOD BANK APPEAL



## SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

From Friday 2nd December to Tuesday 13th December  
we are collecting non-perishable food to donate to:  
**LEWES FOOD BANK / FAMILY SUPPORT WORK**



Donated items can be left in our school reception

**Thank you for your  
support**



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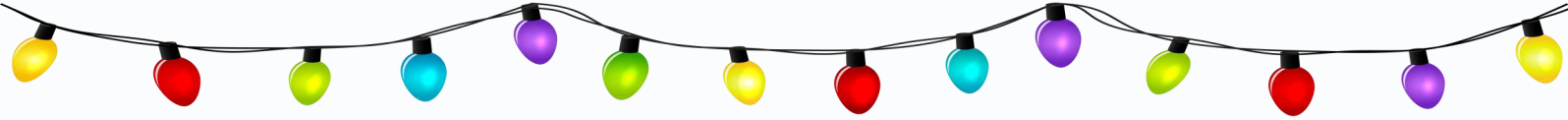


## I HEARD A 'WISPA'

Each week we ask teachers to nominate a student to receive an R3 and their names are then published in our newsletter. Two students in each year group (7 and 8) will then be picked at random from the list to receive a 'Wispa' - delivered to them by Mrs Key. Nominations and the winners for this week are below.

<b>7AS</b>	<b>8AS</b> Katie T for incredible effort in Lexia
<b>7CA</b>	<b>8CA</b> Issy S for hard work in history Hannah B for hard work in history Otis R for hard work in history Marize J for hard work in history David T for hard work in history Evie W for hard work in history Tom O for hard work in history Heidi A for doing extra work in English David T brilliant progress with reading comprehension
<b>7DI</b> Rosie W for consistent high standards Max CB for great engagement in guided reading Jazmine HBD great engagement in creative writing	<b>8DI</b> Lila B for great participation Henry S for great motivation in Computing
<b>7FI</b> Olivia S for outstanding creative writing Eva K for outstanding creative writing Elaine M great engagement in guided reading	<b>8FI</b> Bea G for great contributions in class
<b>7GL</b> Ethan B for outstanding homework in computing	<b>8GL</b>
<b>7WD</b> Layla J for great resilience in Spanish	<b>8WD</b> Adam H for engagement and participation





# December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Year 10 Parents Evening (in school) Year 11 Trial Exams End	2 Year 11 Cologne Trip
5	6 Year 11 Art Trial Exam	7	8 Year 11 Photography Trial Exam Presentation Evening Year 8 Tutor Evening (in school)	9
12 Year 11 Rewards Assembly	13 Christmas Music Event	14 Year 11 Trip to Boulogne	15	16 FOCS Tuck Shop  TERM ENDS 12.30pm
19 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!	20 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!	21 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!	22 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!	23 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
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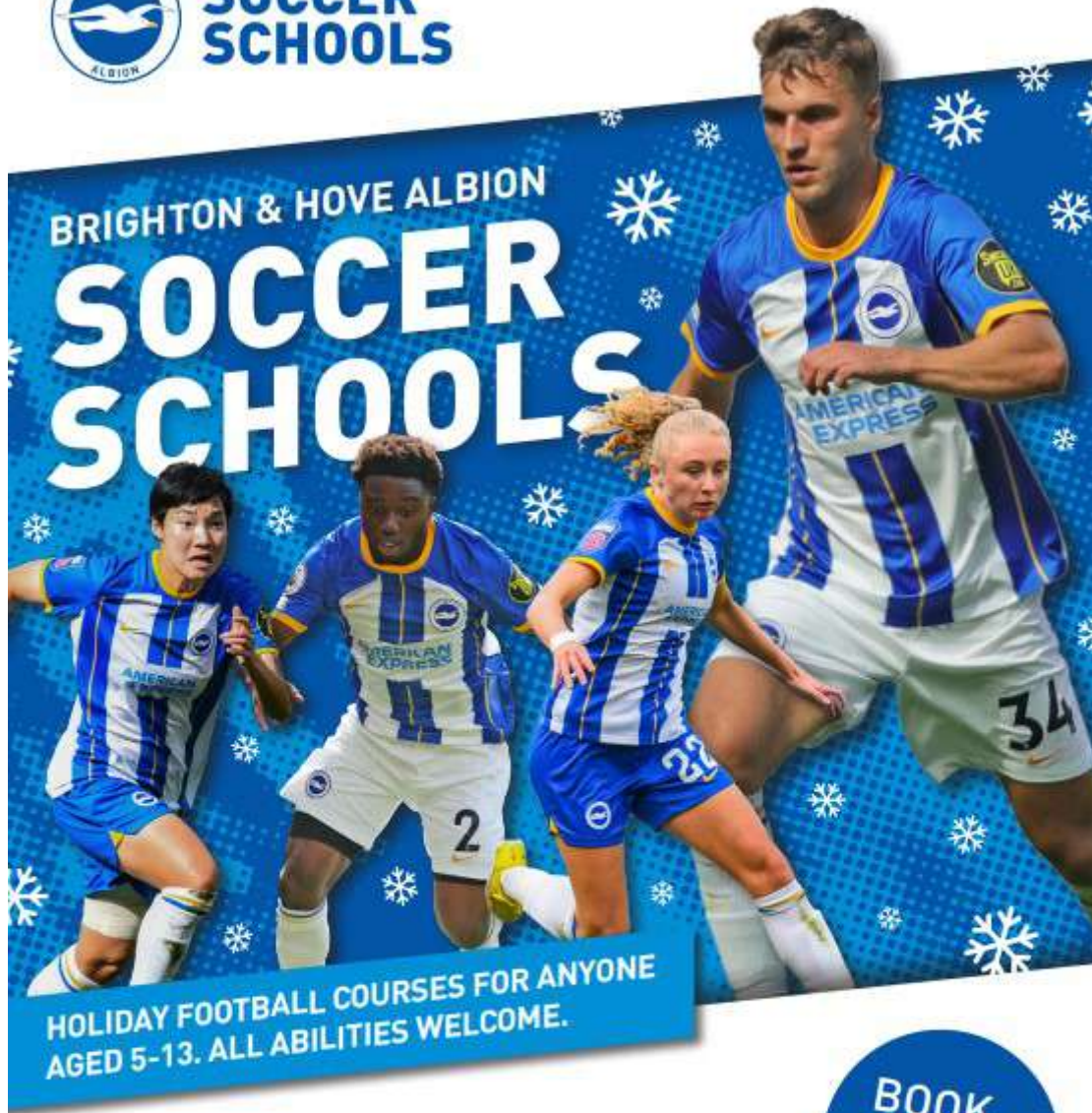
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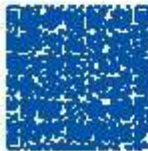




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**HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR ANYONE  
AGED 5-13. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.**



**Christmas holiday**

**Brighton // Worthing // Eastbourne  
Hassocks // Uckfield**



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