



The New East Worthing Primary School

January 2024 NEWSLETTER

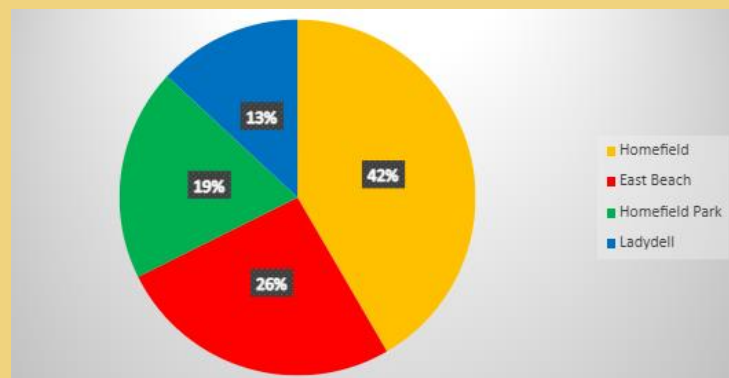
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and a big welcome to the Spring Term!

We have a name!

I am very pleased to announce that our new Primary School is going to be called

Homefield Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Overall, we received 1500 votes! A name with Homefield in it received 913 votes. Please see the graphics below:



The next important step is to design a logo for our new school badge.

Logo

It is important that our new logo represents our school community and our new name. Below is some information about Homefield to help with our important next steps. If you or your child would like to submit a design then please send via email (info@newprimschool.co.uk) or hand in at the school office by Friday 2nd of February 2024 – clearly labelled and with any background information/explanation of the design. Please remember to keep the design simple as the logo will appear on uniform, book bags, the website etc

The history of “Homefield”

In medieval times, when Worthing was a tiny hamlet - an outlier of the parish of Broadwater By The Sea, most of its people were engaged in farming and fishing. In those days, fields looked very different from today. They were not enclosed by hedges or banks of trees, but were large

and open. They were subdivided into strips. Each person had a strip, from which they hoped to feed their family. Any surplus went to the Lord of the Manor.

There were three fields - the East Field (which extended as far as present-day Booklands) and the West Field (that extended to a line marked by the present-day roads of Clifton Road, Gratwicke Road and down to the sea). The field closest to where the small village was (present day North Street and High Street) was called the Home Field. Later a fourth field, the Middle Field was created between the Home Field and the East Field.

Present day Homefield Park forms part of the original Home Field, but only a smaller part of it - the original field would have extended right down to the sea. The Teville Stream marked the northern boundary. The present-day park was opened in 1873.

Homefield Park was a Victorian Town Park and was known as the "People's Park" and was the first municipal park in Worthing. It used to have an ornamental lake/pond, a footbridge and grassland where events and carnivals took place.

Parent Engagement Event

A really big thank you to everyone who attended (either in person or via the QR code) our parent engagement sessions. It was lovely to meet and talk with you and we really do appreciate your ideas and suggestions, and thank you for sharing your concerns. This information will be collated over the next week. Anyone who signed up to one of the work parties will be contacted by a Governor over the next few weeks to arrange how best to work together.

Building Work

The architect has now visited the site and met with key staff and governors. We look forward to the next stage of viewing the plans and moving the project forwards.

Closure Day

West Sussex have granted both schools (Lyndhurst and Chesswood) an extra closure day. This will be on **Monday 15th April 2024**. This day will allow the entire staff from Lyndhurst and Chesswood to work together. All staff – teaching and learning staff, senior leaders and support staff – will be able to collaborate in planning for next year. This will contribute to a smooth transition for the pupils and a shared philosophy of teaching and learning across all school teams.



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Head Teacher Designate