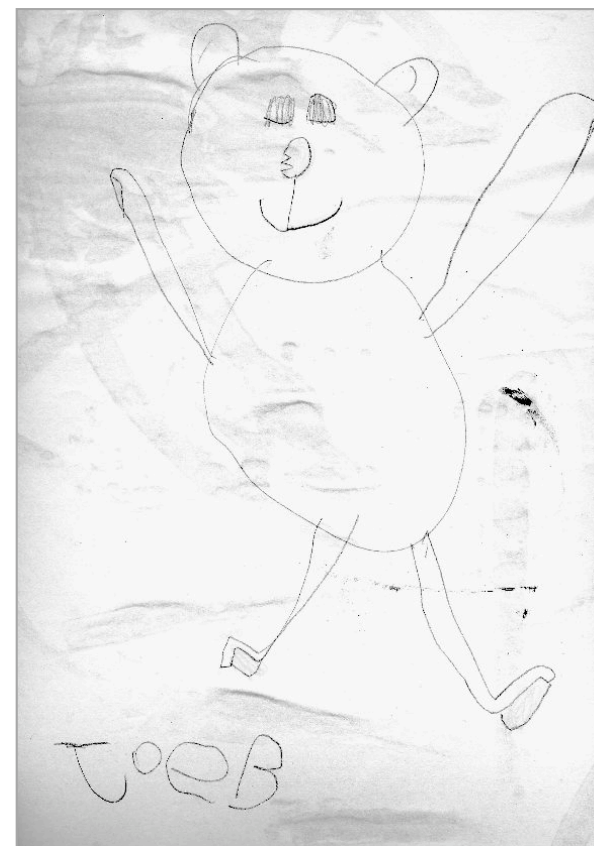


An inspector called...

An inspector from Ofsted visited the school today in response to the concerns expressed by governors about our recent inspection, and an enquiry made several months ago about the possibility of providing places for Year 7 children in future years.

The visit was very positive and, in marked contrast to our inspection last December, the inspector was keen to acknowledge both the unique qualities of the school and its strengths. We will not on this occasion receive a written report but the inspector's impressions of the school will be passed formally to the DCSF (Dept for Children, Schools and Families).

Because our original inspection did not look at provision for our pre-school age children, we will in due course be visited again by a team to look in more detail at how things work in Class 1. The inspector yesterday said that we could expect such an inspection to go extremely well and reassured us that the rest of the school would not now be fully inspected again for at least 3 years.



Joe (Class 1)

Finger on the pulse?

We are still keen to hear from parents who would like to take up the role of parent governor. This would ideally be someone who is around on a reasonably regular basis and who would be happy to pass on ideas and questions to the governing body.

Both Nimmy (Khaya, Malachy and Lottie) and Charlie (Millie and Alfie) would be more than happy to talk the role through and reassure you of what a manageable job it really is.

Help us get the word out

We have a very large pile of beautiful flyers and posters still waiting to be distributed around Lewes and surrounding areas.

A lot of time and energy has already been put into the planning of the Open Day and we are now very reliant on getting the word out about when and where it's happening.

Please sign up on the list by the welcome board (or in the lobby when it's raining) and grab a bag as soon as you get a chance!

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Monday Bank Holiday

Wednesday *'You Choose' meal designed this week by Class 3*

Make your own sandwich

Fruit jelly

Friday Mixed veg. creamy coconut curry with rice

Banana custard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Week

Mon 5	Bank Holiday
Tuesdays	8.45 Swimming (Leisure Centre) Classes 2,3 & 4
Friday 9	OPEN DAY

Thursday 22 May Festival and Tea
 Mon 26 - Fri 30 Half term

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I have been musing on the perennial dilemma (for me) of when to push to make things happen, and when to step back and allow them to unfold. I've experienced the best and worst of each. There's nothing more wonderful than working through and around obstacles to achieve that goal, but boy is it tough when it seems to get further away and I feel as though I am pushing a boulder up a mountain single-handed!

And then there's that glorious feeling of being in the flow, when things are effortless and all I have to do is hang on and follow. It seems it could always be like this. But when I lose touch with it, I am left with the kind of waiting that is unsettling and seemingly unproductive.

I don't have any answers about the ideal way to be, other than it is a balance somewhere between the two, a constant process of adjustment - stopping, reflecting, making a choice, taking a step. There is something very powerful about the combination of concerted action and openness to the unexpected - to something beyond the limits of our own imagination. Children are, of course, a perfect example of this uncluttered way of being, that is until education and conditioning start to muddy the waters. That is why I feel very privileged to be part of Lewes New School, where 'beingness' is recognised and valued as much as achievement.

Hermione Elliott (Chair of Trustees)