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**NEWSLETTER 5: 9 November 2015** 

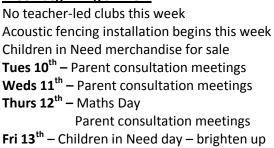
The countdown to our FOSS Christmas Fair has started! See the attachment for more details and how you can help.

#### Welcome to Liz Henderson – new governor

Hello, I am a new co-opted governor and am enjoying learning about Summerlea. I have lived in Rustington with my husband, Keith, since 1976, a few years before our two children were born. Up to that time, I had been a Secondary English teacher for six years for East Sussex and Oxforshire Local Authority (LA). I came to West Sussex to take up post as Head of English at the newly built Angmering School. Subsequently I have taught in several secondary schools, Northbrook College and Ford Prison. My last school post was on the Senior Management Team at The Regis School (then known as B.R.C.C.) where I was very proud to work for thirteen years. I then moved into the English Advisory Team for West Sussex LA and spent ten years developing English, Literacy across the Curriculum and Assessment before becoming an Independent Consultant for a few years. My passion is learning and language and the introduction of people to literature. It is through that 'secondary world' of literature that much growth happens, especially in childhood, allowing people to enjoy and experience so much that helps them to understand themselves and others. I completed two accredited counselling courses when I first retired and contribute in a variety of ways to the life of our local church, St Peter and St Paul, Rustington. The centre of my attention in the last eight years has been on my five grandchildren from one to eight years old who live in Brighton and Hove. So my excitement about learning has come full circle as I watch them move through childhood and into schools. When I was offered the role of

governor, I accepted it so I could support a team that is so committed to children and learning. I look forward to getting to know the school better and learning how I can serve the staff at Summerlea and the children and families in this area. Please say hello if you see me so that I can learn names as quickly as possible.

If you have a question, concern or suggestion please email governors@summerleaschool.co.uk



someone's day (non-uniform) - £1 donation

## Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Owl Experience



Please also see the previously issued term dates for the academic year and key events for the autumn term, as well as separate letters for

















# Coming soon! Thursday 26th November 6.30pm-8.30pm



We are fortunate to have another visit from Evelyn Stewart, a sleep and behavioural advisor from Southampton Hospital.

Evelyn has many years of experience in these areas, working with a range of ages; you may have seen her on a Channel 4 programme about sleep difficulties.

Come along for a cup of tea/coffee and hear her talk on a number of sleep issues including:

- How to get children to bed and stay there!
- How to get them to sleep.
- Dealing with night terrors and sleepwalking.
- How much sleep does my child need?
- How sleep impacts on learning.

There will also be time to ask Evelyn questions. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time with details about reserving a seat.

#### **Uniform Survey update**

Thank you to everyone who completed our school uniform survey. The governors have formed a uniform working party and are now in the process of analysing the results. We will write to you shortly to share the findings with you and inform you of our agreed course of action.



Our Christmas Fair is only a few weeks away! Please see the attached newsletter to find out more about what we have planned and how you can help. We really need you!



# Important

#### Two important requests

A polite reminder that the passage at the back of Cowdray Drive, which some children refer to as the 'secret way', is a private path and should not be used as a cut through by parents or their children. Please be respectful of the residents in our local community. We have received several complaints regarding our families using this route, which is not only private but also potentially hazardous.

We must also remind parents to please take care if parking in the layby outside of the school. Please do not park on the ends of the layby by the roundabouts if there is not room for your vehicle. This causes congestion and is also extremely dangerous.

Thank you for your cooperation.



#### **Assessment at Summerlea**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our assessment information meeting last Thursday evening. We received excellent feedback about this. Thank you to Mr Trahern, Miss Turner and Mrs Howard for leading the meeting and making the implications of the new curriculum and 'assessment without levels' both interesting and easy to understand for parents. We were particularly proud to be able to showcase our new Learning Journals at this meeting and we hope you enjoy seeing your own child's at parent consultation meetings this week.

If you were unable to attend and/or would like copies of the presentation etc. these are

like copies of the presentation etc. these are available to download from our website via the 'Teaching & Learning' tab. Thank you for your support.

#### **ParentMail Problems**

Since ParentMail has updated their communication system, we are very aware that some parents have experienced a number of different problems with the service. Like most technology, when it works it is brilliant and when it doesn't it is extremely frustrating and inconvenient. We have been working closely with ParentMail and hope that now the vast majority of Parent Mail problems have been remedied. Attached to this newsletter are some 'Frequently asked questions' from ParentMail which we hope you will find useful. However, if you continue to have problems with ParentMail, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wright in the school office who will be very happy to help you. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### **Marvellous Maths Day!**

This Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November is a maths day in our locality. We are participating with this as a school and so, on Thursday, every class will be undertaking a mathematical problem solving activity at some point during the day. Assemblies on that day will also have a maths focus and Miss Sacco (Maths subject leader) will be introducing a new 'Challenge of the Week' and multiplication booklets with the children. We will also be having a 'drop what you're doing and do maths' bell! This will be rung several times throughout the day and when the children hear the bell they will drop what they're doing and play a quick maths game with their teachers for a few minutes. We are really looking forward to celebrating maths in this way and hope it is an enjoyable day for everyone. Thank you to Miss Sacco for organising this.

Headteacher:

Helen Morris

#### **National Sports Award**

We are thrilled that Summerlea School was nominated for the Sussex Sports Awards 2015. Having received hundreds of nominations, the judges came to a decision and we have been shortlisted as a finalist! Two other primary schools have been shortlisted: Orchards Junior School and Thomas A Becket Junior School. In the words of Sandy Fell (LASP Co-ordinator) this is great news, a fantastic achievement and extremely well deserved! A huge congratulations to the whole Summerlea team (staff, pupils and their parents). A special well done and thank you to Miss Chaplin and Mr Cox (PE Subject Leaders) who co-ordinate sports provision and practice across the school. The award ceremony is on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> November - fingers crossed we are the overall winners.

#### After School Care Club (ASCC)

We are very pleased that, following Mrs Dyke leaving, Mrs Sharon Barton (one of our Learning Support Assistants) has been appointed as the new Deputy Manager for ASCC. For those of you that have had a long association with the school, you may remember that this is a role Mrs Barton used to have some years ago. She is very excited to be part of the ASCC team once again and has lots of experience and new ideas to bring. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Palmer back to school (as Lead Learning Support Assistant in Key Stage 1 and ASCC Manager) following her extended absence. Thank you to the ASCC assistants and other Learning Support Assistants who worked additional hours to ensure our ASCC club could continue running last half-term; what an amazing team!

#### The 100-word challenge

#### Week beginning: 12<sup>th</sup> October

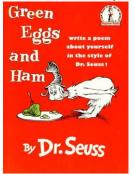
The 100-word challenge is now being set fortnightly, rather than weekly, to allow the children more creative thinking and writing time!

Key Stage 1 winner

I like treats. I like sweets.
I like mum and a bun.
I like pups. I hiccup.
I like jungles. I like mumbles.
I like raps. I like maps.
I like stars. I like Mars.
I like cakes. I like lakes.
I like to make. I like to bake.
I like fudge. I like a smudge.
I like parks. I like marks.

Written by Sienna (Cedar Class, Year 2)

#### The children were shown this poetry prompt:





#### **Key Stage 2 winner**

#### <u>I don't like purple jam</u>

I am Jessica. Jessica I am. I don't like purple jam. Do you like purple jam? I don't. Would you eat it in a van or with your great gran? No, I wouldn't! Jessica I am. I would not eat it in a van. I would not eat it with my gran and if you ask me one more time the answer is "NO, NO, NO!" Would you eat it on your toe or in the queen's throne? Would you eat it on the floor or lick it off the door? Like I said the answer is "NO, NO, NO, of course not!" "NO, NO, NO!"

Written by Jessica (Elm Class, Year 4)

#### Time to read and reflect

We hope you have enjoyed reading these pieces of writing. It would be lovely if you could spend some time sharing and discussing them with your child. Below are some suggestions of things you could think and talk about together.

Sienna has written her ideas in a rhyming list. Can you think of any more lines of your own to add?

Jessica's really sounds like something by Dr Seuss! What techniques has she used to achieve this?





#### Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter

Christmas will be upon us soon ... we will not remind you of how many days there are left until Christmas, but we will say that there are only a few weeks left until our annual Christmas Fair! This newsletter contains lots of information and a few pleas for help in order to ensure that the event is every bit as successful as it has been in previous years — we can only do this with the help of our wonderful supporters and volunteers and we need as much help as we can get!

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

#### **Donations Urgently Needed**

We use these for Santa's Grotto so it is vital we replenish our stocks. We are desperate for some new decorations (or at least pre-loved ones!). If you have any spare, or you know anybody who does, or even if you work for a company that sells them and could ask for a donation - we would be really grateful! Please pass any you have or can obtain to the office – or email and we can collect.

#### RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle ticket books will be distributed for the Christmas Fair, in the children's book bags, this week. Please feel free to ask at the office or email us for more books for any family and friends who might also want a chance of winning some of our excellent prizes, kindly donated by local businesses and supporters!

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS:

As always, we are in need of volunteers, whether during the day to set up/down or during the Fair itself, helping to man the FOSS-run stalls or running between to relieve other helpers for a quick dash round with their own children. We have lists distributed around the school on classroom windows and in Reception so please sign up there, catch one of us in the playground or email us. Thank you!

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To help FOSS raise money for Summerlea, improving and enriching our pupils' school experience, please consider using Molica Franklin if you decide to sell your home. Molica Franklin have agreed to donate 10% of each and every commission generated by the sale of homes belonging to the families of students attending Summerlea School and a further £50\* for every recommendation to friends. If you are currently on the market please consider the terms and conditions of any agreement you have in place to avoid paying two commissions.

\*Payable on completion, subject to a sole agency marketing agreement \*\*Payable on completion, subject to a sole agency marketing agreement.

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR STALL DETAILS

Each year group will be running their own stall and we have heard some great ideas for their stalls. Class teachers will tell you more about the rota for helping your child with their class stall.

FOSS will run the main stalls. If you have any donations for the raffle or work for a company who might be willing to donate a raffle prize please contact us.

If you or a family member/friend would like to run a stall of your/their own this can be done for a fee of £20. Please contact FOSS for further details if you are interested.

#### SANTA's GROTTO...HO HO HO!

No Christmas Fair is complete without a visit to see Santa! He will be flying in to visit Summerlea at the Fair – this year for one day only. Each visit will cost £2 per child and a chocolate gift is provided (let us know in advance if there are any allergies!).

#### **DISCO THANKS**

The annual Autumn disco was a huge success! Thank you for your support in sending your children to the disco, and especially to our kind volunteers for giving up their time to help. We raised over £500 – Thank you!

#### CAKES FOR CHRISTMAS:

#### **Calling all Bakers**

We rely on your yummy creations in a big way during our Christmas Fair. Whether it's a slice of Stollen or a Christmas Cupcake, a dainty fairy cake or a Santa-size Christmas Cake – it all helps!

Please bring your donations in on the morning of the fair – we shall collect them in the KS1 playground by the hall.

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Nothing in the diary at the moment; our numbers are incredibly low (just 1 came to the last meeting on 5th November!). We know it is incredibly hard to fit in volunteering alongside children, work and family commitments, but if you do have any time to spare, even if only half an hour, we really would be so grateful. If we cannot increase our numbers it will have a direct effect on what events we can run for the children and families and other supporters of FOSS. If you're not sure what to do, are shy, or just want a chat with us about it first, please do get in touch by email or catch one of the committee in the playground / at events or even ask in the office as Katrina Wright is our Treasurer and can help guide

#### Contact Us:

Friends of Summerlea School, Windsor Drive, Rustington, BN16 3SW Tel: 01903 856783

Email: foss@summerleaschool.co.uk

Find us on Facebook, click the link below or search for Friends of Summerlea School and ask to join our group: Friends of Summerlea School

#### I am receiving emails to the feed but not into my inbox?

This could be down to the security on your inbox and it may be that emails are being blocked. Please log in directly to your Inbox and check Junk/Spam and if the problem persists please contact your Email provider. In addition please add this email address info@parentmail.co.uk to your contact favorites or approved sender list.

#### I have registered but now I cannot log in.

Please ensure you are at the correct ParentMail website to which you have registered, if it seems frozen at the login page, you may have private browsing enabled.

#### When I access the website I do not see a login box, all I see is the background?

This is usually down to Cookies being disabled or you are accessing ParentMail in Private Browsing, please Allow Cookies and this should resolve your issue. If the problem persists please ensure your Browser is up to date.

#### I have received an email but when I click the link, I get 'page cannot be displayed'?

This problem may be due to the inbox you are using. To solve this, forward the email to another inbox you have and retry the link. For example (If you are using @parentmail.co.uk forward the email to a different @domain) or you can log directly into your ParentMail as this prompt is letting you know you have a new message in your Feed.

#### I have registered but when I log in all I see is that I have no APP's?

This is a very rare query, if you come across this please contact the school as they will need to grant you a permission to be able to view your emails. They can do this by finding you under user's then selecting Actions and Permissions.

#### I am using a iPad/Tablet/Phone and am having trouble accessing the site.

This is due to the compatibility of the browser on your device, ensure the browser you are using is up to date or please go to page 1 of the guide to download from the links provided.

#### Why is there an option to login through Facebook?

You can now log in to your ParentMail account using your Facebook login – this will make the login process much quicker and mean that parents only have to remember 1 username and password.

#### How do I add my partner to ParentMail?

If you want to add another parent or partner to your child's ParentMail account, you will need to contact your school who will need to add them as a user and connect them to your child's account.

#### Which devices can I use ParentMail on?

ParentMail will work on mobile phones, tablets and computers. If you are using a mobile or tablet, the simplest way to use ParentMail is to create a shortcut on your desktop.

#### Can I link more than one school or club?

Yes, as long as they are using ParentMail. Each school will send you a registration email, just click the link and follow the instructions and you will automatically be linked to your new school.

#### Why can't I open PDF attachments?

Please make sure you have Adobe Reader installed on your computer, you can download it free from <a href="http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader">http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader</a>

#### How can I see calendar events?

To see calendar events, use the filter button on the right hand side of your message feed and select events. This will show you a list of all your events in date order. You can search for a particular event by typing in the name, selecting by month or selecting by year.

#### How can I see previous messages sent to me?

On the message feed screen scroll down the page to see previous messages that have been sent to you.

#### How do I delete my account?

You can delete your account by selecting your name on the toolbar across the top of the page. This will give you several options, the first of which is to delete your account. Once you delete your account it will be flagged for deletion in 7 days time from then, giving you time to cancel the deletion. Once your account has been deleted, you CAN NOT get your account back.



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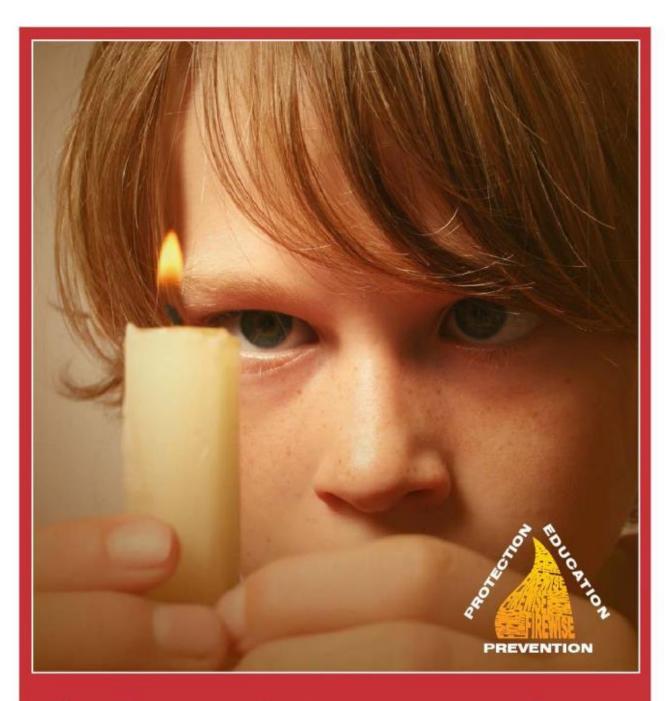
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## Our Firewise Scheme...

Aims to eliminate the likelihood of young people firesetting in the future, by educating them about the dangers and impacts of fire, enabling them to make safer choices.

A menu of flexible and tailored activities, have been created to develop and enhance the young person's fire safety knowledge.

Through partnership working, we can liaise with organisations that assist the young people with other needs that they may have.



For more information, contact us:

01243 752535

youthinitiative@ westsussex.org.uk

www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire

# Immediate advice if you have concerns about a young person's firesetting behaviour:

- Consider your own actions and how they may influence the behaviour of the children you are responsible for.
- Never leave matches or lighters around the home, even in pockets or handbags.
- Never assume toddlers or infants are incapable of lighting a match or lighter.
- Be aware they may hide matches and/or lighters in their clothing, possessions or bedrooms for use later.
- Ensure that you have working smoke alarms on each floor and one in the bedroom of the young person.
- 6. Do not allow rubbish to pile up.
- If you have an open fire make sure it is fitted with an adequate safety guard.



This photograph shows an example of a trained 'Firewise' advisor working with a young child to discuss what is 'safe or unsafe' and the reasons they have for their decisions.

This activity allows the child to talk about experiences they have had with fire and for the advisor to educate about making safe choices.

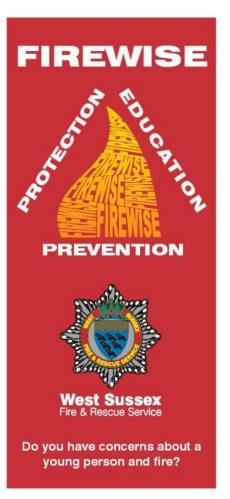


If you would like more information about the Firewise scheme or to make a referral, please contact us:

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#### Why do young people play with fire?

Young people may play with fire for various reasons, for example, a natural curiosity or seeking attention. Without help and guidance, firesetting behaviour can escalate and lead to more serious consequences.

We can reduce the chances of young people starting fires by understanding and challenging their behaviour and by giving them some basic fire safety advice.

We can give guidance to parents, carers and professionals who may be concerned about a young person playing with fire.



### Watch out for these tell-tale signs of firesetting behaviour:

- Matches or lighters hidden in bedrooms, school bags or coats.
- · An unusual fascination with fire.
- Small burn holes on carpets, bedding and furniture.
- Scorch marks in hidden locations such as in wardrobes or cupboards.
- Burnt paper or objects in bins.
- · Burnt matches lying around.
- · Noticing the smell of burning.
- · Unexplained fires in the home or garden.
- · Noticing injuries to skin e.g. burns.



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All of our 'Firewise' advisors will provide information, support, advice and guidance to you and the young person.

Our advisors are available to visit schools, home or other establishments. Permission of parents/carers is required before any visit is undertaken.

Once a referral is received, an advisor will make contact to arrange a visit at a time and place convenient for you and the young person.

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Entries must be received by Monday 23rd November 2015. Winning schools will be contacted by Wednesday 25th November and the "Gritter visit and presentation" will be on Friday 27th November 2015. This is during Road Safety Week. Please send entries to WSCC Safer Routes to School Team, Northern Area Office, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 3LZ or email a scan of your entry to pene.mather@westsussex.gov.uk.



- 1. Name The Gritter
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   Why is the work done by the Gritters in West Sussex so important? (max 50 words)

3. Tell Us Your Details;	
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SCHOOL NAME	
SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBER	

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# Lights On

@ The Wickbourne Centre Clun Road Littlehampton BN17 7DZ Tel: 01903 276840 Programmes 50p per child Available at The Wickbourne Centre . Free Christmas Family Portrait \*Free Father Christmas Raffle, Cake Stall, Face Painting, Christmas Craft, Iombola, Adopt a Teddy, Wrap a Present, Reindeer Food & Lots more Thursday 26th November 2015 3.00-5.00pm

\*Must be booked at The Wickbourne Centre when buying your programme