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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Well done to all of our children for wonderful Harvest assemblies last Friday and thank you for your generous donations of produce for the Littlehampton District Food Bank.



World Maths Celebration Day

On Friday 14th October we will be celebrating Maths Celebration Day in school!

All the children, from Early Years to Year 6, will be working on a whole school 'shop enterprise' project. The children will design a proposal for their chosen business. The shop can sell anything but it has to be agreed as a year group. The children will then take responsibility for researching and designing an element of the business, for example stock costs or a staffing timetable. This project will enable the children to use and develop a range of mathematical skills as well as problem solving and working collaboratively as part of a team. In the afternoon the children will be taking part in a whole school Maths themed Golden Time. At the end of the day, the winning business proposal will be announced by Mrs Crook and Mr Cox in our very special Maths themed Star Pupils assembly! We are really looking forward to the day and will announce the winning year group in the next newsletter!



Week beginning 10th October:

Mon 10th: Year 2 swimming

Tue 11th: 8.45am for a 9am start EYFS 6 weeks in meeting for parents/carers

Fri 14th: World Maths Celebration Day
FOSS Discos

Week beginning 17th October:

Year 6 Bikeability week

Mon 17th: Year 2 swimming

Thur 20th: Open Day (sessions at 9.30, 1.30 and 6pm – all welcome)

Fri 21st: Half term

**School re-opens on Tuesday 1st November.
Mon 31st October is an INSET day.**

Please also see the previously published term dates for the academic year and key events on our website calendar, as well as separate letters for more information.



FOSS AGM



Thank you to all of the parents, carers, grandparents and teachers that attended the FOSS AGM on Friday 30th September. There was a fantastic turn out and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

We are pleased to announce the following parents will be leading FOSS this year:

Sander Beek - Chair

Emma Green – Vice Chair

Kat Wright – Treasurer

Charlotte Edwards – Secretary

A huge thank you to these parents for volunteering to take on these roles to ensure FOSS can continue as a charity and raise vital funds for the school for the benefit of its children.

Thank you also to Carole Banting and Kelli Hayward who have previously played a key role in the success of FOSS and have now stepped down from their roles of joint Chair but are keen to continue supporting FOSS in any ways they can.

The first FOSS fundraising event this term is the autumn discos this Friday 14th October. Tickets are £2 for EYFS and £2.50 for all other year groups and will be on sale in the Laurel Room Tuesday to Friday morning this week. Thank you for your support.

FOSS

www.friendsosummerleaschool.co.uk

Upper Key Stage 2 Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that if your child wears a skirt to school it is of a reasonable length and not too short. Dark grey or black skirts or pinafore dresses of plain weave and shade may be worn. Thank you for your support.

Fairer Funding Petition

Please show your support for the 'Worth Less?' Campaign by signing the online petition for all West Sussex schools to receive pupil funding at the national average. Visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761>

Headteacher: *HELEN MORRIS*

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out?

We are in need of replenishing some of our golden time resources and would welcome donations of board games, puzzles, and small world play or construction activities in good condition. All year groups would be very grateful - particularly Key Stage 2 (children aged 7 to 11). Please send any items into the school office and the School Pupil Council will sort and distribute resources across the classes. Thank you for your help and support.



Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

If your child is in Year 1, 2 or 3 please ensure you have completed and returned the Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination consent form sent home last week.

Attached to this newsletter are details regarding flu catch up clinics in our area if your child is absent from school on the day they are administered and also a patient information leaflet.

Congratulations!

Staffing News

Our congratulations go to Mrs Hawkins (Year 1 teacher) who is expecting her second child and will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of February next year.

We are delighted to have appointed a new Individual Needs Assistant, Mrs Deana Short, who will be joining our excellent team of Learning Support Assistants after October half-term.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Julie Stephens (LSA) on 19th October and wish her every happiness in the future as she looks forward to being able to spend more time with her two grandchildren.

Both Mrs Stephens and Miss Turner (Senior Leader, currently on maternity leave) are getting married on 22nd October and we wish them many congratulations.



The 100-word challenge
Week beginning: 19th September

Key Stage 1 winner



Dear Mrs Morris,

We visited Summerlea School recently because we loved living in the school pond when we were ducklings. Sorry for leaving an egg on the field last year. Has it hatched?

We now live on the a large pond in Centre Parks. Our neighbours, the swans, hiss at us a lot!

Hope to see you again soon.

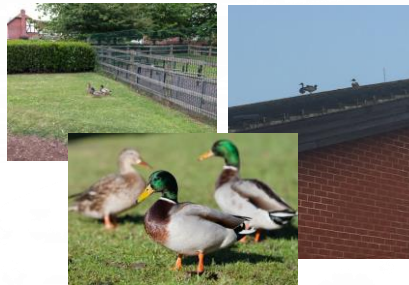
From the Duck family.

(As ducks can't write, we asked Holly Class to help us with this letter).

Written by Holly Class (Year 1)

This fortnight's challenge was about the resident ducks here at Summerlea!

Resident ducks



Key Stage 2 winner

Why have the ducks arrived at Summerlea?

I think the ducks have come from Brookfield Park because they look well fed. The ducks go to the pond near the early years classrooms because there is a pond there. I think they like the school because they might like the children and adults. I think the ducks are thinking they like the school, children and teachers. The ducks may be saying they want to stay here because they really like it here. They might land on the roof to talk to the other ducks and birds.

Written by Kaycee (Aspen Class, Year 5)

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.

Holly Class has written a letter. What features of letter writing have they included?

Kaycee has written lots of his own thoughts about the ducks. What do you think the ducks are thinking or saying to each other?



Was your child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013?

If so then he or she is eligible to
start school in September 2017.

Apply online! It's simple, convenient
and timesaving, plus you get an
instant email acknowledgement
that your application
has been received.

Apply online from
3 October. If you would
like further advice or
information contact:

 **03330
142 903**

Free internet access
to apply online is
available at all:

- West Sussex libraries;
- Children and
Family Centres.



Apply online at:

☐ www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2017

FLU CATCH UP CLINICS

Brighton Team

Venue - Children & Families Clinic, D Block, BGH

12.10.2016 – 3.30-5.00

26.10.2016 – All day

03.11.2016 – 3.00-4.30

15.11.2016 – 3.00-4.30

13.12.2016 – 3.00-4.30

19.12.2016 – All day

Venue - Durrington Health Centre, Worthing

24.10.2016 – All day

07.11.2016 – 3.00-4.30

21.11.2016 – 3.00-4.30

05.12.2016 – 3.00-4.30

Flu Catch Up Clinics

Chichester Team

Venue – Littlehampton Children & Family Centre,
Wickbourne Centre, Clunn Road, Littlehampton, BN17 7DZ

24.10.2016 – 1.00 - 4.00

21.11.2016 – 3.00 - 4.00

Venue – Bognor Regis Nursery School & Children & Family Centre, Health Room,
85 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, PO21 2TB

25.10.2016 – 12.00 - 4.00

28.10.2016 – 2.00 - 4.00

22.11.2016 – 1.00 - 4.00

06.12.2016 - 1.00 – 4.00

Venue – Westhampnett Child Development Centre,
28-29 Westhampnett Road, Chichester

11.10.2016 – 3.00 - 4.30

18.10.2016 – 3.00 - 4.30

01.11.2016 – 3.00 - 4.30

08.11.2016 – 3.00 - 4.30

15.11.2016 - 3.00 - 4.30

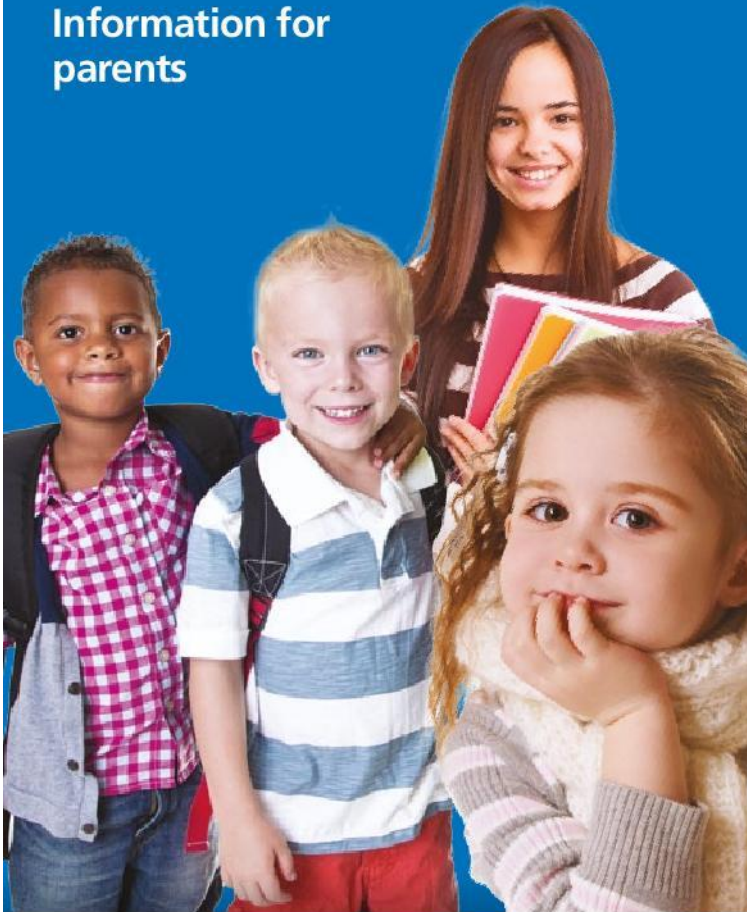
29.11.2016 – 3.30 - 4.30

13.12.2016 – 3.00 - 4.30

20.12.2016 – 3.00 – 4.30

Protecting your child against flu

Information for
parents



**STAYWELL
THISWINTER**

Flu  mmunisation 2016/17

This year, the flu vaccine is being offered to:

- **children aged two, three and four years¹**
- **children in school years 1, 2 and 3²**
- **children with a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu**
- **all children of primary school-age in some parts of the country (in former pilot areas)**

This leaflet explains why these children are being offered the vaccination, as well as describing the disease and the vaccine.

¹ ie born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2014

² ie born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2011

► **Why should children have the flu vaccine?**

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness. This can often last several days.

Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

► **Are all children being offered the vaccine?**

No. All children aged two, three and four years and those in school years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered the vaccine. The programme will be gradually extended to further school children in the future.

► **Why are so many children being offered the vaccine?**

By offering the flu vaccination to as many children as possible in the autumn, we help to protect them in time for the winter. As well as protecting these vaccinated children, the infection is then less able to spread, and so it helps to protect their brothers and sisters, and other family members and friends including their parents and grandparents.

► **My child had the flu vaccination last year. Do they need another one this year?**

Yes; the flu vaccine for each winter helps provide protection against the strains of flu that are likely to circulate this year and which may be different from last year. For this reason we recommend that even if vaccinated last year, your child should be vaccinated again this year.

► How effective is the vaccine?

Flu vaccine is the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus which infects many people and can cause severe illness and deaths each year particularly among at-risk groups, including older people, pregnant women and those with a health condition, even one that is well managed.

The World Health Organization monitors flu globally and in February each year recommends the strains of flu virus that should be included in the flu vaccine for the forthcoming flu season in the Northern hemisphere. It takes from February through to August/September for vaccine manufacturers to produce sufficient quantities of the vaccine. Because the flu virus can change there is a risk that the vaccine does not match the virus that eventually circulates.

During the last ten years the vaccine has generally been a good match for the circulating strains.

► Has the nasal vaccine been used in other countries?

Yes; it has been used safely in the US for many years and over the last three years in the UK where millions of children have been successfully and safely vaccinated.

► What are the benefits of the vaccine?

Having the vaccine will help protect your child from what can be a very nasty illness. It may also reduce the chance of others in your family, who could be at greater risk of flu, such as grandparents or those with long term health

conditions, getting flu from your child. It can help you avoid having to take time off work or other activities because you are ill or need to look after your sick child.

Before the programme was offered nationally its' delivery was piloted in a number of areas in England. In those areas, where all primary school age-children were offered vaccine, less flu has been detected in all age groups of the population. This suggests that as well as protecting the vaccinated children other people in those communities benefited too.

► How will the vaccine be given?

For most children, it is given as a nasal spray.

► Who will give my child their vaccination?

Children aged two, three and four years will be given the vaccination at their general practice usually by the practice nurse.

Children in school years 1, 2 and 3, and all primary school children in former pilot areas, are likely to have the vaccination in school but in some areas this may be offered in other community health settings.

► How does the nasal spray work?

The nasal spray contains viruses that have been weakened to prevent them from causing flu but will help your child to build up immunity. When your child comes into contact with flu viruses they will then be less likely to get ill.

► Are there any side-effects of the vaccine?

Serious side-effects are uncommon. Children may commonly develop a runny or blocked nose, headache, general tiredness and some loss of appetite. This may last a few days.

The vaccine is absorbed quickly in the nose so, even if your child sneezes immediately after having had the spray, there's no need to worry that it hasn't worked.

► What about my child who has a health condition that puts them at risk of flu?

Children with certain health conditions, even if well managed, are at higher risk of severe complications if they get flu. These conditions include:

- serious breathing problems, for example, severe asthma needing regular inhaled or oral steroids
- serious heart conditions
- severe kidney or liver disease
- diabetes
- immunosuppression due to disease or treatment, for example, chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment for cancer or long-term steroid use, and
- problems with the spleen, either because the spleen has been removed (asplenia) or doesn't work properly, for example, because of sickle cell or coeliac disease.



Your GP may also recommend that your child is vaccinated against flu if they have a condition that affects the nervous system such as cerebral palsy.

If you are not sure whether your child needs a flu vaccination or you need more advice, speak to your practice nurse, GP or health visitor.

From the age of six months onwards these children should have a flu vaccination every year. Most of these children should have the nasal spray vaccine. For some children, the nasal spray is not suitable for medical reasons and it should not be given to children under the age of two. These children will be offered an injectable vaccine instead either at the school or through the GP. If your child is not offered the vaccine in the school, it is important that you contact your GP to arrange an appointment.

► Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

Children should not have the nasal vaccine if they:

- are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past three days (vaccination should be delayed until at least three days after the wheezing has stopped)
- are severely asthmatic, ie being treated with oral steroids or high dose inhaled steroids
- have a condition, or are on treatment, that severely weakens their immune system or have someone in their household who needs isolation because they are severely immunosuppressed
- have severe egg allergy. Most children with egg allergy can be safely immunised with nasal flu vaccine. However, children with a history of severe egg allergy with anaphylaxis should seek specialist advice. Please check with your GP
- are allergic to any other components of the vaccine*

* see the website at <http://xpil.medicines.org.uk> and enter Fluenz tetra in the search box for a list of the ingredients of the vaccine

If your child is at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine because of this, they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

Children who have been vaccinated with the nasal spray should avoid household contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination.

► **Can the flu vaccine be given to my child at the same time as other vaccines?**

Yes. The flu vaccine can be given at the same time as all the other routine childhood vaccines. The vaccination can go ahead if your child has a minor illness such as a cold but may be delayed if your child has a fever.

► **Does the nasal vaccine contain gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine)?**

Yes. The nasal vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines.

The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

► Can't my child have the injected vaccine that doesn't contain gelatine?

The nasal vaccine provides the best protection against flu, particularly in young children. It also reduces the risk to, for example, a baby brother or sister who is too young to be vaccinated, as well as other family members (for example, grandparents) who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

The injected vaccine is not thought to reduce spread so effectively and so is not being offered to healthy children as part of this programme.

However, if your child is at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

Some faith groups accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products – the decision is, of course, up to you. For further information about porcine gelatine and the nasal flu vaccine, see www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccines-and-porcine-gelatine

What will happen next?

Your local healthcare team will contact you about the vaccination. Talk to your GP, practice nurse, your child's school nurse or your health visitor if you have any further questions. Or you can visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



5 reasons

to get your child vaccinated

1. The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
2. The nasal vaccine is painless and easy to have
3. Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
4. If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
5. Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu

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