

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL



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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



NEWSLETTER 1: 11 September 2017

It has been wonderful to welcome staff and children back to school and meet our new families and starters.

Follow our school year on Twitter @Summerleahearts

New start of the day arrangements

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received about our new start of the day routine. Teachers are now in their classrooms, ready to receive children, from 8.20am each morning. Doors remain open until 8.30am when they then close and registers are taken. Your child can arrive anytime between 8.20am and 8.30am. If your child arrives late (after 8.30am) they will need to enter school via the main entrance and be signed in there. We are trialling this new system, used by many other schools, in order to improve punctuality as well as to allow teachers to 'touch base' with individual children as they arrive. We are hoping it will help improve communication between parents and teachers as our doors are literally open each morning. It also means the school day can start more promptly and therefore learning time will be maximised. It is having the added benefit of reducing traffic congestion and parking problems outside of school, which is good news for everyone! Thank you for your support.





Week beginning 11th September

EXTERNALLY LED CLUBS FOR Y1-6 START Mon 11th: Year 4 Egyptology Day Tue 12th: Year 6 and Year 2 (Cedar) Forest School Wed 13th: Year 5 Evacuee Day

Week beginning 18th September:

TEACHER LED CLUBS FOR Y1-6 START **Mon 18th:** Year 2 swimming **Tue 19th:** 4pm EYFS reading meeting for parents/carers **Thurs 21st:** 6pm Y4 Marchants Hill meeting for parents/carers **Fri 22nd:** Jeans for Genes day – wear jeans/ non-uniform for a voluntary donation

Please see the attached calendar for key dates and events for this autumn term. Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.















New for Summerlea



In wanting to further improve communication, following on from feedback from parents/carers, we are excited to announce something new for this year. From October we are looking to have a parent representative for each of our classes.

The parent representative will serve a primary role in maintaining good communication between parents, while also being a valuable resource to the teacher and the class. The class parent reps. will also facilitate the social interaction among families in the school community.

We know that we have some very proactive, creative, enthusiastic and motivated families in our community. If you think you would be interested in becoming a class parent representative, look out for a letter explaining more about the role and how you can become involved.

Curriculum Updates

Curriculum Booklets

Today you should receive your child's year group curriculum booklet for this half-term. These are also available to view via our website and spare hard copies are kept at Reception.

This year you will see, that as well as including an overview of the planned learning and other important information and reminders, that homework is also included. We have reviewed our homework policy in response to parent feedback following the survey conducted last year. You will be able to view our revised policy on our website soon. We hope you find the curriculum booklets informative and helpful. If you have any questions about the curriculum and your child's learning journey this half term please do speak to your child's class teacher. We will also be holding welcome meetings over the coming weeks to provide you an overview of the year ahead and expectations. More information about these meetings will follow shortly.

Staffing News

Our congratulations go to Miss Chaplin (Year 4 class teacher) and Mr Cox (previously a teacher at Summerlea) who are expecting their first child together. They are delighted to be able to share this happy and exciting news with you. Miss Chaplin anticipates going on maternity leave shortly after October half term and we will inform you of cover arrangements in due course.

This term we are pleased to have welcomed three new members of staff to our teaching team: Mr Burrows (Year 3 teacher), Mr Burnett (Year 4 teacher) and Mrs Arnold (Year 5 teacher).



Safeguarding Session

Do you volunteer in our school? Hear readers? Help on trips? Support Forest School? If so, you are warmly invited and encouraged to attend our safeguarding session which will be held on Thursday 28th September, 1:45pm - 2:45pm. This training will address signs and indicators of abuse and explain/outline our policies and procedures with regards to safeguarding and welfare. Please contact the school office to book a place.



No Smoking

A reminder, that smoking is strictly prohibited on the school's premises. Thank you.



Attendance Awards

Last term the School Pupil Council reviewed how we reward excellent attendance at school. As a result, this will look different going forward; in the interests of promoting and celebrating good attendance whilst also recognising that sometimes children will be absent from school due to circumstances beyond their control. A letter will be coming out soon to explain the new system. Thank you to the School Pupil Council for giving this their consideration in response to feedback received from staff, parents and children.



Outdoor Learning

This year Mrs Strong (Assistant Headteacher: Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare) is non-class based in order to drive outdoor learning forward across the school. Building on the success of Forest School being an integral part of our Are you entitled? curriculum offer for Years 1 to 6 last year, these sessions will continue this year on Tuesdays.

In addition, Mrs Strong will be leading outdoor learning activities, utilising our extensive school grounds, on Fridays (starting with Year 4 and 3). Please ensure your child has a coat and footwear suitable for outdoor learning in school with them.

Please also be aware, if entering the school grounds at the end of the school day via the Worthing Road gate, that children may well still be using the woods, field and garden under adult supervision.

To find out more about outdoor learning, please visit our website: Our School > Curriculum & Assessment > Outdoor learning.

School Uniform

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At Summerlea, we promote an atmosphere that encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all of our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. It is our school policy to strongly encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school. The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Summerlea, parents/carers agree to support our policy.

It has been lovely to see our children returning to school looking so smart in their yellow and green uniform. We ask that children's hair bands/bows/clips etc. are also in keeping with the school colours. We discourage JoJobows and other large and brightly coloured accessories. Children's shoes should be black and sensible. Our uniform policy is available via our website: School Information > Policies.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? What you need to know:

Free school meals are only available in England and Wales.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit**

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

Please remember that even if your child doesn't want to have the free meal they could still benefit in other ways, through the Pupil Premium funding we would receive as a school.

For more information please speak to Mrs Jo Maxted (School Business Manager) or Mrs Kimberley Viney (Inclusion Team) in confidence.



After School Care Club (ASCC)

A reminder to all parents that our ASCC offers children a fun, active and nurturing environment after school everyday from 3pm until 5.30pm. We currently have some vacancies so if you are interested please speak to Mrs Katrina Wright in the office or phone 07981 350306 for more information. Thank you.





Summerlea CP School

Calendar of School Events

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18:

Autumn term: Monday 4th September – Wednesday 20th December

INSET days: Monday 4th September and Monday 30th October

Half-term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring term: Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March

INSET days: Two days (possibly consecutive) still to be confirmed

Half-term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Summer term: Monday 16th April – Tuesday 24th July

Half-term: Tuesday 28th May – Friday 1st June

INSET day: Monday 4th June

Autumn Term 2017

The following dates and events are provided to give you an overview for this term. There are likely to be alterations and additions as we go along and we will notify you of these in the usual way, either by using ParentMail, by sending home a letter or via our website.

September 2017			
Mon	4	INSET Day – school closed	
Tue	5	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK	
Thur	7	Year 5 WW2 Day	
Mon	11	EXTERNAL CLUBS START FOR YEARS 1 TO 6	
		Year 4 Egyptology Day	
Tue	12	Year 6 and Year 2 (Cedar) Forest School starts today	
Wed	13	Year 5 Evacuee Day	
Mon	18	TEACHER LED CLUBS START FOR YEARS 1 TO 6	
		Year 2 swimming starts	
Tue	19	4pm EYFS Reading meeting for parents/carers	
Thur	21	6pm Year 4 parent/carer meeting for Marchants Hill trip - hall	
Fri	22	Jeans for Genes Day – wear jeans / non-uniform for a	
		voluntary donation	
Thur	28	National Poetry Day – bring a favourite poem in to school	
		1.45pm Parent volunteer safeguarding training	
Fri	29	3.15pm FOSS AGM – all welcome	
October 2017			
Mon	2	Dyslexia Awareness Week	
Fri	6	Harvest Collection and Assemblies:	
		8.45-9.15am Year R and Year 2	
		9.30-10.00am Year 1	
		10.15-10.45am Year 3 and 4	
		1.30-2.00pm Year 3 and 4	

	1	2.15-2.45pm Year 5 and 6
Thur	12	9am EYFS 'six Weeks in' meeting for parents and carers
	6	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Mon	16	
Tue	17	Individual pupil photographs
Wed	18	Year 3 Roald Dahl dress-up day
Thur	19	OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS/CÁRERS SEPT 2018 INTAKE
		Sessions at 9.15am, 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Mon	30	INSET Day – school closed
Tue	31	Year 5 and Year 2 (Hawthorn) Forest School starts today
November 2		
Thurs	2	6pm Year 1 Bonfire Night – more details to follow
Wed	8	3.15-6.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thur	9	4.00-7.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Mon	13	National Anti-bulling Week
Tue	14	3.15-6.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Fri	17	Children in Need day – more details to follow
Mon	20	Book Fair in school Mon-Thur
Tue	21	2.30pm Chartwells Taster session
Fri	24	Non-uniform Day for FOSS Non-tin tombola
Mon	27	National Safeguarding Week
		FOSS Santa's Grotto after school this week
Thur	30	YR, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Flu Vaccinations – more details to follow
December 2	017	
Fri	1	3.15-5.00pm FOSS Christmas Fair
Thur	7	9.00-9.45am EYFS Nativity
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Fri	8	9.00-9.45am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
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Mon	11	10.15am-11.00am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert
		2pm-2.45pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert
Tue	12	10.15am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert
Thur	14	12pm Chartwells Christmas Lunch
	1.7	2.45pm Celebration of learning – more details to follow
Fri	15	EXTERNAL CLUBS FINISH TODAY
Sat	16	Carols at Arundel Cathedral
Mon	18	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
WOI	- 10	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Tue	19	Year 1 to Pantomime – more details to follow
Tue	19	END OF TERM – school closes at 3pm
Tue	19	END OF TERM - School closes at 3pm



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018?

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

You can apply online from 11 September. If you would like further advice or information contact:

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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: Tuesday 31 October 2017

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<u>Secondary School Open Days and Evenings</u> <u>Autumn 2017</u>

We are pleased to be able to advise you of the following dates:

St Philip Howard	Tuesday 19 th September
Angmering School	Thursday 21 September
Worthing High School	Thursday 21 September
Shoreham Academy	Thursday 21 September
Chatsmore Catholic High	Tuesday 26 September
School	
The Littlehampton	Thursday 28 September
Academy	
Bohunt School	Thursday 28 September
Davison CE High School	Tuesday 3 October
St Andrew's CE High	Tuesday 3 October
School	
Durrington High School	Thursday 5 October
Sir Robert Woodard	Thursday 5 October
Academy	

Please notify the school office if your child will be attending an open day during school hours; absence will be authorised in these circumstances.

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum



invite you to our



Coffee, Cake, Info & Networking event

for families with children with additional needs and disabilities

18th October 2017 10.30am – 1.00pm

Worthing Rugby Club Roundstone Lane, Angmering, BN16 4AX

Drop in and find support, pick up information, and talk to organisations whilst enjoying coffee and cake and meeting other parents. The following organisations will be attending:

- * West Sussex Parent Carer Forum
- * Reaching Families

- * Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity
- * Carers Support West Sussex

* Farm Buddies

- * West Sussex Local Offer
 - * Many More Organisations, and;

Reaching Families will be officially launching the 3rd edition of their highly popular parent-carer guide, 'Making Sense Of It All', designed as an introduction to all things SEND for parents of children aged 0-14.

Free copies of the book will be available on the day



This is a free event where children are welcome.

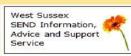
Free Parking available, travel expenses can be reimbursed for parent carers.

For more information, please contact office@wspcf.org.uk or call 01903 726188

Future events

23rd January 2018 – K2, Crawley









Thursday 5th October

Choose a main or go Half & Half... Pizza Margherita

(Cheese & Tomato)

Pasta con Manzo Bolognese

on the side... Pane all'aglio (Garlic Bread) Pisellli (Garden Peas) Insalata Verde (Green Salad)

for dessert... Tutti frutti Yogurt

for a drink... Latte/Acqua

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To enjoy our Italian Feast Day, please order at www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 24th September.

Chartwells

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TUESDAYS TERM TIME ONLY Mini's 4:25 – 5:25 Juniors 5:30—6:30 Seniors 5:30 — 7:00 NEW VENUE Rustington Primary School Hall, North Lane, Rustington

RIETY GROUP.



Love to sing, love to dance?
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