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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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We currently have £1,746.80 in our iPad fund! All donations from the Valentine themed FOSS non-uniform day this Friday will be added to this total. Thank you for your amazing support.

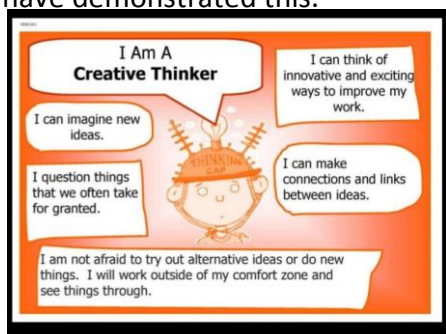
Follow us on Twitter @Summerleahearts

It is almost exactly a year since we launched our school Twitter account allowing families, staff, governors, the community and visitors to follow all the latest news and events at our school. To date, we have posted 94 tweets and have 118 followers. Please follow us if you can. You can also view our Twitter feed on the homepage of our website. Thank you for your interest and support.



Creative Thinking

Our Personal Learning and Thinking Skill of the fortnight is Creative Thinking. Ask your child how they can/have demonstrated this.



Week beginning 5th February

Mon 5th: INSET day – school closed to pupils

Tue 6th: Year 4 Forest School
EYFS and Year 3 Chinese New Year Day – wear red

Fri 9th: FOSS non-uniform day – wear Valentine themed clothes for a voluntary donation of £1 (red, heart, flowers etc..)

Half Term: Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb

Week beginning 19th February:

Dragons' Den Week

Mon 19th: Second half of spring term begins

Tue 20th: Year 3 Forest School begins today
Year 6 to TLA to see Professor Seagull

Thurs 22nd: Parent consultation meetings
3.15-6pm

Fri 23rd: 3-4pm Summerlea Market

*Please see the previously issued calendar for key dates and events this spring term.
Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.*



Found

Have you or someone you know lost a ring? A Pandora ring was found on Windsor Drive last Wednesday evening. Please contact the school office for further information.



'Phil' the bag

We are delighted to inform you that we are taking part in 'Phil' the bag this year. 'Phil' the bag is a free clothing recycling initiative and will help us to raise funds from the textile donations we receive. Our collection date will be **Tuesday 20th March**. More information is attached and will follow again shortly. Thank you in advance for your support.



Electronic gates

Our electronic gates (on the Worthing Road) are on a timer. They open at 8.15am and 2.45pm and close at 8.35am and 3.15pm. Before/after these times access is by the Windsor Drive entrances only.



Please keep to the paths

We politely ask that parents/carers are mindful of the 'bottle neck' that can occur at the end of the day on the path near the Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms. Please be patient and try to keep to the paths rather than walking on the grass areas / field or allowing your child/ren to do so. Thank you very much.



Please keep off the grass!

Staffing News

Miss Rhoades (EYFS Leader and class teacher) is getting married on 14th February in Jamaica! We are sure you will join us in wishing her and her husband to be many congratulations and even happiness together. Miss Rhoades will return to school after the half term break as Mrs Conrad. This week we will be saying goodbye for now to Mrs Tedbury as she goes off on maternity leave to have her second child. We look forward to hearing news of the new arrival and welcoming back Mrs Levantine as she returns from maternity leave and also Mrs Howard after February half-term.



Please vote for us!

We are delighted that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme was successful and that our outdoor learning project is being put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018.

Voting is now open and will take place up until Wednesday 28th February 2018. We will be notified at the end of March 2018 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. To re-iterate, if we are first in the vote, we will receive £4,000!!! Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project:

Littlehampton Express BN17 6RA

Littlehampton Superstore BN17 5RA

Rustington Express BN16 3PA

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within one of these stores of any value. You will receive one token per transaction. Visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp to find out more! Thank you for your support.

TESCO Bags of Help

eBay joins School Angel!

School Angel are delighted to announce that eBay have finally joined them. They have been added to every school page just after Amazon. It is also holiday booking season and School Angel features over 80% of the major holiday and hotel companies.

School Angel is really easy to use and our school has its own charity page already set up which you can visit using this link:

<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/summerle-a-community-primary-school.html>

You can also visit via our school website, where we have set up an icon called 'School Angel' which can be found under: Our School > Fundraising > School Angel. An amazing £421.47 has already been raised! So, next time you want to do some online shopping please do so via School Angel. Thank you for your support!

Governor Newsletter – spring term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all and welcome to the new Spring Term! Hopefully the winter blues and colds doing the rounds have not affected you or your children too badly. A friend reminded me it is only 66 days until the official start of spring so that might make us all feel a little better. The daffodils springing up in the beautifully kept school gardens remind me that it won't be long until the spring arrives properly.

Whilst talking with a parent at the end of last year I was reminded that many parents are not entirely sure what the job of a school governor is. I thought I would take this opportunity to explain that our role is not necessarily about arranging coffee mornings, although cake may be involved! Our job, as governors, is to focus on three core areas. These are:

- **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction**
- **Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent**

Just as the school has an improvement plan, the governors also have an action plan that focuses on these key areas. When we carry out visits in school we ensure that these are the things foremost in our minds. We have our meetings on a monthly basis and these typically last around 2 hours. However, a lot of our time is used when making school monitoring visits and attending events. We meet with the local authority link adviser, when necessary, as well as attend governing training events held across the county.

It remains a really busy time for staff and governors who are giving a 100% energy and effort to our rapid improvement plan. As governors, we monitor the improvements being made in the school by the dedicated teachers and support staff. We do this in several ways. One of those ways is to meet with key leaders who talk us through their action plans and evidence of impact. We also attend meetings where progress is discussed in year groups and we have been greatly impressed by the diligence of the teachers in providing stimulating and interesting learning opportunities for all Summerlea pupils. The curriculum booklets have been well received by many parents who value the information and use them to support their child/ren at home.

As usual, the school calendar is full of exciting events arranged and supported by the staff at Summerlea. Many of these are clubs taking place before or after school hours and I am certain that the rest of the governors and school community thank them for giving their time to make life fun and fulfilling for the children.

I wanted to mention that our Chartwells school kitchen staff have again achieved the highest rating and thank them for their continued hard work. In this climate of great financial pressure in schools across the county, Mrs Maxted has been very busy gaining the support of Tesco stores and you will see from the recent newsletter of the success of this bid.

I must also thank Mrs Morris and Mrs Strong who I know are out at the school gate each day, come rain or shine, in their high visibility jackets, to greet parents and are available to talk about any matters regarding the school and their children. This open door policy is so vital to communication with parents and carers and I know that Mrs Morris and Mrs Strong value this partnership working.

Finally, many thanks to parents who are able to come into school to help with activities. This support makes a lot of difference to the pupils and we greatly value your help.

Best wishes,

Bev Crowter Chair of Governors

We are having a **'Phil' the Bag** fundraising collection!

We are always looking for new ways and opportunities to raise important funds for the school. We have signed up to an innovative fundraising programme called **'Phil the Bag'**, which recycles your old and unwanted clothing and turns it into cash for the school.

Phil the Bag' not only develops the children's sense of enterprise but also teaches them about the importance of recycling and how we can protect the environment. Did you know that textiles make up 12% of landfill sites?

This fundraising initiative also allows us to raise funds – the more clothing we collect – adult and children's clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, curtains, towels and household linen - the more money we will receive in exchange for these products.

You can support our **'Phil the Bag'** fundraising programme by donating your unwanted textiles in any bag type (black sacks, bin liners, carrier bags, cardboard boxes or even pillow cases!) and bringing them into school on our **'Phil the Bag'** Recycle Day (Tuesday 20th March). So if you normally throw out your unwanted clothes or have bits and pieces gathering dust in the wardrobe, please use them to 'Phil' the bag! Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a good clear out too !

Thank you from The Eco Schools Team

Holiday Return MENU

JACKET POTATO

with a choice of:

BAKED BEANS

CHEESE

TUNA MAYO

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SWEETCORN & BEETROOT SALAD

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PEACH SLICES WITH CUSTARD

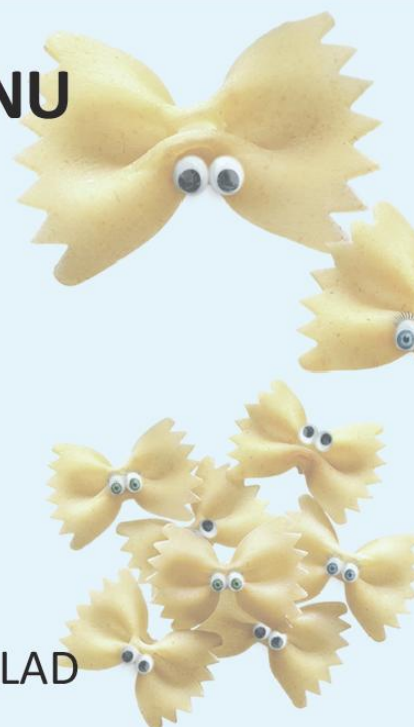
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MILK OR WATER

This menu is subject to availability and a selection of items will be offered.
The menu will be in use when access to schools are limited during the half term/bank holidays
and inset days

Please see our website for school details.

www.mealselector.co.uk



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



DESIGN A POSTER TO PROMOTE FAIRTRADE

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with Chartwells

Order and eat our Chartwells meals everyday for
Fairtrade Fortnight and collect a template within the
2nd week from your kitchen team to design a
Fairtrade poster at home..

The lucky winner will receive a family ticket to Tulleys Farm



To order or for more information please contact us at www.mealselector.co.uk or by phone on 01243 836130.
For more information on special diets please contact westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk.
Order on line by midnight Sunday 18th February.
Terms and Conditions apply.



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Please complete your details
and your Fairtrade poster design then
return to your Chartwells service counter
by Friday 16th March

Name:

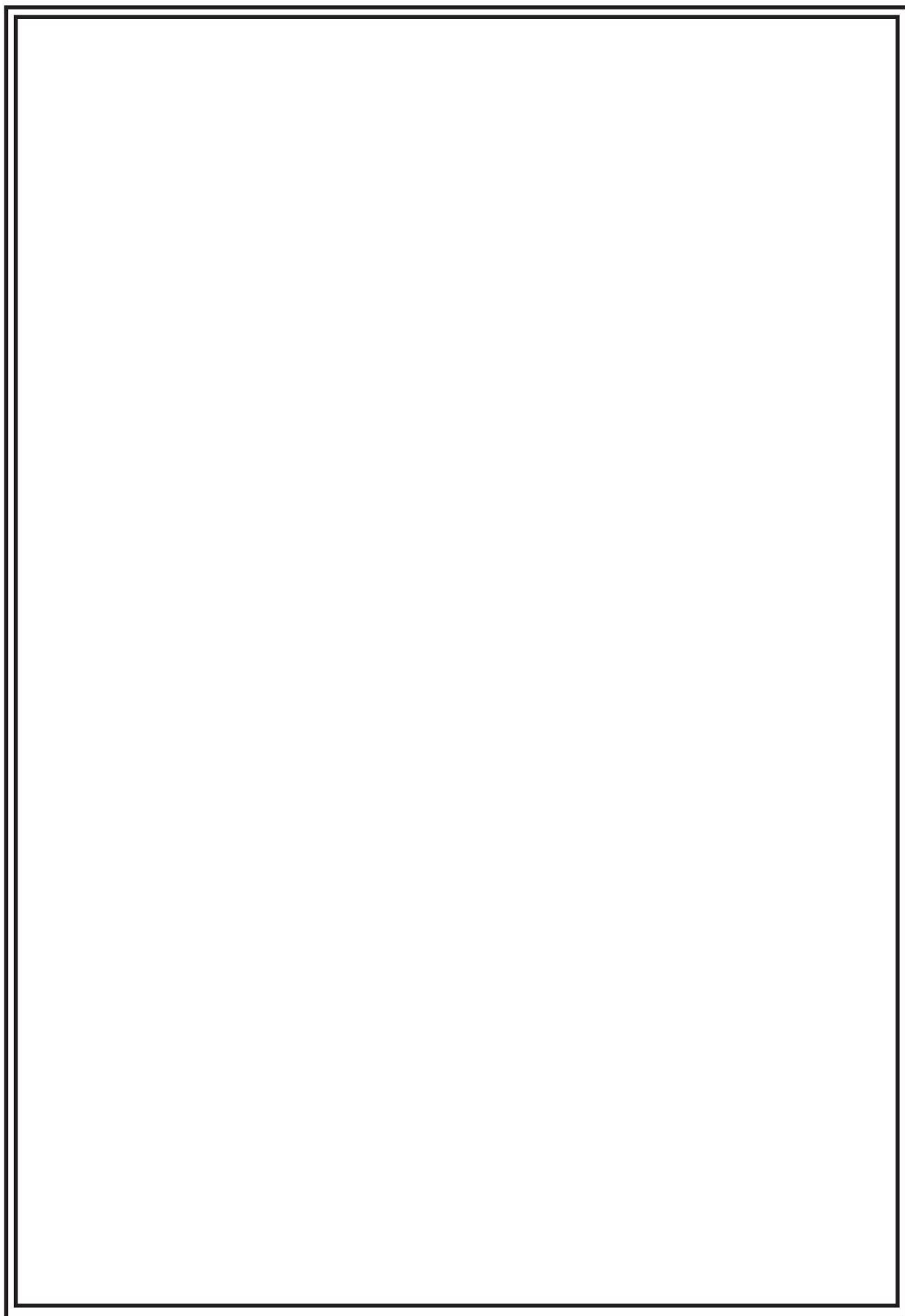
Age: Class Year:

School:



Please tick the box if you give your consent for your child's name
to be used in publishing for Chartwells

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29th January 2018

	For Action	For Information	Meeting
To: Headteachers of all schools		✓	

Dear Colleague

Launch of County Council-supported energy supplier

County Council staff, including those that work in schools are being encouraged to compare their home energy costs, switch and save money.

To encourage more people in Sussex to switch, the County Council has launched Your Energy Sussex which is a new, council-backed energy supplier that provides low-cost gas and electricity to homes across the county.

It offers good customer service and aims to keep customers on the best tariff for them. It is also run on a not-for-profit basis with surplus income paid into a Fuel Poverty fund and used to help Sussex residents that are struggling to pay their energy bills.

In addition to schools and County Council staff, members of the public can also buy their gas and electricity through Your Energy Sussex. The public launch will take place in the coming weeks, but the switching website (www.yourenergysussex.org.uk) and the Free Phone number, 0800 952 0001 are live and open to anyone living in Sussex.

In the coming weeks, Your Energy Sussex is planning to help parents and carers at West Sussex schools reduce their energy bills by promoting the tariff to them. The campaign will encourage parents to switch their energy supplier by offering £10 per fuel switched to a school of their choice. The offer will be time-limited and more information will be provided soon.

Your Energy Sussex is operated by the County Council's Energy Team. It is a partnership between Sussex local authorities and Robin Hood Energy, a fully licensed energy supplier owned by Nottingham City Council.

Yours sincerely

DAN GOODCHILD

Senior Advisor – Your Energy Sussex