

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL



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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

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Dear Parents

Wow! What an incredibly hot week at school for your children! I am sure that they will be very tired this weekend, but I just wanted to say a massive thank you to all of them for being so brilliant and returning to school so well. We have our first bronze, silver and gold book entries too - this is an amazing achievement and something that shows the high standards of work at Summerlea.

Next week sees the start of the non-teacher led clubs and we are pleased to welcome both Alan Atkinson and Luke Heffron to our team. They both work for Brighton and Hove Albion Foundation, and we have employed them for four days across the week to deliver high quality physical education here at school. We have also established links to Sussex Cricket too sports provision looks incredibly exciting at school moving forwards this year. Teacher led clubs begin the week beginning 18th September, and I wanted to put on record a massive thank you to Mrs Steward for collating all the clubs forms in the last few days. We currently have over 200 children signed up for various clubs, this is over 50% of the school!

Curriculum welcome meetings continue next week, thank you to the parents that have attended so far - it is great to know what is going on in the Autumn term for your child in their classes. We are in the process of updating the information on the website too, this is quite a large job, and please bear with us whilst the pages on the site evolve.

Finally, with the weather looking more 'British' next week, please could your child come back to school in their normal uniform. It has been lovely to hear all the positives about children being allowed to be dressed a little more 'comfortably' this week, it is an idea that was inspired with a conversation with a parent - and is something that we will certainly look at again in the future.

Parking Safely Outside of School

We kindly request that parents and carers prioritise the following guidelines when parking outside of the school:

- 1. Park Responsibly: Please park considerately, avoiding obstructing entrances, driveways, and designated pedestrian crossings. Ensure that your vehicle does not block the visibility of others, especially around junctions and corners.
- 2. Observe Traffic Regulations: Always adhere to the local traffic rules and regulations, including avoiding restricted parking areas and following speed limits. It is essential to respect the needs of our neighbouring residents.
- 3. Use Designated Parking Areas: If available, kindly utilise nearby parking areas such as within the layby or nearby carparks.



If everyone follows these guidelines, we can help prevent potential dangers, enhance the safety of all pedestrians, and ensure a safe and smooth start to the day for everyone involved.

Encouraging Walking whenever Possible

Walking to school offers numerous benefits for our children, including increased physical activity, improved mental well-being, and the development of road safety skills. We encourage you to explore the option of walking with your child to and from school whenever feasible. Walking in groups or with other families can also create a sense of community and provide additional safety measures.

We understand that not everyone lives within walking distance of the school; however, we urge all families to consider walking at least part of the journey if at all possible. Working Together for the Safety of Our Children

Ensuring a safe environment for our children is a shared responsibility between the school and our parents and carers. We kindly request your cooperation and support in prioritising the above.

Celebrating the Fiver in Five Challenge

We are delighted to inform you of a fantastic undertaking by our students who are now in Year 6. They were invited to take part in an exciting summer enterprise project aimed at raising funds to improve play and lunchtimes at our school. This was a first for Summerlea with the idea coming from the School Pupil Council.

Throughout the summer break, our highly motivated and creative students have been busy planning, designing and creating products and services to sell or offer to friends and neighbours. They have worked tirelessly to come up with various fundraising activities, including bake sales, lemonade stalls, personalised jewellery and keyrings. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the parents who have supported their children through this challenging yet rewarding project. Your encouragement, guidance, and active participation have been invaluable to its success.

We believe that this project has provided our pupils with invaluable life skills, such as teamwork, problem-solving, and a sense of responsibility. We hope that the experience has empowered them to believe in their ability to make a difference in their school community and beyond.

We had 18 pupils taking part and the total funds raised so far are \pm 140.00, with more to be collected. If your child still has monies to hand in, please can you bring this to the school office as soon as possible.

The School Pupil Council's first job of the year will be canvassing opinion on how the funds can be spent to positively impact on the quality of play times.

ParentPay

From now on you can pay for trips and make one off payments using your ParentPay account. Activation letters were sent at the end of last term to the primary email contacts of pupils who did not already have an account activated. Please do take the time to set up your account ready for us to be able to take any payments by card going forward and thank you to all who have already done this.

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Mr Todd Headteacher



Starting school in September 2024?

Summerlea School Open Sessions

Come and look around Summerlea School where we are...

"Growing ambition to be individual, independent and life-long learners."

Our open sessions are on:

Tuesday 19th September at 1.00-2.45pm

Tuesday 26th September at 1.00-2.45pm

Tuesday 3rd October at 9.30-11.00am

Tuesday 10th October at 9.30-11.00am

Forest School

Come and see Forest School in action and join our welcome tour.

Summerlea School Taster Session

Come and experience our Early Years area, meet the team and spend some time networking with other parents...

Saturday 30th September

9.30-10.30am & 11.00-12.00pm



'The Summerlea Seven'. Our values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning and provide an environment which prepares our pupils



as confident, happy members of their community.



Call the office on: 01903 856783 to book any of the above.





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