

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMERLEA C.P. SCHOOL

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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

Friday, 06 October 2023

Good afternoon everyone!

This week has been so busy! Lots of 'thank yous' and 'well dones' to begin with. I wanted to say a massive thank you to our wonderful Early Years team who have not only made our newest starters feel very settled and nurtured but have gone upward and beyond when we hosted our Open Morning last Saturday. It was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance for the morning! The children experienced the EYFS curriculum, provision and leaning first-hand and were also able to sample Forest School too. The atmosphere was incredible, and everyone chipped in to make it such a wonderful experience. If you know any new starters to school in 2024, choosing Summerlea is becoming more and more popular - point them in this direction!

The year 6s returned from Mill on the Brue and by all accounts were absolutely incredible - although thoroughly exhausted! A massive thank you to Mr Strong, Mrs Galpin and Mrs Gilmour for making the children feel so safe and secure whilst giving them many opportunities to have the best week that they could have. And then on more familiar ground the rest of the year 6 team for providing the 'remainers' with such a fun-filled week - I saw the children at Out of Bounds and they were absolutely loving it! I am very proud of our year 6s - they have been a credit to the school.

On a sporty note, we have taken part in a festival at TLA this week - some of the children who went there were representing Summerlea for the first time - I saw a few medals this week which the children were wearing with pride. In addition, our boys went to the Albion Cup on Tuesday. This is the first time for a while that Summerlea has entered this national competition and I am pleased to say that the boys reached the semi-finals and have now qualified for the Sussex-wide finals next month! They won their group and lost in the semi-finals to the overall winners. To say this is a great achievement is an understatement - I was incredibly proud of them.

My final thank you was for the parental group that attended the Schoolsworks forum on Wednesday (I will summarise the findings from this for everyone next week). The meeting was full of passion and the love and attachment that these parents displayed for the school made me even more proud to be the headteacher here. Like I have always said, we have a journey to go on here at school, but I know that you feel we are already making strides in the right direction. When we are fully academised I want to assure you again that the identity of the school will always remain whilst I am here, and I cannot wait for it all to be completed so we can move forward again in partnership with Schoolsworks. Thank you to everyone who gave their views.

Finally, a couple of reminders. It is - on occasions - feeling a little more autumnal so please make sure they bring a coat for break times (I promise I will wear a jumper on the gate from next week - thank you for the parental concern!). Also, please could you always check your



















child's lunch box before they come to school and to make sure they don't bring in foods that contain nuts to school. It is important that we remain vigilant with this due to allergies.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Todd Headteacher

Harvest Celebrations

This year, our harvest assemblies for Yr 1 and Yr 3 take place during the week of <u>16th</u> <u>October</u>. We have decided to support the Littlehampton & District Foodbank and any donations that you can offer will be gratefully received.

Please bring any items you wish to donate to the **hall doors** on the KS1 playground on **Monday morning, 16th October**.

Suitable items to donate include:

- non-perishable food
- toiletries
- pet food
- nappies / dried milk
- laundry

Thank you in advance.





Summerlea Superstars

Weeks Ending: 22nd and 29th September

Values Awards Star Pupils

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Maple	None this week	None this week	Maple	None this week	Noah S
Willow	None this week	None this week	Willow	None this week	Morlee H
Holly	Freddie R	Hamza H	Holly	Class	Marnie C
Oak	Ruby S	David A	Oak	Axel S	Bella-rose L
Hawth	Samuel Z	Isla BM	Hawth	Luka W	oliver G
Cedar	Harvey I	Isabella B	Cedar	Alfie P	Carter W
Redwood	Emily D	Hunter B	Redwood	Alfie C	Stanley J
Chestnut	Luca C	Corben B	Chestnut	Baxter S	Charlie M-F
Elm	Lexi-Anne H	Connor A	Elm	Aaron D	Joel C
Beech	Sofia Y	George J	Beech	Harry J	Lilly A
Juniper	Isla J	Levi M	Juniper	Pops B	Isla S
Sycamore	Vicky R	Lucas S	Sycamore	Jess W & Theo A	Bella N
Rowan	Olly M	N/A	Rowan	Eva N	Evie T
Aspen	Felix G	Ayann H	Aspen	Leon Q	N/A

Admissions – key dates Monday 2 October 2023

Online applications open.

You must provide an email address to apply. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

Monday 15 January 2024

National closing date for starting school applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Tuesday 16 April 2024

National offer day.

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied.

Making an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need:

- an email address; and
- create an account on Parent Portal if you do not already have an account.

Your Username will be your email address.

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- be at least 8 characters long;
- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: *! \$); and
- · have at least one number.

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call 03330 142 903.

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Starting school in September 2024

Deadline:

Monday 15 January 2024



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How to apply

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 it is now time to apply for their school place. You need to apply online by visiting

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with your preference schools and allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can't access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling 03330 142 903.

Please note, you must provide a valid email address with your application in order to receive the outcome of your school offer.

Apply online at:

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of Monday 15 January 2024.

If your application is received after the closing date of **Monday 15 January 2024** your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Applications received after the closing date of Monday 15 January 2024 are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by The Pupil Admission Team on time.



Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority for local schools. If you chose an oversubscribed school, the further away you live the less likely you are to be offered a place.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, we always advise parents to include their catchment school as one of their three preferences.



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



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

Tuesday 3rd October at 9.30-11.00am
Tuesday 10th October at 9.30-11.00am

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.









9 out of 10

unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations





102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

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MMR vaccinations







Blackland Farm Family Day



Join us for one of our family fun days. A wonderful opportunity for those on the autism spectrum and their families to access a range of outdoor activities in a fun and relaxed environment set within the beautiful Sussex countryside.

Activities: Abseiling, Bush Craft, Crating, Archery,
Geocatching, Walks, Trails, Orienteering, Ropes,
Adventure Playground and much more.
Refreshments are provided but please bring a packed
lunch.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor activities.

N.B Activities are suitable for those 5+ and are subject to change

Blackland Farm Activity Centre, Grinstead Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 4HP Sunday 1st October 9:30am - 15:30pm

Registration from 9:30am

Booking is essential, to book please contact, wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk



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All venues Ofsted registered, Childcare Vouchers accepted Worthing Leisure Centre & Lancing Leisure Centre - Book direct with South Downs Leisure

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A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

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Littlehampton RFC Minis/Juniors Every Sunday 10:00am -11:00am

@ Kingley Gate Playing Fields, Benjamin Grey Drive, BN17 7FA

Membership only £30 for the whole season!!

We are welcoming children aged 4-9 years (as of September 2023) to come join our brand new mins/juniors section!

For more details, just send us a message!



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