



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

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Dear Parents

Autumn has certainly arrived this week with the high winds and rain, but with teacher clubs starting and forest school surviving the tornado, it has been an eventful week but business as usual!

Personally, I feel really lucky this week as I have been looking at all the learning going on in so many classrooms - seeing how well your children are doing and how well the Summerlea staff are providing for them; it has been very insightful and a pleasure to experience.

In the coming week, you will be having some information sent to you about the Parents' Evening week (week beginning 16th October) and amazingly, the 'slip system' is the same one I used to use when I was here the first time back in 2003! It is another one of the projects in school that we are working on to try and modernise this system, so hopefully for the following parents' evening in 2024, we may have a slightly more 'user friendly system'! In this instance though, the same system will apply, and we will be in touch in the coming days about this.

You will be aware that the school's new PTA has launched this week. Thank you for the team for their continued efforts. There are some exciting things coming up in the near future, keep an eye on ParentMall and ClassDojo for further updates. Colour day is now Friday 29th September!

Some of year 6 are off on residential next week and the children who are remaining in school have some exciting activities planned too. I wanted to wish the travelling team all the best and I will be there to wave you off on Monday, hopefully the weather will hold!

Finally, Schoolworks came in to meet the staff this week to speak to them about the upcoming academisation. Just a reminder that the parents' forum is at 6pm on Wednesday 4th October here at school. Year 6 parents, I know that clashes with the TLA evening, so I am currently trying to find a separate time for you to meet the team. This should be finalised early next week. Please continue to fill in the google form if you are planning to attend, and to send in any questions pre-meeting if you would like to.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Todd
Headteacher



Uniform Reminder

Thank you to everyone who returned to school looking really smart in their uniform. Please make sure that hairstyles are in line with our uniform policy (www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=8955&type=pdf) and that long hair is tied back for PE, DT, cookery and forest school sessions. Makeup is not permitted in school including fake nails, nail polish and fake tattoos. Thank you for your support with this.

Healthy Snacks

We are encouraging all children to bring a healthy snack to eat at break time. Examples might be:

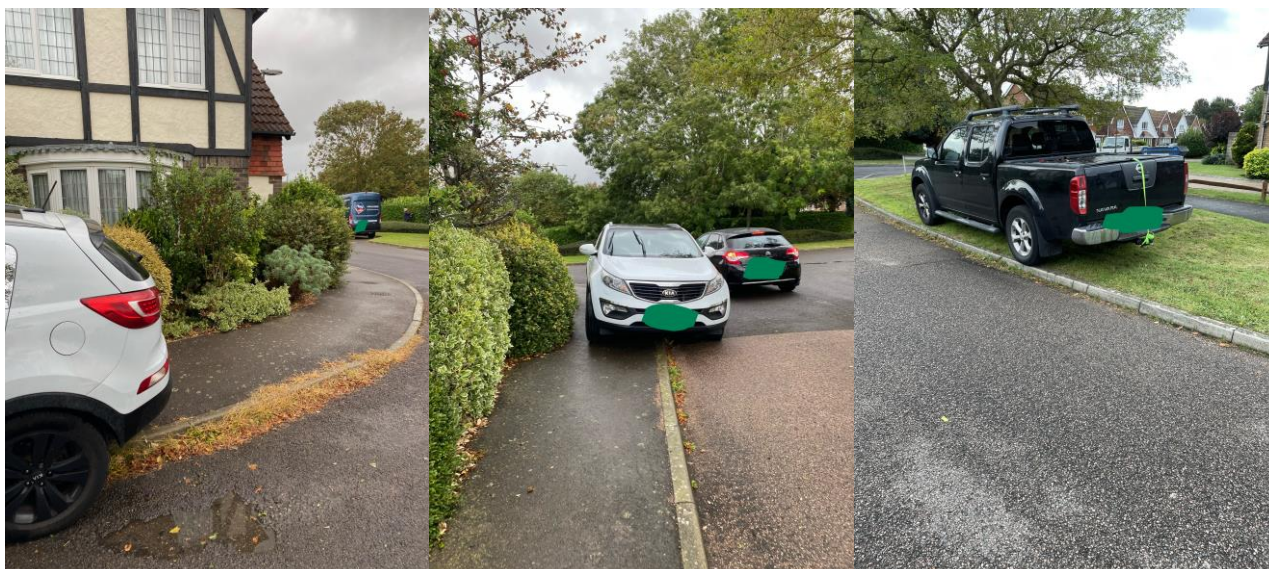
- fruit snacks (this is provided for children in KS1)
- vegetables such as peppers or carrots
- hummus
- muffin
- malt loaf
- boiled eggs
- small portion of cheese
- crackers

Chocolate bars, sweets and crisps are not suitable for break time snacks. Last year the SPC worked hard to promote a reduction in litter so please consider using recyclable or reusable packaging.

Staying Safe

Joan our wonderful crossing patrol lady on Worthing Road, has noticed that the entrance to Orchard Park (opposite to where she stands) is a potential hazard. Lots of pedestrians are not treating this as a road and are not checking for traffic entering and exiting the site. Please be careful here and talk to your children about stopping and looking.

Parking - we write regularly about this and we cannot emphasise enough just how important it is for **everyone** in our community to take responsibility. This week we have received a number of complaints from residents about their driveways being blocked, pavements impassable, grass verges (that are maintained by residents) being used for parking spaces, Zig-Zag markings being ignored and some aggressive behaviours. This really is not acceptable. It is both dangerous and does not set a good example to our children.



As a school we have no powers other than trying to work with you and our neighbouring community to make coming and going from school safe for everyone. This is a summary of what action we have taken this week:

- Members of staff who have spoken to drivers who have parked on zig-zags and directly on the pavement
- Put out cones in the immediate area to make crossing points safe
- Contacted the local PCSO for support

It would really help us if you could report any parking or driving concerns not only to us but to Arun District Council:

Reporting problem parking to ADC

You can report persistent problem parking where the road is a public highway and parking restrictions are in place (for example: around a school).

Requests for civil enforcement officers (traffic wardens) to attend a particular area can be made by emailing car.parks@arun.gov.uk with the following details:

- the location*
- what the parking restrictions are*
- what is happening*
- approximate days and times*

Please note: we do not provide a service where a civil enforcement officer will immediately be sent to a reported location.

and the Police via Operation Crackdown (www.operationcrackdown.org) because the more complaints they receive, the more likely some action will be taken.

Year 5 - Space

Children in Y5 have had an amazing opportunity to view some really old, original photographs using a View Master (primary source and artefact) from 1969. The children learned about the first moon landing and the Space Race and were all amazed by the photos they saw! It has inspired a lot of questions and research! Thank you to Isabelle's mum for lending this to us for this learning opportunity.

School Pupil Council (SPC)

We are delighted to share that elections have now taken place and the new school pupil councillors have met for the first time this week. They have some shiny new badges and one of their first priorities is to think about how they will spend their Fiver in Five Challenge funds to improve playtimes. We will keep you posted!

Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week we marked Youth Mental Health Awareness day with an assembly and the launch of our peer mentors known as 'Helping Hands'. This group of children completed a rigorous application process and have completed training with the Face 2 Face Peer Mentors from TLA and further sessions led by Summerlea staff.

They will be allocated to classes from Y2 - Y5 and their role is to support young people by offering a listening ear. They have been trained to help their peers look for possible solutions and who to go to if they have any safeguarding concerns. Young people can refer themselves for some support or staff can refer to.

The Helping Hands team are also available at break and lunch times and are recognisable by their very stylish badges designed by Haider in Y6.



Summerlea Superstars

Weeks Ending: 8th and 15th September

Values Awards			Star Pupils		
Holly	Bella V	Sully BW	Holly	Taylor B	Deacon M
Oak	Elsie B	Brooke C	Oak	Arthur T	Isobel S
Hawthorn	Lottie R	Aleksandr G	Hawthorn	Noah B	Elias H
Cedar	Alaska-rose J	Eli G	Cedar	Leon P	Emilia M
Redwood	Lacey A	Sebastian H	Redwood	Penny C	Buddy P
Chestnut	Blossom R	Rebecca R	Chestnut	Harry E	Francesco H
Elm	Harriet J	Sabastian L	Elm	River Millward	Dotty D
Beech	Sophie P	Elena I	Beech	Jensen W	Lilah C
Elder	Amelia L		Elder	Amelia N	Max G
Cherry	Isla V	Poppy C	Cherry	Brody L	Herbie B
Sycamore	Asha H	Frankie L	Sycamore	Victoria L	Jack C
Rowan	Henry W	Olivia J	Rowan	Elise H	MJ
Aspen	N/A	N/A	Aspen	N/A	N/A



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.*



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Open Evening & Open Mornings 2023

Open Evening : Thursday 28th September 4pm - 6pm

Open Mornings : Tuesday 3rd October, Wednesday 4th October & Thursday 5th October

Slots must be pre-booked using our online google form. Scan the QR code to book your slot.



Bookings



East Preston Youth Football Club 2023 Recruitment



Footballers Wanted For Children ages Reception and Year 1

East Preston Youth Football Club are going from strength to strength with our aim to provide a fun and safe environment for local children to enjoy their football.

Training sessions are held every Saturday at East Preston Football Club at 9:30 till 10:30. We have Girls Wildcats training 11:00 till 12:00.

If you know any boys or girls who may be interested in joining our friendly and welcoming club then please get in touch using the details below. All our coaches are DBS checked and FA Safeguarding qualified.

We would also welcome any parents who would like to coach or help out at the club. Full support will be provided.

Call 0791 711 7027 or email ross.eastprestonfc@gmail.com