



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMERLEA C.P. SCHOOL

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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

Friday, 24 November 2023

Good afternoon parents and carers

Finally, the rain has stopped this week! I wanted to begin by sharing some exciting news that we have appointed two new LSAs (starting school in January). Sarah Martin-Fane and Megan Savage are joining our team and we are looking forward to welcoming them and working with them in the future.

Following on from the girls' success last week, the boys had their own event this Thursday. We were placed in the 'Champions League' event, rather than the Premier League, meaning that our fixtures were in the 'toughest section' of the event. The boys were incredible, winning 2 and drawing 3 of their games – recovering from being behind in two games to secure valuable points. Indeed, it was by a single point that the boys completed the 'Summerlea double' and will now represent the school in the county finals in December. It is no small achievement for our school as we are not the biggest school in the area – and to have two teams win their respective events is absolutely amazing. Credit to everyone involved and thank you to all the parents who came to support, you really drove on the teams when they needed it.

I wanted to say thank you to everyone in school and The Summerlea PTA who have organised two events which are being held in school in the build up to Christmas... Candlelit Carols (on Monday 4th December at 6pm) and The Christmas Fayre (Friday 8th December 3.00 – 4.30pm). These events should be wonderfully festive and are part of the traditions of the Summerlea community. We very much hope to see you all there!

ROAD SAFETY

On a serious note, thank you again to our school pupil council and their road safety campaign. I want to re-iterate that at school we are working SO hard in trying to manage the parking outside of the school gates but there is only so much we can do. Even if it is raining, you are late, your child needs to be in please could you park safely and carefully around the school. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to all of us - parents and staff - that our children are safe and sound.

TRIPS

Another area of concern is the significant impact on the school of non-payment of trips. I have three children of my own and I know it sometimes seems an endless demand on money from parents to fund trips and visitors. However, I need to emphasise and share with you the facts. Put simply, the school cannot run trips at a profit or a loss. They are due to breakeven and are based (most of the time) by working out a total price and then dividing



that by the number of children in the year group. A simple breakdown example might be as follows:

Year Group: 4

Trip Destination: Educational Museum of Ice Cream Creation

Cost of venue and talk: £750

Cost of coach: £450

Total cost: £1200

Cost per pupil= £1200 divided by 60 = £20.

Throughout the history of time, there are always a couple of children who cannot attend, or do not pay, and the school tries hard to make up this shortfall in creative ways. However, recently - and I know the cost of living crisis hits hard - this number of non-payers has vastly increased. Trips are becoming less viable, and as a result we might have to cancel if we don't get enough payments in. I don't want to do this as we try and plan our trips to meet our curriculum learning objectives and these are the days that often the children generate long-lasting memories. We have also been mindful as a school to try and limit costs as much as we can, but it is completely unsustainable as a model moving forward. Even if a payment plan is introduced, where a parent pays over an agreed period is brilliant, because we can offset the funding from somewhere else in the interim period.

The term 'voluntary payments' are exactly what they mean – they are voluntary. But we need them! Within the school day we cannot charge additionally for activities run within these hours – they are extra, and we cannot fund them through school. If you are not in a position to pay please let us know as soon as possible at school and we can plan accordingly. It is an incredibly hard balance to strike between cost and experience and we need your help to make it work.

This is in no shape or form 'a moan' it is just I promised, as your headteacher, to involve you in decision making and explain what happens at school when possible. If things do not progress, we will have to, unfortunately, potentially cancel a trip in the future. As I said, if you ever need to speak to the school with regards finance, in confidence, please email the office or pop in to see our school business manager.



Mr Todd

Toy donations for the Christmas Fayre

Between the 4 December 2023 and 7 December 2023 please bring in any donations of good quality toys, games, puzzles etc. for the PTA 'Preloved Toy Sale'. Please drop these off with a member of the PTA on the KS1 playground after school drop off.

Children in Need – Last Chance to Donate



We enjoyed seeing everyone in their spotty and yellow clothes last week for Children in Need and the school has raised a total of £289.60 so far! There is still time to donate via ParentPay until 1st December by clicking this link: [Summerlea Children in Need Donations](#)

Donating in this way allows your money to go directly to Children in Need and gives you the option to declare Gift Aid on your donation, meaning they will receive an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you!

Christmas Arrangements:

4th December:

- Candlelit Carols, 6pm. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for carols, readings and light refreshments.

8th December:

- Chartwells Christmas lunches and Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to wear a festive sweater with their school uniform.
- PTA Christmas Fayre come and join the fun from 3pm until 4:30pm.

14th December:

- Christmas parties will take place in the afternoon. Children DO NOT need party clothes, but they may make or bring a festive party hat. Children will also need a few biscuits or a slice of cake to eat during the afternoon. School will provide drinks, games and activities.

Christmas Card Competition

At Summerlea we run a Christmas card competition. We invite the children to make a card and write it to their class. This has been successful over the years and prevented hundreds of Christmas cards being exchanged in school. Each class will vote for their favourite class card and these will be shown in our celebration assembly. Mr Todd will then choose his favourite Christmas card by Early Years children, KS1 children and KS2 children and a prize will be presented to the winners.

Christmas Cowbell

There is a change to how we will be running cowbell assemblies!

As before, any child can put themselves forward to perform during cowbell assembly. Singers, poets, dancers, gymnasts, magicians, artists, chefs, musicians and more perform some great acts. This time though they will need to perform their act to the year group team and or staff **before** being **nominated** by a member of staff to perform during the assembly on Thursday 14th December.

We are making this change to ensure that the acts are confident to perform and can demonstrate that they have put thought and effort into their performances.

If your child would like to put themselves forward, please let their class teacher know by FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER.

Worthing West Christmas Card Competition

The competition invites children to submit a festive card design for the community Christmas card to the King.

The winning design will be chosen by the Worthing West team and made into a card to be delivered to Buckingham Palace.

The winner and their family will be invited to Parliament to receive a copy of their completed winning design.

Entries should be submitted on A4 or A5 paper and either scanned or sent by email to bottomleyp@parliament.uk. They can also be posted to: Sir Peter Bottomley MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

All entries must be received by 23:59 on Friday 8th December 2023. Please include full name and address.

Holiday Activities and Food programme

Bookings for the Winter holiday free HAF sessions for children eligible for Pupil Premium are now open. You must book via this link [HAF Bookings](#). Some venues sell out very quickly so please do book asap. If you used the system during the summer, you will be able to log in. If you have not used it before, you will need to register for an account. A detailed user guide can be found on the WSCC [website](#).

If you think your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium and you have not yet applied, you can do so here [FSM/Pupil Premium apply online](#)



Summerlea Superstars

Weeks Ending: 10th and 17th November

Values Awards

Maple	N/A	N/A
Willow	N/A	N/A
Holly	Ralph C	Harry C
Oak	Ivy C	Archie D
Hawthorn	Noah B	Blake C
Cedar	Winston M	Dexter BG
Redwood	Hiba H	Arlo R
Chestnut	Ralph C	Francesco H
Elm	Lucia S	Elsie D
Beech	Finnley S	Jenson W
Juniper	Rafe C	Mollie G
Sycamore	Bella N	Blake W
Rowan	Casey G	Charlie T
Aspen	Isla BT	Lilly-belle B

Star Pupils

Maple	Ezra E	Teddie P
Willow	Zachary	Claudia E
Holly	Dexter S	Oscar S
Oak	Willow R	Paula A
Hawthorn	Adnan H	Ava W
Cedar	Ivy W	Nancy D
Redwood	Cailan R	Paige C
Chestnut	Darcie SK	Mollie B
Elm	Seb L	Jake H
Beech	Thomas BW	Jack A
Juniper	Johnny H	Arthur K
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Rowan	Ruby W	Oakley C
Aspen	Aayan H	Freya S



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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**.

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Starting school in September 2024

Deadline:

Monday 15 January 2024



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- Facebook: West Sussex Matters
- Twitter: @WSSCNews
- YouTube: wsscvideo



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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.

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.

Apply online at:

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



LIFE JACKET LIBRARY



**You can now borrow
LIFE JACKETS
from Summerlea School!**

Thanks to The Lucas Dobson Campaign and Specialist Group International, we now have various sizes of children's personal floatation devices available to borrow for up to 2 weeks.

Please speak with a member of the office team if you would like make your reservation!

All life jackets should be returned to Summerlea School at the end of use.



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Rose Green	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Yapton	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Berewood	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Steep	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗



**XMAS HOLIDAY CAMP - MONDAY
18th- FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

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SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF POLISH PUPILS



Online events

SESSION 1 SCHOOL STAFF

Understanding the cultural context of mental health and emotional wellbeing for Polish pupils. Session will include ideas and recommendations about things we can do to support Polish pupils to talk about their wellbeing and to seek help when needed.. Led by Kasia Racey, Mental Health Outreach and Development Worker for Polish Community, West Sussex Mind. <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/west-sussex-mental-health-and-wellbeing-in-schools-55331366173>

24/1/24
10am-11am
or

30/1/24 2pm-3pm

**BOOKING LINK
FOR SCHOOLS**



SESSION 2 POLISH PARENTS AND CARERS

Session aimed at Polish parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. . Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor and Kasia Racey (Mental Health Outreach and Development Worker, Polish Community, West Sussex Mind).

Sesja skierowana do polskich rodziców i opiekunów, aby pomóc im wspierać dobre samopoczucie i zdrowie psychiczne ich dzieci, a także zapoznać się z ofertą usług dostępnych w West Sussex. Prowadzona przez Vik Machin (Doradca ds. Dobrego Samopoczucia i Zdrowia Psychicznego w Szkołach i College'ach) i Kasię Racey (Konsultant ds. Społeczności Polskiej w West Sussex Mind).

20/2/24

7pm - 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/744532325227?aff=oddtcreator>

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FOR PARENTS**



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BOOKING LINK FOR SCHOOLS



Online events

SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF UKRAINIAN PUPILS

SCHOOL STAFF

Session 1: Understanding the context of mental health for Ukrainian pupils. Including the experience pre and post the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Session will include ideas and recommendations about things we can do in the classroom to be mindful of the Ukrainian experience. Led by Vlada Bondar, mental health outreach and development worker for Ukrainian community, West Sussex Mind.

24/1/24
2pm-3.30pm
or
30/1/24 10am-11.30am

Session 2: Exploring the impact of trauma on pupils from refugee backgrounds. Session will include ideas about things we can do in the classroom to support the experience of refugee pupils, particularly from the Ukrainian community. Led by Dr Leanne Pickering (Educational Psychologist) and Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor).

21/2/24
10am-11.30am

Session 3: Looking at vicarious trauma and how professionals can use the concept of self-compassion to protect their own wellbeing when working with children from refugee backgrounds. Led by Dr Leanne Pickering (Educational Psychologist) and Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor).

28/2/24
10am-11.30am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/744532325227?aff=oddttdtcreator>

UKRAINIAN PARENTS AND CARERS

Session aimed at Ukrainian parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor) and Vlada Bondar (Ukrainian Community Link Worker, West Sussex Mind).

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27/2/24
7pm - 8pm

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BOOKING LINK FOR PARENTS



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18-20 DECEMBER

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21-22 DECEMBER

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18-21 DECEMBER

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