



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMERLEA C.P. SCHOOL



WINDSOR DRIVE, RUSTINGTON,
WEST SUSSEX, BN16 3SW
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: MR B. BALL
HEADTEACHER: MRS H. MORRIS
TEL. 01903 856783 - FAX 01903 856784
e-mail: office@summerleaschool.co.uk

'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

Honesty, Equality, Aspiration, Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Trust

NEWSLETTER 20: 20 July 2015

**It seems hard to believe another wonderful year of learning is almost over!
We hope you have a lovely summer and that the sun shines on us all.**

Governing Body Review of the Year

As the academic year draws to a close, I thought it would be useful to share with you some of the things that the Governors have been up to over the past year.

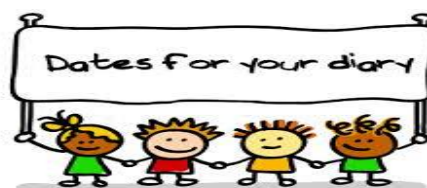
A lot has gone on behind the scenes, with a really big push to help ensure that all our policies are as up to date as possible, although this is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge with new developments always arising. We have also started using the 'Governors' Virtual Office' which helps us to work more efficiently – diarising meetings, holding online discussions to make decision making quicker and clearer, storing all our meeting documents to cut down on paper usage.

Our committees have continued to work hard throughout the year, helping ensure our budget remains on track, despite ever-tighter funding, monitoring pupil performance, and helping the Senior Leadership Team deal with the multitude of the unexpected that seems to arise every day!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed our time with the pupils, listening to their views and concerns at School Pupil Council meetings, learning about the work they are doing at class visits, coming into assemblies and attending all sorts of events and celebrations throughout the year (I absolutely loved The Lion King!)

We hope that all of the above has helped us to provide the strategic support and challenge that our role requires and to achieve our aim of contributing to an even better learning environment for our children. Have a lovely summer!

Robin Evans (Chair of Governors)



New Uniform Sale Dates

Thursday 6 August and 27 August

Autumn term dates

Thurs 3 Sept: School closed for INSET

Fri 4 Sept: School closed for INSET

Mon 7 Sept: School starts

Mon 26 – 30 Oct: Half term

Fri 18 Dec: End of term

A full list of dates and key events for the autumn term will be published at the beginning of the new academic year.



Kit Car Competitions

The Summerlea Kit Car Team has had their second successful event of the season, this time at Goodwood Motor Circuit. On Sunday 12th July the mixed Year 5 and 6 teams competed in slalom, drag and sprint events before the Champions Race around the whole Goodwood circuit.

Both cars were running smoothly and were driven expertly; we came first out of 86 cars in the sprint event and came 8th and 16th overall.

A huge thanks to all of the children for their teamwork, focus and fearless attitude, Mr and Mrs Sapsed for their endless support and to Mr Strong for his engineering skills and coaching in race techniques. We would also like to thank Mr Ball for his endless enthusiasm for the team and for introducing Summerlea to this valuable project many years ago and Mrs Strong for organising Kit Car club.

We are delighted to hear that many of the year 6 children want to pursue their newfound engineering skills with the Formula 24 cars at their secondary schools. We are looking forward to the 2016 race season!



Sussex School Games – LASP Success

Three Littlehampton Area Sports Partnership (LASP) teams went through to represent the Southern Area Partnership (SAP) at the School Games last Wednesday. As a LASP team I think we should be proud to have, out of only 5 primary aged competitors at the game, 3 teams from our locality. School games are a Level 3 competition, being a step up from inter-school and partnership - now county level.

Firstly we need to bear in mind that these three teams have done incredibly well to get through the partnership stage as SAP has in total 68 primary schools. They each competed against 8 other sports partnerships from across the county. The total number of primary schools in the whole county is in excess of 430. An exciting day of competition saw all three sides thoroughly enjoy the School Games experience and judging by their faces they had a fantastic and most memorable day.

St PHILIPS hockey team have come on leaps and bounds and really did themselves proud and so nearly got through to the semis - 5th out of potentially 430 schools! LYMINSTER gymnastic side did tremendously well and medaled – 2nd position! **And SUMMERLEA TRI GOLF came 1st - best in the county!** A fabulous result for our LASP youngsters and LASP team.



Well done Libby!



When I decided to get my hair cut, I thought it would be nice to send my ponytail to the same charity that Jessie I sent her hair to, so that children who have lost their hair because of their cancer treatment could have a wig made from proper hair. My mum asked if I wanted to try and raise some money for charity too so I decided on the local charity, Enable Me. They help people with disabilities and teach people about disability. I have raised £370 so far.

Libby Pritchard, Beech Class



Free School Meals

A reminder that current Year 2 children (Year 3 from September) will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you want your child to have a hot school meal from September you must order it through Chartwells.

Please register at:

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>

Can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer to run a used uniform sale once a month for us. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Wright in the office. Thank you.



Gold Democracy Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Democracy Award following our participation in the West Sussex Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament Elections earlier this year. We have been given a certificate and trophy to mark this achievement which was presented to our school in assembly. Well done to everyone and a special well done and thank you to Mrs Maxted and her son Sebastian Maxted for making us aware of this award and process.



Cool Milk

Due to a change in legislation with regards to the School Food Plan all parents and carers are now entitled to be able to purchase milk for their children. The school has registered with Cool Milk for children in Years 3 to 6. If you wish to arrange the purchase of milk please go to www.coolmilk.com and register or collect a leaflet from the office. For children in EYFS to Year 2 their milk is provided via the Universal Free School Meals Program, so if your child has a hot lunch in school they get their milk provided free of charge.



Ofsted Update

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement during our Ofsted Inspection last week and for all of you who completed the ParentView survey and took time to write letters of support and speak to the inspectors. We are pleased with the outcome but are strictly prohibited from being able to share the detail of this and the Ofsted gradings with anyone until the report is published and, being so close to the end of term, this may not be until September. If you are a Year 6 parent you will be able to access the report on the Ofsted website or via our school website. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Parking

A polite reminder to please park considerately in the surrounding residential areas. Please do not park in private roads, residents' parking spaces or block residents' vehicles in. Please also ensure your children take care when getting in and out of cars so that damage is not caused to other vehicles. Thank you.

Executive Headteacher:

Brian Ball

Year 6 Production

We would like to say congratulations to all of the Year 6 children for a truly outstanding performance of The Lion King. The standard of dance, drama, singing, speaking, costumes and set design was extremely high and the endless energy and enthusiasm of the cast blew us all away. A huge amount of work goes in to making the Year 6 Production such a success but what a worthwhile investment! Thank you to all of those involved, especially Miss Turner, Mrs Howard and Mr Fauvel but also all staff, parents and friends who volunteered their time and expertise 'behind the scenes'. Thank you also to everyone who came to see the performance and for your support and positive comments. We are already looking forward to next year's production – no pressure Year 5 and well done again Year 6!



Summer Fayre Success

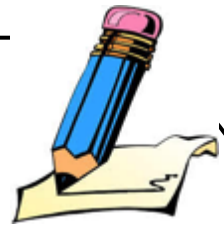
This year's vintage themed Summer Fayre has officially been deemed the best yet! It was a lovely summer's evening and we had a brilliant turn out with some really exciting and unusual stalls. Monies have now been counted and we are delighted to announce that an amazing £3,400.35 profit was raised! This is one of the highest totals our Summer Fayre has ever raised and we can't thank you enough for your support. A huge thank you must go to the FOSS team for all of their hard work leading up to the event and on the day itself. A special thank you to Emma Green and Kat Wright for their endless enthusiasm and commitment – they really went the extra mile this year! Thanks also to all the staff that gave up their time to help in so many ways and to families, friends and children who came along to spend their pennies as well as to the sponsors and stall holders themselves. What an amazing community we have! Finally congratulations to Maple Class who won the sweetie competition!

Headteacher:

Helen Morris



Week beginning 22nd June



The images used to inspire writing over these two weeks were both sports related to fit in with our whole school sports themed fortnight!

EYFS/Key Stage 1 winner

Swimming Racket

Max was walking and he saw Nicole playing swimming racket and he wanted to play.

Written by Oli (Year 2 – Cedar Class)



Key Stage 2 winner

Sport Blog

On a day, a very weird day, it's an opposite day and do you know what's going on? If you're playing tennis you will be playing it underwater and if you're swimming you'll be swimming on a tennis court. It's like the world got swapped! And the Wimbledon's famous player Heather Watson is playing underwater and Tom Daley is swimming on the tennis court. I'm the only one who is not doing it. I think it's a disease called 'Swaptennosis'. I'm very confused! What's going on?

Written by India (Year 4 – Elm Class)



Week beginning 29th June

Please note: the last 100 word challenge for the term was set on 6th July. Finalists have not yet been announced and the winning entries will be published in the first newsletter of the new academic year.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 winner

One day someone was playing bubble football. It was very fun but they all fell on the floor and when they fell on the floor they fell asleep. It was very funny and they woke up. Then they got off the floor and they started to have bubbles on their head. They couldn't see where they were going so they put their hand out and popped the bubble. They fell over on the floor and laughed.

Written by Tess (Year 1 - Holly Class)



Key Stage 2 winner

Instructions on how to play Bubble Burst!

- 1) Firstly you need to make sure you have a bubble to play in.
- 2) Next you will put on your bubble equipment such as thorns, tooth picks, sharp pencils or scissors.
- 3) When you have done that use your equipment to try and burst someone else's bubble.
- 4) Whoever bursts all of the bubbles except for theirs they win.

GREAT FUN! HAVE FUN AND ENJOY! THAT IS THE IMPORTANT THING.

GO BUBBLE BURST! THE BEST GAME EVER! SO FUN!

Written by Emily (Chestnut Class)

Time to read and reflect

We hope you have enjoyed reading these pieces of writing. It would be lovely if you could spend some time sharing and discussing them with your child. Below are some suggestions of things you could think and talk about together.

Oli has called the game 'swimming racket'. What would you call it and why?

India used great expression as she read out her blog. Can you read it in a similar way?

Tess has called the game 'bubble football'. What would you call it and why?

What type of writing is Emily's and how do you know?