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NEWSLETTER 4: 19 October 2015

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest with you this Thursday at our special Harvest assemblies.

Welcome to Trudy Jefferies – new governor

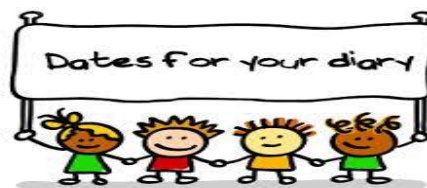
My name is Trudy Jefferies and I'm originally from Yorkshire. I came to West Sussex a year ago, via London, Surrey and Hampshire.

All my working life has been in education, as a teacher in primary and secondary schools, a local authority advisor and teacher trainer. I've been a staff governor and a member of two senior leadership teams.

I have two grown up children and my passion for education continues through my grandchildren, who are aged almost 12 and 7. That will be the case for a few years still, as the youngest one is nearly four months old, so it will be a while before he is involved in formal education.

I'm very excited to have been appointed as a co-opted governor at Summerlea School. I look forward to an interesting, challenging and stimulating time in this terrific school.

If you have a question, concern or suggestion please email governors@summerleaschool.co.uk



Week beginning 19th Oct:

Thurs 22nd – Harvest Assemblies:

8.45am Year R and 1

9.30am Year 2

10.15am Year 3 and 4

2.15pm Year 5 and 6

Fri 23rd – FOSS Non-uniform day – please bring a non-tin item

Mon 26th Oct– Fri 30th Oct: Half-term

Week beginning 2nd Nov:

Mon 2nd – School re-opens

Tues 3rd – 2.45pm Non Uniform Sale

Thurs 5th – 2pm FOSS meeting – all welcome
3pm EYFS drop-in

6pm Assessment meeting for parents

Fri 6th – 3pm EYFS drop-in



Please also see the previously issued term dates for the academic year and key events for the autumn term, as well as separate letters for more information.



Coming soon!
Thursday 26th November
6.30pm-8.30pm



We are fortunate to have another visit from Evelyn Stewart, a sleep and behavioural advisor from Southampton Hospital, visit Summerlea. Evelyn has many years of experience in these areas, working with a range of ages; you may have seen her on a Channel 4 programme about sleep difficulties.

Come along for a cup of tea/coffee and hear her talk on a number of sleep issues including:

- How to get children to bed and stay there!
- How to get them to sleep.
- Dealing with night terrors and sleepwalking.
- How much sleep does my child need?
- How sleep impacts on learning.

There will also be time to ask Evelyn questions. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time with details about reserving a seat.



Chartwells

National School meals week is being held on the week of Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November.

Simply visit

www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/nsmw from Monday 2nd November for a chance to win a share of £10,000 prize fund.

Closing date Sunday 8th November midnight.



Reminders

A polite reminder to please remind your child/ren to dismount their bicycles/scooters etc. when entering the school premises. This is in the best interest of everyone's safety. Also, another reminder about drop off and pick up times – please be careful and considerate in your vehicles of other road users and pedestrians. We do encourage anyone that witnesses illegal /dangerous driving and parking to report it to the police on their non-emergency 101 number to encourage PCSO presence outside the school. Thank you.

Uniform Survey

We are currently conducting a review of our school uniform and supplier.

If you want to have your say about our school uniform please visit our website and complete our school uniform survey. It is only a short survey and takes just a few minutes to complete. It will be available to access until Monday 2nd November. If you need a paper version of the survey please collect one from the school office. Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey already.



Friends Of Summerlea School

Our autumn discos last Friday were a great success and really well attended. A big thank you for your support and to all the parents and teachers who stayed to help. We are delighted that this first event of the new academic year raised an amazing £503.57! This year we are raising funds for the school to enhance outdoor learning and will keep you updated throughout the year as to how the money is being spent and the impact it is having on the children's educational experiences. This Friday is non-uniform day and we are asking that you bring in items for the Christmas Fair tombola please in exchange for your child choosing their own dress code for the day! Thank you.



Super 'Six Weeks in' meeting!

Thank you to all of the parents of Reception children who attended our 'six weeks in' meeting last Thursday morning. We received lots of positive feedback about the transition process and the children's first half term in school, as well as the meeting itself. There were also some great suggestions for the future. Thank you!

Headteacher:

Helen Morris

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school during the week beginning 2nd November. If your child would like to wear a poppy and make a donation to The Royal British Legion then please send in a suggested donation of 50p with them. Thank you for your support.



Acoustic Fencing

We would like to inform you that West Sussex County Council have agreed to acoustic fencing being installed on the Orchard Park side of the school's east boundary hedge. This is in order to reduce noise levels from our outdoor learning spaces for the Orchard Park residents. The work is due to begin on Monday 9th November and take approximately three weeks. Children and parents should not be affected.

Our Journey towards becoming a Forest School has begun...

Many of us adults will have clear memories of playing outside; adventures and discoveries, wonderment and the thrill of learning something new. This is what we believe is important for all children to experience. Our Forest School is where our children will begin their own journey of discovery, every time they visit.

Forest School is a place where all children will be given the opportunity to experience and enjoy learning in an outside 'classroom' enhanced by the natural elements of the changing seasons, weather and a natural woodland environment. The Forest School approach is a holistic one underpinned by specialised learning theories. It offers ALL learners the opportunity to develop their self-esteem, emotional resilience, confidence and ability to assess and manage risks as well as teaching them a range of new skills and developing a respect for nature.

The sessions may include:

- 🌿 Problem solving
- 🌿 Trust games
- 🌿 Whittling
- 🌿 Learning to use tools such as saws and drills
- 🌿 Fire lighting and fire safety
- 🌿 Art work
- 🌿 Music
- 🌿 Storytelling and writing
- 🌿 Shelter building
- 🌿 Tracking skills and sensory exploration
- 🌿 Learning about plants and animals ...
- ... And more!



Every time the children visit there will be opportunities for them to work independently as well as co-operatively. The Forest School leader will plan structured sessions, to include some guided activities, but they will be non-directive so that it allows for the learning to be child led. We are really looking forward to our Forest School sessions where the focus is on the learning process rather than the outcome. So, let's pull on our wellies and begin exploring!

As we begin our journey, we are aiming to develop our wooded area where our Forest School sessions will take place. We are hoping to make links with any tree surgeons or similar who might be able to help us source some wood that they cannot use or sell but that the Forest School sessions can put to good use. We will also be looking for volunteers to support at these sessions in the future. If you think you can help, either as a volunteer or with sourcing some wood, please contact Mr or Mrs Strong, via the school office. We will keep you updated as this exciting new project develops.

The 100-word challenge

Week beginning: 28th September

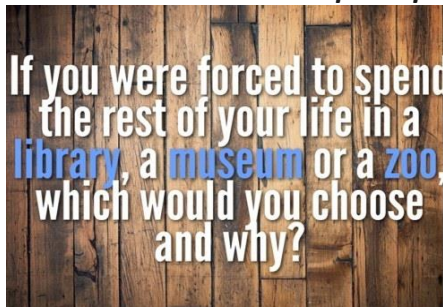
The 100-word challenge is now being set fortnightly, rather than weekly, to allow the children more creative thinking and writing time!

Key Stage 1 winner

I would like to live in a zoo because I can get washed by the elephants and I can stroke all of the animals and I can be the princess of the whole zoo and I can be the shop keeper and I can get some money.

Written by Jasmine (Hawthorn Class, Year 2)

The children were shown this quick question:



Key Stage 2 winner

Museum, library or zoo?

Museums have cafes, somewhere to get food and drink.

Museums have friendly staff, there to assist you.

Museums have first aid, you know you'll be alright.

Museums have a roof above your head.

You'll starve in a library, unless you eat the books.

But then you would get fined money you don't have.

So scrap that idea, let's try a zoo instead.

But zoos have animals everywhere, EVERYWHERE I TELL YOU!

It's mostly outside too, not the best when it rains.

Bin that idea too, let's just stick with a museum.

But which museum to go to? Hmmm...



Written by Sam (Rowan Class, Year 6)

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.

Jasmine has used two great 'bridge' connectives in her writing ('because' and 'and'). Can you think of any alternatives she could use?

Sam's thought provoking piece asks a question at the end. Which museum would you choose to go to and why?

Mid Day Meals Supervisors (MDMS) Grade 2 £7.19 - £7.43 per hour

We are looking to appoint two new Mid Day Meals Supervisors to join our friendly team.

The successful candidates will be able to engage with children, support and care for them and ensure that their school experience is a positive, safe and happy one.

We encourage our MDMS to have a sense of belonging to an important team of staff. The MDMS are responsible for supervising the children, ensuring that they have a calm and positive lunchtime experience that is sociable and fun.

All MDMS are then expected to supervise and engage the children in play on the playground, once lunch has been eaten, and liaise with the staff about pupils' individual needs.

Summerlea School is an equal opportunities employer and the posts are subject to enhanced DBS clearance. We expect all candidates to share a commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

Visits to our school are most welcome.

Please collect an application and safer recruitment form from the Office.

Closing date - Friday 30th October 2015



**Saturday 31 October
10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Maltravers Leisure Gardens, Maltravers Road,
Littlehampton, BN17 5EY**

Arun District Council present Apple Day, a fun and interactive day out for the entire family.

Apple day will be an opportunity to celebrate Maltravers Community Orchard and its harvest.



- Have a go at juicing apples on a traditional press - bring your own apples (and a container) if you have them!
- Woodland crafts with Stuart Slade Forest School
- Marshmallow toasting
- Cook and Eat demos
- Tree sale and expert tree advice
- Smoothie bike with the team from Home Start Arun
- Storytelling
- Bug hunting
- Kids activities



Enjoy the outdoors, learn about orchard care, meet new people, get some gentle exercise!

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Help us fill our plates!

Coffee

Sugar

Cooking Oil

Tinned Ready Meals (spag bol/ mac cheese/ pies etc.)

Tinned Fish

Biscuits

Squash

Dried Herbs

Salad Dressing (Salad Cream / Mayonnaise)

Deodorants

Shower Gel

Liquid Soaps

Tissues

Tinned and Powdered Custard

Tinned Tomatoes

Packets of cake mix

Gravy

Salt / Pepper

Flannels

Baby wipes






Was your child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012?

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2016.

Apply online! It's simple, convenient and timesaving, plus you get an instant email acknowledgement that your application has been received.

You can apply online from 5 October. If you would like further advice or information contact:

 **03330
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Free internet access to apply online is available at all:

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- Children and Family Centres.



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Deadline: Friday 15 January 2016