



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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*'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'*



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

### NEWSLETTER 8: 5 January 2016



**Welcome back to the spring term 2016!**

#### **Mrs Karla Strong – Associate Governor**

Many of you know me already because I have been with Summerlea since the very beginning in 1997. Back then I was Miss Bridle and a newly qualified teacher. I had 17 children in my class from aged 5 to 10 years old, (Years 1 – 5) whilst my colleague had a full reception class. Brian Ball was soon appointed as Headteacher and we grew from there. I like to think that although we have grown rapidly we still have a 'small school feel'. I have stayed so long because Summerlea is a fantastic community to work in and I have been fortunate enough to have been given many varied opportunities and challenges in my career. Before I had my son in 2007, I was a Teacher Governor. Then, as I returned to full time teaching and entered into a senior leadership role, I became an Associate Governor. I believe our Governing Body is a dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate team of people who have the children's best interests at the core of all they do. Out of school, I love spending time in the great outdoors with my family. I enjoy horse riding, walking my black Labrador puppy, gardening, yoga and wildlife. I am very excited to be combining my love of nature and the outside with my professional life as we begin Forest School and continuing to work with the Governing Body to ensure that the children of Summerlea are given the best opportunities to flourish and thrive. If you have a question, concern or suggestion please email [governors@summerleaschool.co.uk](mailto:governors@summerleaschool.co.uk)



#### **Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**No clubs this week**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>: INSET – school closed**

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 Kick start outdoor learning day**

#### **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

**No clubs this week**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 swimming starts today**

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>: 7pm FOSS meeting – all welcome**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>: 2.45pm FOSS book and toy sale (TBC)**

***Please also see the attached term dates for the academic year and key events for the spring term, as well as separate letters for more information.***



Networked Learning Communities



### Christmas Celebrations

It seems a long time ago now, but the end of term Christmas celebrations were very special and as always the children did a brilliant job of making us all feel incredibly proud.

It was lovely to see the progression of performances through the school from Reception with their nativity 'Hallelujah', Key Stage 1 with their production of 'Straw and Order' and then Lower and Upper Key Stage Two with their concerts. All of the narrating, reading, acting and dancing was excellent and the standard of singing was truly outstanding! It is a real privilege as Headteacher to be able to watch and participate in all of the celebrations. In addition, members of Glee performed at our annual Carols by Candlelight and the Carol Service at Arundel Cathedral. They also spent a very cold and windy morning singing at Rustington Street Fair and visited residents at Fairlight Nursing Home. A huge thank you and well done to all of the children and staff (and a special thank you to Mr Fauvel and Miss Sacco for all their hard work with Glee). Thank you also to families and friends of the school for your support and for the extremely generous donations given to our two chosen charities. An amazing £361.63 was raised for Winston's Wish and £372.48 for Chestnut Tree House – two charities particularly close to our hearts as a school. Thank you so much and we hope you enjoyed the Christmas Celebrations as much as all of us!

This term we have Easter Celebrations to look forward to with EYFS and Key Stage 1 spring assemblies as well as some Key Stage 2 year group assemblies.



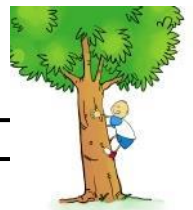
Headteacher:

*Helen Morris*



### Morning drop off

A reminder to all parents that children should not be at school or on the school playground before 8.15am (unless they are attending a morning club with an earlier start time). The Key stage 1 and 2 playgrounds are staffed from 8.20am but before then they are not and children shouldn't be left unsupervised. Mrs Morris, Mrs Strong or Mr Trahern are also usually on the front gate in the mornings should you wish to speak to them or you can, of course, speak to a member of the admin team in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.



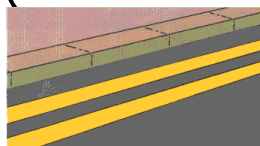
### No climbing please!

In the interest of everyone's safety, please do not allow your child to climb the trees in our quiet area next to the Key Stage 2 playground at the start or end of the day. Thank you.



### No dogs!

A polite reminder that we do not allow dogs on our premises for health and safety reasons. If you have a dog, please ensure you do not bring it onto school grounds with you, even if it is on a lead or being carried. Thank you.



### Parking Concerns

We have had several concerns reported about parents parking on the yellow lines at the corner of Windsor Drive, near the roundabout. Not only is this illegal but also very dangerous. Please park legally and safely and be considerate of other road users and pedestrians. Our Travel Plan Team will be asking parents to keep a 'parking promise' in the near future in an effort to help reduce parking problems and the associated hazards.

## The 100-word challenge

Week beginning: 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Key Stage 1 winner

#### Instructions about opening a box

1. Get a pair of scissors, cut the sellotape.
2. Get the corner, firmly pull hard.
3. Get a knife and stab it in, then pull very carefully.
4. When the box is opened be careful.
5. Now open the top, get a light and look in...

*Written by Joe (Hawthorn Class, Year 2)*

*The challenge this fortnight...a mysterious package arrived for Mrs Morris. Where had it come from and what might be inside?*



### Key Stage 2 winner

Perfectly sat

At Mrs Morris' desk it

Rustled in her

Careful hand

Enjoyment flew through

Ligaments of her body

*Written by Phoebe, Isabelle and Maya (Sycamore Class, Year 5)*

## 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.

Joe has used some powerful verbs in his instructions – can you find them all and think of any more?

Phoebe, Isabelle and Maya have written an acrostic poem. Why not have a go at writing one of your own?

## **VACANCIES**

### **Mid Day Meals Supervisors (MDMS)**

**Grade 2 £7.19 - £7.43 per hour**

**5 hours per week, 1 hour daily Monday-Friday**

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 expected to supervise and engage the children in play on the playground before/after 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 download and complete an application and safer recruitment form and email them to [sbm@summerleaschool.co.uk](mailto:sbm@summerleaschool.co.uk) or post to Summerlea CP School, Windsor Drive, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3SW. Enquiries 01903 856783

Closing date Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016



## **Worth Less - West Sussex Schools campaign for fairer funding**

You may well be aware that schools across West Sussex are facing a looming funding crisis.

Financial settlements for all public sector services are under pressure and education is not alone in having to manage limited finances carefully. Schools in West Sussex are, however, facing much greater challenges than many others. An out-dated funding formula used by central government, continues to create a situation where pupils across the county are being short changed.

Currently, the average funding for each pupil in mainstream funding in West Sussex is £4,198 (it is much less for West Sussex primary school pupils). The national average is £4,612 and in areas of London, the average per pupil funding is well in excess of £6,000. If West Sussex children were funded at average levels, schools across the county would receive an extra £41m per year. If our West Sussex funding was matched against some London authorities, the sum would be a staggering £212m per year.

As such, schools in West Sussex are struggling to make ends meet and our children are being significantly disadvantaged. Teacher to pupil ratios are increasing, as are class sizes. We are finding it extremely difficult to be financially competitive and recruit the very best staff - particularly in shortage subjects - and there is simply not enough money to resource basic items such as computers and text books. Youngsters with particular needs and disabilities are also suffering from a lack of funding.

The time for change is now upon us and we need urgent action. The good news is that the government has recognised that the current situation is grossly unfair and on Wednesday 25 November, announced that a new national funding formula would be introduced.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-34921585>

Sadly, however, schools up and down the county cannot afford to wait for our children to be funded fairly. We are, therefore, campaigning vigorously for two important goals:

- A substantial interim payment to West Sussex to help reduce the funding inequalities that we face.
- The rapid introduction of a new formula that ensures that children in West Sussex are no longer worth less than other students in England.

Every Headteacher in the county is writing to parents to ask for their support and make you aware of our 'Worth Less?' campaign.

Our initial work, which has been fully supported by a number of local MPs, has already begun to make a real difference. We have also benefited from the issue gaining extensive coverage from radio and TV outlets.

We are delighted to announce that local newspapers from Bognor Regis to East Grinstead, are supporting this crucial piece of work and extensive coverage will appear in the next few days. West Sussex County Council are also fully endorsing the strategy and I hope very much that you will too.

**What you can do:**

- Contact your local MP and maintain the pressure for reform and interim transitional funding.
- Spread the word and 'like us' on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorthLessWestSussex>

- Talk to family and friends in order to galvanise support.
- Keep up to date with our campaign by contributing to and following various media outlets.

<http://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/local/headteachers-warn-of-looming-crisis-in-funding-of-west-sussex-schools-1-6671263>



## Summerlea CP School

### Calendar of School Events

#### **TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16:**

**Autumn term:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**INSET days:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Spring term:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Half-term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET days:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Summer term:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half-term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**INSET day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Spring Term 2016**

*The following dates and events are provided to give you an overview for this term. There are likely to be alterations and additions as we go along and we will notify you of these in the usual way, either by using ParentMail or by sending home a letter.*

<b>January 2016</b>		
Mon	4	INSET Day
Tue	5	School re-opens for spring term
		Year 5 Kick start outdoor learning day linked to Macbeth
		NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Mon	11	Year 3 swimming for 10 weeks every Monday
		NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Tue	12	7pm FOSS Meeting in school – all welcome
Fri	15	2.45pm provisional date for FOSS book and toy sale
Mon	18	CLUBS BEGIN FOR YEARS 1 TO 6
<b>February 2016</b>		
Tue	9	7pm Provisional FOSS Meeting in school – all welcome
Fri	12	EYFS and Year 3 Chinese New Year Day
		FOSS Non uniform day suggested £1 donation
Mon	22	INSET Day
<b>March 2016</b>		
Tue	1	2pm Year 5 Assembly to parents
		6.30pm Summerlea's Got Talent evening
Thur	3	World Book Day – come to school dressed as your favourite book character
Tue	8	2pm Year 3 Assembly to parents
Thur	10	Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Tue	15	9-9.30am EYFS and Year 1 Spring Assembly to Parents

		10.00-10.30am Year 2 Spring Assembly to Parents
		6pm Year 4 Parent Meeting for Marchants Hill
Thur	17	Provisional FOSS Easter Fundraising Event
Fri	18	Sports Relief Day
		CLUBS FINISH TODAY
Mon	21	3.00-6.00pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Tue	22	Whole school Easter Day
		3.00-6.00pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Wed	23	3.00-6.00pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Thur	24	Last day of term

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## Children & Family Centre



Arun East Children & Family Centres.  
Newsletter No. 3, Winter Term

## Parent Volunteer Programme

The Parent Volunteer Programme is available through West Sussex Children and Family Centres. It offers parents the opportunity to explore volunteering as a means to help them fulfil their goal of returning to the work place and/or education and training. The programme aims to encourage, support and improve parent's aspirations, personal skills, self-confidence, employability and economic wellbeing. Parents can access a range of volunteering placements both within the Children and Family Centres and in the local community. For more information, contact Kim or Heather on 01903 276840 or email [heatherandersson@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:heatherandersson@westsussex.gov.uk) or [kim.seex@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:kim.seex@westsussex.gov.uk)



The Wickbourne Centre in was transformed into a winter wonderland for its annual Christmas event.

The event is a partnership between Littlehampton Children's and Family Centre and Arun Community Church. Business manager at the church, Jon Jolly, said: "We had well over 300 people through the doors during the event, and about 120 families had booked in advance.

"Booked families got to see Santa, have a professional family portrait taken and printed, and got a small gift for the children.

"For everyone else there was also a carousel ride in the car park, a variety of craft stalls, plus a cake stall, art activities for kids, teddy tombola and raffle.

"The PlayCentre Nursery children performed a song on stage, and

White Meadows School Choir performed a number of songs too.

"Arun Community Church choir also did a couple of performances during the afternoon.

"At 4pm we switched on the centre Christmas lights and in total we raised £450 for Equine Partners Ltd who will use the money towards providing equine therapy for families across the area."



## Courtesy & Respect Policy

The Children and Family Centre has formulated a new courtesy & respect policy for parents, members of staff, volunteers and anyone else visiting the centre to follow. Please ask at Reception for more information.

## TRAIN TO TEACH WITH TESLA

**Apply now for teacher training, September 2016**

### NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER!

If you have been thinking about getting into teaching, then attend our TRAIN TO TEACH information event. Discuss what qualifications you need and which pathway into teaching is suitable for you. Local Teaching School Alliances, partner universities and representatives from the NCTL will be on hand to help and advise.

- Different pathways into teaching
- School experience visits
- Qualifications required
- How to apply

Come along and meet the people who can help you change your career, and enter the rewarding world of teaching. We look forward to meeting you.

### TRAIN TO TEACH INFORMATION EVENING

**Wednesday January 27th 2016, 5.00 - 8.00 pm @ Bohunt School**

contact: [rclark@tesla-tsa.com](mailto:rclark@tesla-tsa.com)  
01428 724324

**Book your place online at [www.tesla-tsa.com/news-events](http://www.tesla-tsa.com/news-events)**

