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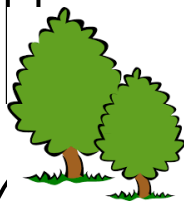


'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



NEWSLETTER 2: 26 September 2016

We look forward to celebrating Harvest with you through our collection and assemblies next Friday 7th October.



Forest School is growing!

We are delighted that our Forest School journey, which started last year, is going from strength to strength this year and all children will now experience Forest School as part of our curriculum offer.

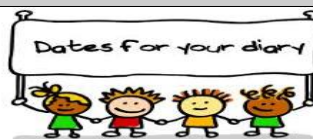
This half term it is the turn of Year 6 and it is fantastic to see them living values such as responsibility, resilience and trust in the woods and then applying such positive attitudes back in the classroom too.

Mrs Strong is our Forest School leader, ably supported by Mr Strong and a number of volunteers.

If you would like to know more about Forest Schools please visit our website

www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk > 'Our School' > 'Curriculum & Assessment' > 'Outdoor Learning' > 'Forest Schools'.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at Forest School (or have any resources you would be willing to donate such as logs) please speak to Mrs Strong.



Week beginning 26th September:

Mon 4th: Year 4 Egyptian Day

Year 2 Swimming

6pm Year 4 Parent/carer meeting re Marchants Hill

Fri 30th: 3.15pm FOSS AGM – all welcome

Week beginning 3rd October:

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Mon 3rd: Governor Day

3pm Governor surgery – all welcome

Tue 4th: 2.45pm Used uniform sale in Palm Studio

Wed 5th: No pens day!

Thur 6th: 6pm Year 6 Parent/Carer information meeting

Fri 7th: Harvest collection and assemblies

Please also see the previously published term dates for the academic year and key events on our website calendar, as well as separate letters for more information.



Used Uniform Sales

We are extremely grateful that Mrs Sandra Latter (grandparent and our used uniform co-ordinator) will be continuing to organise monthly uniform sales this academic year. Mrs Latter is ably supported by Mrs Bensusan.

All sales are held on Tuesdays from 2.30pm in Palm Studio and dates are as follows:

4th October 2016

1st November 2016

6th December 2016



Used Uniform will also be on sale in the hall at our Open Day on 20th October.

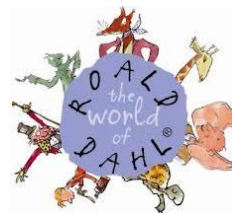
Mrs Latter is happy to be contacted by email for urgent requests between sales at

sandralatter@yahoo.co.uk

A huge thank you to Mrs Latter and Mrs Bensusan for volunteering their time to help us.

Roald Dahl Day

On Tuesday 13th September we celebrated a very special Roald Dahl Day at school, which marked his 100th birthday. All of the children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed a day at school learning all about Roald Dahl and his brilliant children's books. Thank you for supporting this event and your donations - we raised £125.40 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Thank you also to Miss Gunn for raising our awareness of this and leading assembly to 'kick start' the day.



Sickness Policy

In school we take great care to ensure pupils are fully cared for should they fall ill during the day. However, pupils should not be sent to school when they are clearly unwell. Similarly, if your child has suffered from diarrhoea and/or vomiting, we would not usually expect them to be in school for approximately 48 hours after the problem has ceased. In brief, if a child has to take calpol, paracetamol, cough medicine etc. before they feel well enough to come to school, then they should not be in school. If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school office as early as possible in the morning, enabling us to record their absence in the register.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Date for your diaries - The Annual Chartwells Christmas Hot School Lunch will take place on Thursday 15th December. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and is not entitled to a Free School Meal, then please log on to

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk> to book and pay for your child's Christmas lunch.

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and those entitled to a Free School Meal do not need to place an order. A flyer of the Christmas menu will follow in due course.



Kit Car Sponsorship – can you help?

The Summerlea Kit Car Team is looking for sponsors...

We always need spare parts and renewals for our now very old but very reliable cars, as well as designing and making new bodywork and keeping our team looking smart in their overalls. This of course all costs money. If you know of any company or organisation that would be willing to sponsor, or indeed you work for a company that would like to be part of an eco-community project, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Strong. Thank you.



Headteacher: *Helen Morris*

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

What you need to know

Free school meals are only available in England and Wales.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

Please remember that even if your child doesn't want to have the free meal they could still benefit in other ways, through the Pupil Premium funding we would receive as a school.

If you think you might qualify, please speak to Mrs Jo Maxted (School Business Manager), in confidence.



Are you entitled?

FOSS

www.friendsofsummerleaschool.co.uk

Friends of Summerlea School – FOSS

We hope you have all seen our separate ParentMail regarding the AGM on 30th September after school and that we will see lots of you there. Please do bring your children along. Although there is a formal part of the meeting we do not want to deter anybody from coming by saying that it is for adults only.

A PLEA! You might know that in order to run as a charity, legally we have to have 4 named committee members. 2 of our committee members have unfortunately had to stand down this year owing to extra pressures being put on their family lives this year that were unforeseen. We are so grateful for their help over the years on the committee and are sad to be losing them in this formal capacity. We therefore need to ask for your help – we are in need of 2 new committee members.

We know that many people are often concerned about becoming a committee member, thinking that it means devoting huge amounts of personal time to organisation. We can't promise that it will not take up some of your time but it really isn't as bad as you might fear and the more people that join, the less time it takes up. If you come on board and then recruit some of your friends too then it's a piece of cake – honestly!

Sadly, the consequences of not having those people sign up to these formal roles are quite serious – we would have to dissolve the charity and potentially we could risk losing thousands of pounds per year towards additional resources for our children.

We promise that you will be supported and that, above all, you'll have fun and really enjoy it. Volunteering and achieving fundraising targets really is such a rewarding role and we're open to any ideas and suggestions about how to take FOSS forward too. If you want to have an informal chat before 30th September's AGM or you're interested but cannot attend and would like to nominate yourself 'remotely' then please do email us at foss@summerleaschool.co.uk

Governor News

Message from the Clerk to Governors: I am pleased to be able to report that at our first full governing body meeting this September, the governors re-elected Ms Emma Green as Chair of governors. As you may remember, Emma was our Co-Chair with Mr Martin Charters last year so has had experience of chairing the governing body for a year now. Alongside Emma, Mrs Bev Crowter was elected Vice Chair. Bev joined the governing body last year and has been an active member of the governing body since joining. I would also like to extend the thanks of our whole governing body to our last Vice Chair Mrs Becca Jupp. Becca remains a dedicated and active governor but this year felt that it was time for another governor to act as “chair in waiting” so to speak.

Message from the Chair: I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those parents and carers who are new to Summerlea this year. You have joined an excellent school and one that we are all very proud of. I hope that you will very soon feel fully integrated into the school and I shall look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the course of the year at various events and parent consultations. Welcome back to all existing parents and carers too of course!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all parents and carers to our first “governors’ surgery” after school on 3rd October. With the aim of encouraging open communication between the governing body and key stakeholders within our school community we felt that our new (and hopefully annual) Governor Day presented a perfect chance to open avenues for communication with the governing body in person. Whilst we cannot deal with specific queries about your children – these being appropriate to direct to teaching staff in the first instance – we are open to hearing your thoughts, views and experiences of the school. You might want to share your thoughts about homework, the curriculum, after school clubs, uniform for instance. If you cannot make it that day or are at work then there will be other opportunities to meet with us in person, including parent consultation evenings where you will usually find some of us with clipboards gathering survey responses. One of our key priorities this year is community engagement and, starting with our internal school community, we shall be relying on you to help us formulate ideas and proposals for improving upon that. We look forward to seeing you.

Lastly I would like to welcome Mrs Susan Reid and Mr Andy Millard to the governing body. Susan is a retired School Business Manager so brings with her a great deal of education experience and Andy works for Leeds Building Society so his finance and business background is first class. We are all delighted they chose to join Summerlea as governors and I know you will join me in welcoming them to the school.





Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have read in previous newsletters our school has joined and is working in partnership with a charity called School Angel who will help our school to raise money through on-line shopping. Since March of this year we have raised £104.89 which is a great start, however we want this sum to grow.

School Angel works with lots of big shopping brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Boots, Argos and many more, raising funds for over 50,000 UK school children. The retailers will donate a percentage of your on-line purchase price to Summerlea School; you will still pay the same price, for whatever you buy.

School Angel is really easy to use and our school has its own charity page already set up which you can visit using this link <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/summerlea-community-primary-school.html> or via our own school website, where we have set up an icon called 'School Angel' which can be found under Our School > Fundraising > School Angel.

Once on the page all you need do is click on the logo for the shop you would like to visit. School Angel does not need you to ever create an account or login, there are no passwords to remember and they will never trouble you with any junk mail.

We are really excited that School Angel can help our school raise lots of money for us to invest in equipment to support 21st Century learning.

Please remember to use the School Angel site when you shop, every purchase you make really will make a difference. We will keep you updated with progress being made towards raising funds for our school (and what this is being spent on) via our newsletters and website.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Jo Maxted (School Business Manager)



The 100-word challenge
Week beginning: 5th September



The 100-word challenge is back! Every fortnight the children are given a different stimulus to get their creative juices flowing and inspire them to write. They can write in any genre they like and up to 100 words but that is the limit, which is more challenging than it sounds! Finalists are celebrated in whole school assemblies and the overall winners' entries are published in the newsletter. Current entries are on display in the hall and past entries are in display books in the main entrance – do come and have a look! Reception children will join in the challenge later in the year.

Key Stage 1 winner

It is gooey.

It is slimy.

It looks like a potion.

It is creepy.

It is mysterious.

It comes from an alien.

It might have some special powers.

It might turn into an alien.

If you open the lid it might pop out and run away.

Written by Jack (Hawthorn Class, Year 2)

Georgie, Chloe, Harriet, Jessica, Isabel and Millie in Year 2 set this challenge!

Something Green



Key Stage 2 winner

NEW: Alien Hair Gel

Newer, BIGGER, Better and GREENER

Buy 1 get 1 free only in DNAlien

Brought to you especially from planet Maytha.

The greenest, slimiest hair gel you've ever SEEN. Buy it NOW!

This secret ingredient is found only by planet Maytha.

THE EARTH'S CORE

You may think no-one can get there, well aliens can.

You don't think aliens are real? Well you're wrong! Plus it's not just for aliens' hair it works for unicorn horns too. They're the most real creatures in the galaxy so go visit, who cares if you can't breathe?

Written by Maya and Martha (Cherry 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.

Jack has written a great descriptive list about the green liquid – can you continue the list?

Maya and Martha have created an advert – what else could the green liquid be and how could you persuade people to want to buy it?



Was your child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013?

If so then he or she is eligible to
start school in September 2017.

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

Apply online from
3 October. If you would
like further advice or
information contact:

 **03330
142 903**

Free internet access
to apply online is
available at all:

- West Sussex libraries;
- Children and
Family Centres.



Apply online at:

☐ www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2017



Sunday 9 October 2016
Goring Gap, Worthing. 10am start

Run, walk or jog a 5k or 10k route
 raising vital funds for our dementia services

www.guildcare.org/walk 01903 528613



Registered charity 1044658



Mid Day Meals Supervisors (MDMS) Grade 2 £7.66 - £7.90 per hour
5 hours per week, 1 hour daily Monday-Friday
Term Time Only

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. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this post is subject to DBS and pre-employment checks. West Sussex County Council meets the requirements in respect of exempted questions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Please note, because of the nature of this job, if you are successful in your application you will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. This will be done by means of applying for an "Enhanced Disclosure". Disclosures include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings as well as convictions, spent or unspent.

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Visits to our school are most welcome.

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Individual Needs Mid Day Meals Supervisors (MDMS) Grade 3 £8.04 - £8.39 per hour
TEMPORARY
5 hours per week, 1 hour daily Monday-Friday

Overall Purpose of the Job

- To meet the needs of an individual pupil, with SEND, in your care at lunchtimes under the direction of the Senior Leadership Team, Inclusion Team and Senior Midday Meals Supervisor.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Taking over supervision of a child with special educational needs at the agreed time.
- Supervising the child through transitions such as queueing, moving about the school and using cloakrooms, ensuring hygiene and appropriate behaviour at all times.
- Reinforcing the school's positive behaviour policy, Summerlea Seven Values and rules in accordance with individual behaviour plans.
- Maintaining clear communication with the Inclusion Team, class teacher and other staff who work directly with an individual child.
- Assisting with record keeping.
- Following the Child Protection Policy.
- Participating in any training courses that are relevant to this post as requested.

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