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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Our autumn FOSS discos raised an amazing £551!
Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event and to all of the adult helpers and organisers.



Fantastic Feedback!

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend our new welcome meetings and for the positive feedback we have received about them. Our 'Six Weeks In' meeting for EYFS parents was also really well attended and we had great feedback about the transition process and the children's first half term in school as well as the meeting itself. If you weren't able to attend these meetings please visit our website to view the presentations shared (Our School > Curriculum & Assessment > Welcome Meetings) and/or speak to your child's class teacher.

We also had our open day on 19th October and so many prospective parents commented on the excellent behaviour of our children, the values and ethos of the school and the high quality learning environments. A special mention goes to our school pupil council representatives and tour guide team who were all such amazing ambassadors for our school. Our children really are what make Summerlea so special and we are proud of them everyday in different ways.



Week beginning 30th October

Mon 30th Oct: INSET

Thurs 2nd Nov: Year 2 trip to church
3.15-6pm Sycamore Class parent consultation meetings

6pm Year 1 Bonfire Night

Fri 3rd: Big First Aid Lesson

Week beginning 6th November:

Mon 6th: Year 2 swimming

Wed 8th: 3.15-6pm Parent consultation meetings

Thurs 9th: 4-7pm Parent consultation meetings (No teacher led clubs after school today)

Fri 10th: Fire Service visiting Year 1

Please see the previously issued calendar for key dates and events this autumn term.

Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.





Staffing News

On Wednesday 11th October we said thank you and farewell to Miss Lentz (Year 2 class teacher) who is relocating to Surrey. The following week we were pleased to welcome Mrs Hawkins (Year 2 class teacher) back to work from her maternity leave, following the birth of her second child. Miss Chaplin (Year 4 class teacher) is due to go on maternity leave shortly and we wish her and Mr Cox all the very best and will eagerly await news of the new arrival! We are delighted to have appointed Miss Axton to cover Miss Chaplin's maternity leave and look forward to her joining our teaching team. And finally, congratulations to Mrs Tedbury (Senior Leader and Year 6 class teacher) and her husband who are expecting their second child in March 2018.

WE WILL MISS YOU



Healthy Snacks

At Summerlea we believe that eating a healthy snack at break time will help to keep up our energy levels and concentration for learning. As a Healthy School, we recognise the importance of eating a nutritionally balanced diet.

At our school, we have free fruit and vegetables available to all pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Pupils in Key Stage 2 may also bring in healthy snacks for break time.

The Healthy Schools Team, Class Councils, Staff, Parents and Governors have all had an input into what snacks we accept as healthy at Summerlea School. Please see the examples below:

Fruit, vegetables, salad, cheese, seeds (not nuts), dried fruits, low fat yoghurts, crackers, low fat/sugar free cereal bars, plain biscuits, rice cakes with spread, breadsticks, low fat scones.

Thank you for your support.

Best Attendance Awards

After the first half term with our new whole school attendance award system in place we are pleased to be able to inform you of the results to date.

The EYFS/Key Stage 1 class with the best attendance so far this year has been Willow Class and both Rowan and Elder class have topped the attendance charts in Key Stage 2. Congratulations to these classes who have currently 'banked' £15 and £10 respectively in the virtual money box towards a class treat. Clearly, it is still early days and this could all change next half term so remember, every school day counts!



Safety Reminder

A reminder that cycling and scooting etc. are not permitted on the school premises in the interest of everyone's safety. Children should dismount when they enter the school grounds and this includes younger siblings not yet in school.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Applications for Secondary School

Is your child due to start in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2018? If so, the deadline for applications is today, 31st October. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place. If you require any support with the application process please do not hesitate to ask at the school office. Apply online at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



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Plea from Early Years

EYFS desperately need spare pairs of children's knickers/pants please. If you have any your child no longer requires which are clean and in good condition, please bring these into school and pass them to a member of the EYFS team or drop them off at the office. Thank you for your help.

Uniform Policy Reminder

A reminder that children should not be wearing nail varnish to school and this must be removed before children come to school. For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain earring studs in pierced ears, jewellery of a religious nature and a watch.



Big First Aid Lesson

This year we will again be participating in St John's ambulance Big First Aid lesson on Friday 3rd November. The focus of the lesson is firework safety for children. Classes will watch the lesson streamed into schools across the country. This provides an excellent opportunity to teach everyone simple, life saving skills. If you have any questions about this please do speak to your child's class teacher.



Volunteer Reading Helpers

We are currently seeking more volunteers to come into school and hear children read. If you could spare some time each week on a regular basis, or know someone else who could, please do speak to your child's class teacher. All volunteers will be subject to a DBS check, which is free and can easily be arranged via the office. Thank you for your support.



Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school during the week beginning 6th November. If your child would like to wear a poppy and make a donation to the Royal British Legion then please send a suggested donation of 50p in with them next week. Our School Pupil Council representatives will be going round to classrooms each afternoon to sell the poppies. They will also be available to buy on the first two Parent Consultation meeting dates from the front office. Thank you for your support.

Apologies

There was an error in the letter that went out to all parents on Tuesday 17th October about our 2016-17 outcomes. On the first page of the data summary, under the heading 'EYFS results', the first paragraph should have read:

"Children are defined as having reached a Good Level of Development at the end of the EYFS if they have achieved at least the expected level in: the early learning goals in the prime areas of learning (personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language) and the early learning goals in the specific areas of mathematics and literacy."

Please accept our apologies for this omission.



ParentView 2017-18

We are hoping parents/carers will be able to spare a few minutes before or after parent consultation meeting appointments in November to complete the ParentView survey, for this new academic year, on one of our iPads.

ParentView gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school.

ParentView asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school and by sharing your views you will be helping us to improve.

It is simple to do and we really value your feedback. Governors will be based in the main entrance to assist you with this.



Brian Ball Award

India (ex Year 6 pupil) was the proud recipient of the Brian Ball Award at the end of last academic year for demonstrating great resilience in the face of adversity. This annual award comes with a monetary prize of £100. When India came back to visit us before half term she told us that she had used some of the money to make a donation to St Barnabus House - a hospice charity based in Worthing. We were so humbled to hear this we told India we would share this in our newsletter.

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.

The successful candidate 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 all of our MDMS to have a sense of belonging to an important team of staff. 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.

Candidates invited to interview should be informed in writing that relevant criminal convictions and other associated information will be discussed at the interview in order to assess job-related risks. They should also be informed that this information would only be used to assess suitability for employment in so far as it is relevant to the job to which they have applied. Having a criminal conviction will not necessarily bar someone from employment, this will depend on the circumstances and background to the offence.

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 or post to Summerlea CP School, Windsor Drive, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3SW. Enquiries 01903 856783

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

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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.

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The Positive Parenting Program is coming to Summerlea!

What is Triple P?

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is a course for all parents who have children (aged 2-10).

Triple P can show you ways to strengthen the relationship between you and your child. It also offers support and ideas on how to encourage good behaviour and handle misbehaviour from your children.

Issues may include behaviours such as sleep patterns, toddler tantrums, trouble with aggression, homework or teasing.

- The course runs for 2 hours a week for 8 weeks (time and day to be confirmed) starting in January 2018.
- There is a £10 fee which covers the cost of the Triple P handbook (school can subsidise this in some cases, please ask)

Interested?

Please register your interest as soon as possible with Mrs Viney from the Summerlea Inclusion Team, or the school office.

Places are limited and we will operate a first come, first serve basis, so please act quickly!