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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Staff and governors wish all of our families a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for your continued support. The spring term starts on Thursday January 4th 2018!



Christmas Performances

Last week parents, carers, other family members and friends of the school were treated to wonderful Christmas Performances from EYFS and Key Stage 1. The narrating, acting, dancing and singing was excellent and made everyone feel incredibly proud of the children for performing with such professionalism, confidence and enjoyment. This week we have the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts to look forward to and we know these will also be brilliant and that the standard of singing will blow you away!

After each performance we are having a collection for FOSS, our own school charity, and all proceeds are going towards the iPad fund. We are aiming to raise £5000 for a new class set of iPads by the end of the academic year. Following the EYFS and Key Stage 1 performance an amazing £382 was donated! We are so grateful for your generous contributions and the children are always excited to see the indicating arrow move on the fundraising thermometer in the main foyer. Thank you and congratulations to all of the children for being such stars!



Week beginning 11th December

No Teacher Led clubs this week

Mon 11th: Year 2 swimming
10.15am and 2pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert

Tues 12th: 10.15am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert

Wed 13th: Year 6 height and weight checks

Thurs 14th: Wear a Christmas jumper day
Christmas Cowbell assembly
Chartwells Christmas Lunch

2.45pm Celebration of Learning

Saturday 16th: 6pm Carols at Arundel Cathedral – Glee

Week beginning 18th December:

No Teacher Led or Externally Led clubs this week

Mon 18th: Year 1 Christmas Party – don't forget your party pack!

Tues 19th: Year R, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Parties – don't forget your party pack!

Wed 20th: Last day of term – school closes at 3pm

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.





Christmas Parties

A reminder that Christmas Parties are taking place next week (see dates for your diary above).

This year we are asking that each child brings in an individually named 'party pack' to eat – this should help reduce wastage and also avoid putting children with allergies at increased risk. The pack can include light party bites that your child will enjoy such as crisps, fruit, cheese and a sweet treat (please avoid products that contain nuts). Drinks (water and squash) will be provided by school. Parties will take place in the afternoon, after lunch, so your child will not require lots of food. If you have any questions about this please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.



Rolling Start

This term we have trialled a rolling start whereby our doors have opened at 8.20am and children can arrive at school and enter classrooms anytime from then up until 8.30am. The feedback we have received about this (from parents, staff and children) has been extremely positive and so we will be continuing with this system in the New Year. A reminder to all parents that doors will close promptly at 8.30am and any children arriving after this time (even if only by a minute or two) are late and will need to make their way around to the office. As from January, parents will be asked to complete a 'late slip' if their child arrives after 8.30am. It is very important that children come to school on time – every second really does count and we want to maximise learning time for each child. If you are struggling to get your child here on time in the mornings please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Inclusion Team so that we can support you with this. Thank you for your co-operation.



Staffing update

We will be saying a sad farewell to Mr Trahern on the last day of term as he moves on to his much deserved promotion to headship. We are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Emma Jenkinson to the Year 5 team who will be teaching Rowan Class on Mondays and Tuesdays for the remainder of this academic year. Mrs Howard will be returning from maternity leave after February half term and will be re-joining the Year 6 team, teaching in Elder Class on Mondays and Tuesdays once Mrs Tedbury has gone on maternity leave. We really look forward to having Mrs Howard back – we have missed her! Finally, Miss Chaplin has given birth to a beautiful baby boy named Rupert – congratulations to her and Mr Cox from us all.

FOSS Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December. There was a lovely community feel and it was really well attended. An amazing £3,500 was raised which is a new record for Summerlea! A huge thank you to Charlotte, Liz, Angela and Kat for all of their hard work behind the scenes in the lead up to the fair and also on the day itself. Thank you also to all of the other people, who volunteered their time to help run stalls, set up and set down – we couldn't do it without you and your support is very much appreciated. Monies raised are going towards further improving outdoor learning provision – thank you for your support. Thank you also to Santa and his helpers in the grotto!



Hall Lettings

As from January 2018 our school hall will be available to hire for regular lettings on Monday and Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with Mrs Jo Maxted (School Business Manager), via the school office, for more information.



An article written by some of our Year 4 children

A few weeks before Children in Need we came up with the idea of making unique bows. The bow designs were either zigzaggy, spotty, rainbow or half and half. Our products had either safety pins or loom bands attached to them. They had lots of uses and were very popular. Each extraordinary bow was hand made by Charlotte, Emily-Rose and Hollie with help from their grown-ups. We made 100 bows (approximately) and sold pretty much all of them. The cost for big bows without jems was £1.00 and the little bows were 50p. All together, counted by us and two other adults, we raised a stunning £78.20! We never thought we would raise that much. *Written, made and sold by Emily-Rose, Charlotte and Hollie.*



TESCO Bags of Help

Please vote for us!

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018. What happens next?

Our outdoor learning project, along with the other two successful projects in our region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Wednesday 28th February 2018. We will be notified at the end of March 2018 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. To re-iterate, if we are first in the vote, we will receive £4,000!!!

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project:

Littlehampton Express BN17 6RA
Littlehampton Superstore BN17 5RA
Rustington Express BN16 3PA

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within one of these stores of any value. You will receive one token per transaction. Visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp to find out more!

West Sussex Music Violin Lessons

Mrs Will, our visiting violin teacher, has spaces for new pupils in January (Years 2-6).

Group or individual 20 or 30 minute lessons are available and all information can be found on the West Sussex Music website.

An application can be made online ready for lessons to start in January.

Instruments can be hired through West Sussex Music. Please follow this link:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=application-for-music-lessons>



A plea from a local resident

Dear Mrs Morris

Over the last month I have noticed a growing number of parents/people dropping off or collecting children by parking on pavements, on double yellow lines and really just not respecting the fact that the school is also in a residential area with narrow roads. I see at first hand both in my road, Windsor Drive and Cowdray Drive the impact of the sheer numbers of cars, which congest the estate and also the old Worthing Road. Don't get me wrong, I know that many do adhere to good parking but the minority are causing now a repeat of past issues. Just yesterday, there were two cars parked on yellow lines close to the roundabout with the old Worthing Road near to the lay by and also a car, which stopped and parked on the pavement just by the school exit roundabout. I would suggest that you take a walk at around 3.00/3.15pm and see the cars, which are creating the wrong impression for the school. I appreciate it's not your problem, well it is somewhat, but would appreciate if when you do your next newsletter you could highlight again, pavement parking, yellow line and in appropriate parking. Many thanks

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking can be reported to the police via 101 or at www.operationcrackdown.org



MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine



Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Although we have high rates of vaccination in the UK, the levels dropped some years ago when the MMR vaccine was mistakenly associated with autism. This led to some babies not being vaccinated and so measles is spreading rapidly among these children now they are older.

Because of the scare some years ago, I gave my child a single measles vaccination, can they have the two doses of MMR?

Yes; it's recommended your child has two doses of MMR. You will also be protecting them against rubella and mumps.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at three years and four months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with two doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to six weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the three diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or two doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

Back in 1994, a large part of the population aged 5 to 16 was immunised against measles and rubella so people in this age group are almost certainly immune and therefore they too don't need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx

Bee-Bop does
Baby
Christmas



DISCO

Pre-book to avoid disappointment!
Thursday 21st December 2017
10.30-11.45am

£1 per child

Children aged 18 months-5 years
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



TICKETS FROM:
LITTLEHAMPTON CHILDREN
AND FAMILY CENTRE

(MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN)

For further information please contact:
Littlehampton Children & Family Centre, Clun Road, Littlehampton,
West Sussex, BN17 7DZ Tel: 01903 276840