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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Year 6 children are at the Alex Rider Spy Academy in the Wye Valley this week. We know they'll have a wonderful time!
You can follow their adventures on Twitter @Summerleahearts.

Fundraising Fiesta



Last Friday brought our fifth Fundraising Fiesta. Our School Pupil Council organise and run this annual event, during which children who wish to raise money independently for a registered charity of their choice can run a stall. The weather was fine and tables were spread across the hall and the Key Stage 1 playground. Every year lots of applications are received and the School Pupil Council work hard to ensure as many different charities and stall ideas are represented as possible. Each fundraising group is responsible for setting up their table, designing posters and providing equipment. We were once again very impressed with all of the hard work that had clearly gone in to making each stall stand out. A huge thank you to all of our fundraisers and to everyone who came to show their support. Congratulations to the School Pupil Council on another very successful event and thank you to Miss Camble for facilitating this. The total amount raised will be announced shortly!



Week beginning 21st May

Walk to School Week
Year 6 Residential Week
Fruity fundraising Wed to Fri – 50p fruit bags
Mon 21st: Year 4 swimming
Junior Youth Council meeting at school
Wed 23rd: Year 3 Roman Day
Fri 25th: FOSS non-uniform day - £1 voluntary donation

Monday 28th to Friday 1st June - half term

Week beginning 4th June

Mon 4th: INSET DAY – school closed
Tue 5th: Year 5/6 top-up swimming
NSPCC assemblies for KS1 and KS2
Wed 6th: Year 5/6 NSPCC workshops in school
Thurs 7th: 4-6pm 'It's your move' drama production at TLA for Year 6 pupils and parents
6pm Welcome meeting for new EYFS parents

Please see the previously issued calendar of key dates and events for the summer term. Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.

A reminder that lozengers are not allowed in school.
Thank you.



Uniform Reminder



Within our school we promote an atmosphere that encourages effort, enjoyment and a celebration of the achievements of all our pupils. Our concern for these high standards is also reflected in the pride we take in our school uniform and the feeling of belonging it creates. The uniform is part of our school ethos and in coming to Summerlea Community Primary School, parents/carers agree to support our policy.

A few reminders:

- Shoes must be black and sensible. Plain black trainers are acceptable.
- Hair bands and accessories should be in school colours. JoJo Bows and large floral headbands should not be worn.
- One pair of plain ear-ring studs may be worn in pierced ears but must be removed or taped for PE and swimming.
- Make up, nail varnish and fake tattoos are not appropriate at school and must be removed without trace.

Our full school uniform policy is available via our website.



French phrase of the week

This week our phrase of the week is:
Je ne comprends pas. (I don't understand).



General Data Protection Regulations

You may well already be aware of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that come into effect on 25th May 2018. Schools already have strict data regulations and are following Local Authority guidance to ensure full compliance. As part of GDPR, we have uploaded our new privacy policy notice to our website. There is also a helpful video for parents providing more information. Please visit our website and go to School Information > Policies > GDPR. Our newly appointed Data Protection Officer is Mrs Jo Maxted (School Business Manager).



Staffing News

It is at this point in the year that we begin to look ahead to staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

We would like to begin by saying a big thank you to Mrs Refoy (Year 4 teacher) and Mrs Lowe (Year 5 teacher). Both were originally appointed to cover maternity leave, but kindly agreed to continue in their roles for the rest of this academic year in order to provide continuity and consistency for the children in their class. We are extremely grateful for their extended commitment to our school and children. We will sadly be saying goodbye to both teachers at the end of this term as their contracts now come to an end.

We are delighted to have successfully appointed two new, full time, class teachers who will be starting with us in September - Miss Lara Collis and Mr Dan Powell. Miss Collis will be a Newly Qualified Teacher and is undertaking her final placement with us here in Year 1. Mr Powell is currently teaching at Heene Church of England Primary School in Worthing. Congratulations to them both – we had a lot of interest in the positions advertised and had a strong field of candidates to choose from. We look forward to welcoming both Miss Collis and Mr Powell and know they will add strength and stability to our teaching team.

As soon as all staffing arrangements have been finalised parents will be informed – this will be towards the end of June, prior to transition day on 4th July.

We have, however, already made decisions about our EYFS teachers for next year ahead of our welcome meeting for new parents after half-term. Mrs Conrad will be remaining in post as EYFS leader and will be joined by Miss Camble. Miss Camble is very excited to be teaching in Reception for the first time and takes with her a wealth of experience, having previously taught in both Key Stage 1 and 2.

Governors' Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Governors' newsletter. I hope it finds you fit and well and looking forward to the summer.

At this time of the year we find ourselves working through the National Tests for Year 2 and Year 6. I am certain that the children and staff in both year groups have given their best efforts this year and we can ask no more of them. I am also certain that with all the new initiatives taking place across the school in maths and writing we will have pupils enjoying their learning experiences and demonstrating this in a variety of ways. The whole school community was behind Year 6 wishing them well for last week. We know they will have done their best, just as they always do. Of course all pupils should remember they have massive gifts and talents that cannot be measured with scores!

Many congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 teams who won the LASP tennis festival and went through to the finals to achieve 3rd place out of 70 schools! We know these achievements don't happen by accident and that staff and parents would have had a huge role to play; many thanks to all involved. Please remember that if your child enjoys sports there are many after school clubs run by staff and outside groups for those not taking part in any other competitions. This fits well with the curriculum policy where we aim to have a competitive as well as inclusive feel.

In the previous newsletter, I made reference to the parent's survey that we carried out earlier in the year. We had some wonderfully positive comments that made us feel very proud of the school and the ethos that has been created. Many of these comments relate directly to the school community in following the Summerlea Seven Values of Honesty, Equality, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Trust.

Whilst these comments were lovely to receive, we also value the supportive and constructive feedback given about things you felt the school could improve or that were of concern to you. We have grouped the comments into themes and want to look at these and over the next few newsletters and share ways in which we are developing and addressing these things. Of course, there are some things we cannot control, but where we can make changes or explain what is happening, we will try to communicate this with you.

Staffing

This subject was bittersweet, if I may use that term. One of the things that came across strongly was that parents and carers felt there was a great passion for teaching and learning in the leaders of the school and that they were approachable. This came across for other staff too. Many parents and carers also commented on the professionalism and dedication of the staff. We know, as governors, that all the staff from across the school, whatever their role, are dedicated to Summerlea and it was great to hear that parents and carers agree. I feel dedication could be demonstrated no more clearly than in the way staff continue to support after school events and trips, often working with/accompanying pupils in their own time, especially through clubs, sports fixtures and on residential visits. We thank them very much for this. A clear positive was that parent and carers felt that the staff had really excellent individual pupil knowledge and that had developed really good relationships with the pupils.

One of the areas of greatest concern was also staffing. We would like you to know this was also an area of concern for the senior leaders and governing body too. There are several reasons for this and I will try to explain in greater detail what has been happening. Several members of staff left to go on maternity leave, some left due to gaining promotions or being offered new opportunities. This all seemed to happen at the same time and of course, was not within our control. Staff changes are always difficult to manage and we are very aware of the way it can leave the whole school community feeling unsettled. However, due to great succession planning by Mrs Morris and the leadership of the school, Summerlea has been able to offer positions to staff returning from maternity leave or to recruit new staff of a really high calibre. The Phase Leaders at the school are ensuring that there is excellent communication in year groups and across the school in the way any new initiatives are being delivered. This way we ensure pupils receive consistency in their learning experiences. The whole staff team continue to have the pupils at the heart of all the decisions they make, and that is clear to us as governors when we come into school on monitoring visits or for our monthly meetings. Looking at the school's Rapid Improvement Plan it can be seen that the changes to staffing are not having a detrimental impact on pupils' learning and have been well managed.

I want to thank the parents who took the time to complete the survey and in the next newsletter we will look at another area for improvement as well as areas to celebrate.

Congratulations and Thanks!!

Congratulations to a team of pupils who joined in with the Kit Car experience, and were whole heartedly congratulated by the adults running the Greenpower Goblin day event in April and were voted the best turned out team. Summerlea was contacted by a member of the public who commended the children on their excellent conduct and knowledge. This is just another example of how the pupils at Summerlea continue to make us all very proud to be part of our great school community. Again, great thanks to Mr and Mrs Strong for supporting the event and for a very generous grandparent of a Year 6 child, who paid for the new kit car.

There have been so many members of the public and visitors to the school commenting on the fantastic behaviour of the Summerlea pupils that we have asked the school to start a visitor book to be kept in reception where comments, either in person or via e-mail, can be collected.

Here's hoping that whether you enjoyed the Royal Wedding or not, that you have a great week and enjoy the half term break.

Bev Crowter (Chair of Governors).

Cryptosporidium outbreak linked to Gaston Farm - update

PHE are still investigating an outbreak of Cryptosporidium linked to Gaston Farm in Slindon.

There have been cases linked to individual and family visits and not just school / nursery trips. The same restrictions apply to anyone who develops Cryptosporidium i.e. that they stay off school or nursery (work if the case is an adult) until 48 hours after the symptoms have gone and do not swim for at least 14 days after symptoms have gone.

There may be "secondary" cases of Cryptosporidium in people who have not visited Gaston Farm but acquired the infection from contact with other people affected by Cryptosporidium. Please continue to observe high levels of personal and hand hygiene at all times and especially before preparing or eating food and after going to the toilet.

Information about Cryptosporidium is in the attached leaflet. The incubation period is 1 to 12 days with an average of 7 days. Symptoms may last for up to 2 weeks.

If your child or a member of your family is currently unwell with similar symptoms then please seek advice from your GP, taking a copy of this letter with you. Your GP may arrange for a stool (poo) sample to be taken and sent to the laboratory for testing.

If your child is now or has been unwell, please let the school or pre-school manager know.

If any of your family is currently or has been unwell after a farm visit then please help our investigation by completing a brief questionnaire found at the link below. Please do a separate questionnaire for every member of the family who has been ill.

This questionnaire is completely confidential; information you provide will be handled and stored securely. It will help our investigations and understanding of this outbreak, help prevent future outbreaks and monitoring of the infection. Please follow the link below:

[https://surveys.phe.org.uk/WestSussexOutbreak2018\(All\)](https://surveys.phe.org.uk/WestSussexOutbreak2018(All))

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

DR MARGOT NICHOLLS

(CCDC) Public Health England Health Protection - Surrey & Sussex GMC
No. 3492172



Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a parasite (a tiny organism) that causes an infection called cryptosporidiosis affecting people and cattle. Cryptosporidium is found in lakes, streams and rivers, untreated water and sometimes in swimming pools.

Who is at risk?

Anyone can get cryptosporidiosis, but it is most common in children aged between one and five years. People who care for, or work with children are more at risk than others. It can be a serious illness in people who have immune systems that are not working properly (including people who have cancer, are having chemotherapy, or are immunosuppressed).

How do you get cryptosporidiosis?

You can get cryptosporidiosis directly from another person or animal by touching faeces, (for example when changing a nappy) and putting your hands near or in your mouth without washing them thoroughly. You can also get cryptosporidiosis from infected pets or by swimming in, or drinking contaminated water. Occasionally you can be infected by eating and drinking contaminated food, particularly unpasteurised milk, offal (liver, kidneys, and heart) or undercooked meat.

How can you avoid getting cryptosporidiosis?

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water:
 - before preparing and eating food
 - after handling raw food
 - after going to the toilet or changing a baby's nappy
 - after working, feeding, grooming or playing with pets and other animals
- Do not drink untreated water
- Do not use ice or drinking water in countries where the water supply might be unsafe
- Always wash and/or peel fruits and vegetables before eating them
- Do not go swimming if you have diarrhoea. If you have had cryptosporidiosis do not go swimming until you have been clear of diarrhoea for at least two weeks
- Avoid swallowing water in lakes and swimming pools
- You should pay special attention to hygiene during farm visits, washing hands after any contact with animals, and eating only in designated areas

Cryptosporidiosis is highly infectious so you need to be scrupulously clean around your home. Clean toilet seats, toilet bowls, flush handles, taps and wash hand basins after use. Make sure all members of your household wash their hands thoroughly with soap and hot water after going to the toilet and after handling soiled clothing or bedding.

Make sure that everyone has their own towel and that they do not use anybody else's. Wash all soiled clothes and linen on as hot a machine wash as possible.

What are the symptoms of cryptosporidiosis and how long do they last?

Symptoms include watery diarrhoea, stomach pains, dehydration, weight loss and fever which could last for up to three weeks but it can affect people with weak immune systems for much longer. You might think that you are getting better and have shaken off the infection but then find that you get worse before the illness eventually goes. As symptoms are similar to many other infections, the only way to make an accurate diagnosis is for a sample of your faeces to be tested in a laboratory.

How do you treat cryptosporidiosis?

There is no specific treatment for cryptosporidiosis. Most people with a healthy immune system will recover within one month.

It is important to drink plenty of fluids as diarrhoea or vomiting can lead to dehydration and you can lose important sugars and minerals from your body. Your doctor may recommend a re-hydration solution, available from your pharmacist.

- If you feel sick, try taking small sips of fluid, frequently
- Avoid tea, coffee, carbonated drinks or alcohol
- Always dilute sugary drinks even if you would not normally dilute them
- A simple painkiller like paracetamol can help combat any pain

Do I need to stay off work or school?

Yes. While you are ill and have symptoms you are infectious. You should not return to work or school until you have been free from diarrhoea and/or vomiting for 48 hours.

You should tell your employer you have had cryptosporidiosis if you work with vulnerable groups such as the elderly, the young, those in poor health, or if you handle food.

Public Health England and cryptosporidiosis

We provide advice on controlling outbreaks. We look for the source of the infection, so that we can help to prevent other people from becoming infected. We also monitor outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis and look for any patterns or trends which show possible connections between the people who are affected.

More information about Public Health England and cryptosporidiosis is available on our website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

If you have concerns about your health or your children please contact your GP.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Public Health England South East Centre

County Hall North,
Chartway,
Horsham,
West Sussex
RH12 1XA

Tel: 0344 225 3861

Email: sshpu@phe.gov.uk

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	For Action	For Information	Meeting
To: Headteachers of all schools		✓	
Copies to: Chair of Governors		✓	

Dear Colleague

Energy offer for school parents, carers and staff

Your Energy Sussex, the County Council's not-for-profit energy supplier, has launched an offer for parents, carers and staff that will directly benefit West Sussex schools.

Your Energy Sussex was launched earlier this year to encourage more people to switch their home energy supplier and save money on their bills. It offers competitive home energy prices, high levels of customer service and supports residents who are struggling to pay their bills through a Fuel Poverty Fund.

As an incentive to switch to Your Energy Sussex, from 14th May new customers living in West Sussex can nominate a local school to receive a £10 donation per fuel switch. If a new customer decides to switch their home gas and electricity supply to Your Energy Sussex, the nominated school will receive £20. The offer is open to people living in West Sussex only and closes on the last day of the school summer term.

Further information is available at www.yourenergysussex.org.uk/schools or customers can call 0800 952 0001 to find out more or get a quote. If you would like posters and leaflets to promote the offer in your school, please email yourenergysussex@westsussex.gov.uk

Your Energy Sussex is operated by the County Council's Energy Team. It is a partnership between Sussex local authorities, including Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council and Robin Hood Energy, a fully licensed energy supplier owned by Nottingham City Council.

Yours sincerely

DAN GOODCHILD

Senior Advisor – Your Energy Sussex

Schools' Art: War Horse

12th May - 22nd June

**An exhibition of artwork by local
primary school pupils inspired
by the book 'Warhorse'**



Photo courtesy of The British Library via Flickr The Commons

Open Mon - Fri 9.00 - 4.30, Sat 10.30 - 4.30

FREE admission!

Manor House, Church Street, Littlehampton.
West Sussex. BN17 5EW.

Tel: 01903 738100

E: museum@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

W: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk



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**Littlehampton
Museum**

SUNDAY 13th MAY 2018

11am - 4pm

Gordon Hall, Lineside Way



FAMILY FUN DAY

2018

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CRATE CHALLENGE*

CAKES!

FACE PAINTING

BBQ

AIR RIFLE SHOOTING (Age 8+)*

SCOUT GAMES

FREE ENTRY! AND MORE!

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