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## 'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



Following FOSS fundraising endeavours last year, towards a new set of iPads, we are delighted that these have now arrived in school. A storage trolley and cases have also been purchased. The children are very excited to start using them! Thank you everyone.

# **Curriculum Guides and Homework**

Curriculum Guides for all year groups were published at the start of last week and provide key information about the half term ahead. They were sent electronically via ParentMail and are available to download from our website <u>http://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk/</u> > Our School > Curriculum & Assessment > Curriculum Booklets. Hard copies are also available from the main foyer.

In response to parental feedback,

homework/home-learning activities are now separate to this and came home in hard copy via your child (also last week). Copies were also sent electronically via ParentMail and are available on our website by going to Learning Zone > How to help > Homework and selecting the relevant year group. Again, hard copies are also available from the main foyer.

Curriculum Updates



# Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January

TEACHER LED CLUBS BEGIN THIS WEEK **Mon 21st:** Year 3 swimming Year 2 visit from the Fire Service **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>:** 3.30-4.15pm EYFS maths workshop **Sat 26<sup>th</sup>:** 10-3pm Young Voices rehearsal

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January Mon 28<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 Swimming Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>: Young Voices at the O2



A reminder that Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET Day and school will be closed.

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

French phrase of the fortnight

This week our phrase of the fortnight is:

Bonne journée (Have a good day)













### Songbirds

Songbirds pre-school, multi-sensory, music and movement session for siblings of Summerlea school is looking for new friends to join our group on Tuesday afternoon. For more information and to book a free taster session, please contact Helen on 07879827180.



### **Operation Encompass**

AFEGUARDING

We are pleased to be able to tell you that we are now part of a new operation that will run jointly with Sussex Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools / colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party. We know that children can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow us to better support our pupils and their families.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At our school our Key Adult is Mrs Strong. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child and / or their family.

We are keen to offer the best support available to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact any of our designated safeguarding leads, Mrs Strong, Mrs Viney or Mrs Morris and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Staffing News**

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mr McKerrell (Year 4 Beech Class Teacher) at the end of last week due to unforeseen personal circumstances. We thank him for all he has contributed to our school during his time with us and wish him all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Axton back to Summerlea as she has kindly agreed to cover Beech Class whilst we put longer term staffing arrangements in place. We are also very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Crook back to work, earlier than anticipated from her maternity leave. Mrs Crook will be teaching in Year 1 on a parttime basis, job-sharing with Mrs Welton in Holly Class, after February half-term. She will also resume her role as Key Stage 1 Phase Leader. Many thanks to Mrs Hawkins for all of her hard work as interim leader during

Mrs Crook's absence.



### **Parking**

If you feel that cars are parked unsafely or driven irresponsibly outside of the school grounds, please report this directly to the Police via Operation Crackdown:

### www.operationcrackdown.org

We would ask, however, that you do not approach any driver directly as altercations are unpleasant and frightening for the children. It is very worrying when we hear of adults being abusive when approached and it is not acceptable behaviour, especially in front of children.

### <u>Charity Evening in aid of the Roy Castle Lung</u> <u>Cancer Foundation and St Barnabas House</u> <u>Hospice, Worthing</u>

Please see the attached poster for more details with regards this event.

Entrance and/or raffle tickets can be bought from Mrs Moore in the school office. Thank you for your support. Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first governors' newsletter for this term.

Firstly, we need to say a sad farewell to two governors who have been so helpful and supportive over their time on the governing body. Firstly, to Becca Jupp who has been a governor for many years and has a long-standing association with our school. We also say goodbye to Caroline Murley, who although a governor for a shorter time, made a vast contribution to the work of the governing body. We will miss both the support and challenge Becca and Caroline provided and wish them well for the future. We are pleased to be welcoming Sara Hughes to the post of co-opted governor. This leaves us with two vacancies for co-opted governors and also one for a parent governor. Attached to this newsletter are details of the co-opted vacancy and should you know anyone within the wider community that may be in interested in this role please contact the clerk to the governors. Further details regarding the parent governor vacancy will follow shortly.

As I mentioned in the last governors' newsletter, there are some key areas that parents referred to last academic year when we carried out our parent survey. We have covered most of the key topics, however, there are three areas that parents raised that we have not yet reported on. The first is attendance. Having carried out some analysis over the past few months, our data shows that the national picture for attendance overall is 96% (DfE) and Summerlea's attendance is 95.5% for the same period. There are some factors that remain outside school control, for example sickness. However, having spoken to staff about lateness and absences, there is clear evidence that for some pupils, arriving on time has made a significant difference to learning and progress. That is good news, but we still have a way to go as regards unauthorised absences of 3%. However, the national rate is 4% (DfE) so we are slightly better than the national average. Thank you to all parents who manage to get their children to school on time, especially on these cold mornings. The early rolling start at Summerlea is still very popular with parents. Good attendance continues to be rewarded in school and the School Pupil Council has been busy reviewing the end of year individual rewards and parameters for this as well as the weekly rewards for the classes with best attendance. We look forward to hearing their views on this soon.

Another area parents were asking about was the curriculum. Over the last few months Mrs Morris and her team have reviewed the long term curriculum map

and offer at Summerlea. Indeed, Mrs Morris told me they had really enjoyed carrying out this work. The staff always have the pupils' at the heart of all they do and have designed the curriculum to bring even more interest and excitement to the children's learning. The ideas and themes within the plans are supported by high quality and varied literary texts to stimulate the children's imaginations and offer rich opportunities for writing across the curriculum. The curriculum is, of course, enhanced by a range of trips, visitors to school and special days within the school week. Indeed, the New Year has already brought a polar explorers training day in Year 6! The After School Care Club remains very popular with parents as do the variety of before and after school clubs offered by external providers and our dedicated staff. Forest school has also been a fabulous experience for children and has been very positively received by all who take part. What would we do without the brilliant Forest School team?

The last of the areas parents brought up was uniform. Ms Horner and Ms Osborne (governors) have been thoughtfully monitoring this and it seems that parents are very satisfied with the choices offered to them. Of course, the governing body will always aim to give parents the best options and provide signposts to the services they prefer.

The calendar on the school website appears to be very full for this half term with many exciting activities taking place. If you would like to volunteer your help for any activity please speak to your child's class teacher. The new homework tasks have been published and the choices of activity look very interesting. It is a good chance for parents and children to get their creative juices flowing and enjoy themselves! If you have any questions about homework, again, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We shall be carrying out another survey with parents and carers soon. We value your feedback and really do listen to your concerns and act on them. Where we can make positive changes - we do. The Summerlea Seven of Honesty, Equality, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility and Trust are at the front of our minds when we carry out any governor activity. By completing the survey, you helped us to focus on the things that are important to you; thank you for that.

Have a great first half of the term.

Bev Crowter (Chair Of Governors) on behalf of the governing body



# For Summerlea School Siblings

Songbirds is a multi-sensory, interactive music and movement session for pre-school children and their carers.

# The group is held in the school library on, Tuesday between 1:45 and 2:45pm.

Enjoy a free play session followed by approximately 30 minutes of Songbirds.

# £3:00 per session to include a 50p donation to Foss.

It's a great opportunity to make new friends and to have fun!

For more information and to book a free taster session, please contact Helen on

07879 827180

### Summerlea Community Primary School

### **Co-opted Governors required**



#### Introduction:

Summerlea Community Primary School is a larger than average primary school in the coastal village of Rustington, West Sussex. We are proud of our pupils and their achievements and the behaviour, broad and balanced curriculum and learning environment are strengths of our school. Summerlea is regularly over-subscribed and 60% of our pupils live outside of the catchment area, which is another testament to our school's success and good reputation.

#### What we are looking for:

We are looking for new members to join our Governing Body as Co-opted Governors who would be committed to developing, supporting and challenging the leadership team to improve our school and who can help us to further develop strong links with the local community.

Co-opted Governors are appointed on the basis of the skills they can offer. We are particularly looking for someone with business and financial management experience, knowledge of legal systems, Information Technology and/or with a background in education.

However, the need for other skills to complement and enhance those of the existing Governing Body emerge from time to time, and expressions of interest are more generally invited as we will hold details on file in the event that further vacancies arise.

#### What we would expect from you:

In addition to the statutory duties of governors, which are briefly set out in the Application Pack, we would like to ask for your time and your commitment. Being a governor is an unpaid position but it is an incredibly worthwhile role and is valued and appreciated by the school, its staff, the pupils and other stakeholders, such as parents, carers and the wider community. There is certainly much reward in assisting the school deliver a high quality education to the children of Summerlea and in promoting their welfare.

We have also summarised what we feel are the key benefits of becoming a governor in the Application Pack, along with a series of Frequently Asked Questions.

The commitment we expect from our Governing Body involves up to twelve meetings a year plus a variable number of visits to the school to explore specific issues and report back to fellow governors. We also like to invite the Governing Body to attend school events, such as school trips, assemblies or performances. The successful candidate will be appointed for a four year term.

#### **Process for applications:**

Application packs: from Nicola Moore (Clerk), or from our website

Summerlea Community Primary School, Windsor Drive, Rustington, West Sussex, BN16 3SW

Tel: (01903) 856783

Email: clerk@summerleaschool.co.uk

Website: http://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk



# Nadine's Cocktails & Music Night Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 Raffle Donations All proceeds to St Barnabas House Hospice

- 1. Beautician Voucher
- 2. Chiropodist Voucher
- 3. Hairdressing Voucher
- 4. Two hours ironing
- 5. Meal for two at Swallows Return Pub in Worthing
- 6. Beauty Voucher for Beautique Salon in Rustington
- 7. Voucher for Curtis Diamond Hairdressers in Rustington
- 8. Voucher for Box Nails in Worthing
- 9. Bottle of Champagne from Egremont Pub
- 10. Bottle of Champagne
- 11. Tiles (Bluetooth tracker and easy to use app that finds your phone, keys and anything you don't want to lose in seconds)
- 12. Designer Sunglasses from Eyesite Opticians in Brighton
- 13. Two Bottles of Wine from Wannops Solicitors
- 14. Pizza Hut Voucher
- 15. Love to Shop Voucher
- 16. Gun Club Voucher
- 17. Bottle of Bombay Sapphire Gin
- 18. Temple Spa Goodies
- 19. Bottle of Champagne
- 20. Cream Tea Voucher from Tea in the Square in Angmering
- 21. Voucher from Noona's Crafty Creation
- 22. Beauty Voucher from Mirage in Worthing
- 23. Two x £50 Vouchers from Georgi Fin Micro Pub in Worthing
- 24. £30 Voucher from Shafiques Indian Restaurant in Worthing
- 25. Hamper from EJ Moyle Solicitors
- 26. AEG Cordless Vacuum Cleaner from Freestyle Kitchens in Chichester
- 27. Bosch Saucepan Set from Freestyle Kitchens in Chichester
- 28. Voucher from Lemon Fizz in Worthing



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