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*'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'*



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe we are already nearing the end of the month – September seems to have flown by! It has been a pleasure popping in and out of classes during curriculum time talking to children about their learning. There are so many great topics being studied this half term and a positive buzz around the school. I have also really enjoyed getting to know our new EYFS children over lunch in the hall. We have been talking about good table manners and the importance of remembering to say please and thank you and the children have adjusted incredibly quickly to the new routines and expectations.

You may have noticed I have not been in school the last few days as I have unfortunately had to take some absence to have a small operation. I just wanted to let you know I am recovering well and should be back at school on Monday - I look forward to seeing you and your children again very soon.

## Harvest Assemblies

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest with Year 1 and Year 3 next month and tickets to performances will be issued at the end of next week/beginning of the following week.

As in previous years, we will be having a collection for the Littlehampton & District Foodbank – please refer to the attached flyer for items they are particularly requesting this time. There will be a table on the Key Stage 1 playground, outside the hall, on both the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. All families are invited to contribute - last year we were overwhelmed by your generous donations and I hope you will once again support this worthwhile and local cause. Thank you for your support.

## Clubs

We are delighted to have been able to reinstate before and after school extra-curricular clubs this term, which has helped to bring a sense of normality back to school. With 12 different clubs on offer, led by a combination of internal and external teachers, we were pleased to offer 204 places! Lots of the clubs were hugely oversubscribed and I know we had some disappointed children. Please be reassured that places are allocated as fairly as possible and if your child applied for a club and didn't get offered a place this time round, they will be prioritised for a place next term. Our aim is always that over an academic year every child from Year 1 upwards gets the opportunity to attend a club for at least one term. A reminder that clubs open to EYFS



children in the summer term but that they may attend After School Care Club all year round (please contact the office to book a place).

### Remote Education

We have reviewed our Remote Education plan and this is published on our website (go to Learning Zone > Remote Education). The most significant change is to the first tier of the plan which applies if a child is self-isolating due to them displaying symptoms or having a positive test result but being well in themselves. You will see that we have now moved to providing a learning pack (available electronically or in hard copy), for children in years 1 to 6, which will contain daily reading, writing and maths activities plus an additional subject for each of the potential ten days of self-isolation. This is to ensure workload is manageable for teachers whilst the majority of children remain in school and receive face-to-face teaching. In light of this change, you won't see Remote Education being uploaded to Class Dojo each week so please do contact the office if your child is self isolating so that we can ensure they have access to a learning pack. Completed work can be returned when your child comes back to school or uploaded to their portfolio on Class Dojo so that teachers can provide feedback. If you have any questions about Remote Education please do speak to your child's class teacher.

### Spelling homework

Spelling is a whole school priority this year as it is the main barrier to our children not achieving age related expectations in writing. This term the English team have met with teachers and reviewed our homework policy in relation to spelling. As from next week, Key Stage 1 will receive 5 spellings each week and KS2 will receive 8 spellings each week based on the spelling pattern or rule that is being taught in class. Children will practise these spellings regularly during the week in school and will be tested on them each week. We do ask that you spend time practising spellings at home too as it makes all the difference. Please see attached a list of fun activities that you can use at home to practise spelling with your child/ren. There is also lots more information about spellings for each year group, as well as a helpful video, on the school website under Our School > Curriculum and Assessment > Core Subjects > English > Spelling. If you have any questions about spelling please do speak to your child's class teacher.

### Turn on the subtitles!

Did you know turning on subtitles while children are watching TV could greatly improve their reading skills and **double the chances of them becoming good at reading**? A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time.

### School Uniform update

I am pleased to be able to let you know that our new local supplier of school uniform will be Felix Dance & School Wear in Littlehampton and stock should be available shortly. Our reviewed School Uniform policy, which reflects this change, is available via our website (School Information > Policies). We are keen to continue running regular used uniform sales and would welcome parent volunteers to do this – please contact the office if this is something you could help us with.

### Staffing news

Mr Anderson (Year 6 teacher) is leaving at the end of the autumn term following him being successful at interview at Great Ballard School in Chichester where he will be head of co-curricular pursuing his love of outdoor education and forest school. We are in the process of advertising for a full time class teacher to start with us in January and will let you know once we make an appointment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Anderson for all he has contributed to our school and pupils during his time in post and to wish him every success in his exciting new role.

Mrs Palmer (Higher Level Teaching Assistant and After School Care Club Manager) will also sadly be leaving us at the end of term as she has made the difficult decision to retire. Mrs Palmer has worked at Summerlea for more than 21 years and worn lots of different hats during

her time with us, including chief first aider! We are very sorry to be saying goodbye after so long and I want to thank Mrs Palmer for her continued care of, and commitment to, our school community. She will be very much missed and we know she leaves with treasured memories and is looking forward to spending time with family and friends. Once decisions about arrangements regarding the vacancies Mrs Palmer leaves behind have been made I shall let you know.

A message from Mrs Strong:

*I just wanted you all to know that I will be off school for a period of time as I have treatment for lymphoma. I will of course be staying in close contact with Mrs Morris and I will enjoy having a look on Class Dojo to keep up to date with all the news too. With the support of our amazing volunteers, Mr Strong is going to keep Forest School on the timetable because Tuesday is always our favourite day of the week!*

It goes without saying we will all be keeping Mrs Strong and her family in our thoughts and wish her all the best during her treatment.

We are pleased to have appointed Miss West as Individual Needs Assistant who will be based in Year 6 initially as from next week. We have also welcomed Mrs Butcher and Mrs Hunt as new Midday Meals Assistants to the lunchtime team.

And finally, congratulations to Mr Burnett and his wife, who are expecting their first child in March next year. This is very happy and exciting news and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for a smooth and safe pregnancy.

#### Friends of Summerlea School (FOSS)

Please see the attached flyer from FOSS (our Parent Teacher Association). FOSS are all volunteers and do an incredible job of raising funds for our school, enabling children to have the best possible learning experiences and resources during their time with us. Our brand new library is a brilliant example of this! We look forward to supporting them with their new fundraising endeavors this year. They are always looking for new volunteers and if you would like to get involved please do get in touch with FOSS to find out more – it's a great way of networking with other parents, getting to know the school even better and giving something back to the community. Thank you FOSS!

#### A few reminders

**Sickness:** if your child has been unwell with vomiting and / or an upset tummy, please allow 48 hrs after the last bout of illness until they return to school.

**Absence:** if your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone and leave a message on the answering machine. Please do NOT send a message on Class Dojo as this may not be seen.

**Snacks:** we encourage our children to eat healthy snacks in school at break time. Ideas include: fruit, cereal bars, malt loaf, cheese and crackers etc. We ask that you do not send in nuts as we have a number of children with allergies that could result in a medical emergency.

Wishing all of our families a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Morris*

Mrs Helen Morris



## FOSS Newsletter

September 2021

F.O.S.S is back in action!

As restrictions have lifted, FOSS (Friends of Summerlea School) are able to start meeting again to organise pop-up stalls and plan larger scale events in 2022 for fun and fundraising.

### Thank You!

You would have already seen on the school newsletter the amazing and colourful new library.

FOSS are thrilled to have been able to donate £3000; none of this would have been possible without you,

***The parents and carers in the Summerlea School community!***

We so very grateful for your support by attending our events and fundraisers.

### Autumn- inspired pop-up stall



***On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 3pm***

*FOSS will be hosting a 'pop-up' stall, selling autumn treats to fundraise for items on the list for purchasing.*

*(Don't forget Inset days on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October!)*

*There will be 2 stalls to ease congestion, selling identical treats on the **KS1 playground and KS2 playground**. Please visit the stall nearest your child's class if you can.*

*Treats will be priced between 50p-£1 so please do bring along some change*

#### ***Items on the list for purchasing.....***

- A wooden bench for EYFS outdoor area
- Sensory equipment
- PHSE Mental health resilience aids
- Aprons for art lessons/cookery

**Do you use Whatsapp? Would you like to volunteer with FOSS? Drop us a private message/email and we can add you to the group! You can also contact us via email, please contact [Foss@summerleaschool.co.uk](mailto:Foss@summerleaschool.co.uk)**

We are evolving all the time and learning, just like the children!

We would like the pupils to be involved in FOSS, know who we are, what we do and why.

Involving the children in FOSS' decisions allows us as a team, to narrow down their thoughts and ideas in to an action plan for purchasing resources and tools for learning.

**Watch this space next year!**

# COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL



## COLLECTION POINT HERE

### WISH LIST

Squash or UHT juice  
UHT milk  
Rice pudding  
Custard  
Hot Chocolate  
Cereal  
Toilet roll  
Sugar  
Strong bags  
Tin Openers

**Thank You!**

(We have been very blessed  
this year with plenty of  
pasta & baked beans)

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from  
our shopping list to ensure we can  
provide food to help people in crisis.



07925 862289

[info@littlehamptondistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@littlehamptondistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

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### Spelling Activity Ideas

**Some parents have asked for ideas on how to help with practising spellings at home.** Here are some games or ideas that you could use. You could try a different one each day to keep it fun and interesting! Remember everyone learns by: seeing it, saying it, doing it, hearing it so making sure you have variety of games and activities is a great way to ensure that the learning sticks! There is also a video on the school website demonstrating some of these activities.

1. Graffiti spellings: use different colour pens, pencils, highlighters, felt-tips (whatever you have at home) to make a big picture filled with your spellings. You could try writing in different handwriting styles and different sizes.
2. Word Search: Create your own word searches using your spelling words. Or use this link to get your computer to do it for you.  
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>
3. Listen Carefully: Ask someone to spell out one of your words then you have to say what the word is they've spelt out.
4. Air spelling: Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter. When you have finished writing the word, underline it and say the word again. Now get someone to ask you questions the about the word. For example they could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?'
5. Shaving Cream: Squirt some shaving cream on the table (with permission and supervision!) and then practise spelling your words by writing them with your finger in the cream.
6. Messy spellings: Ask an adult to pour some salt, sand or flour into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then practise writing your spellings in it with your finger.
7. Scrabble Spelling: Cut a word up into its letters and put the word back together. Take a letter out, which letter is missing?
8. Tasty Words: Just like above but this time try and find tasty things to spell your words with, like raisins. Then when you spell them right you get to eat them!
9. Paint: Write your words with paint!
10. ABC Order: Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

11. Story Time: Write a short story using all your words. Don't forget to check your punctuation!
12. Simple Sentence: Write a sentence for each of your words. Remember capital letters and full stops!
13. Colourful Words: Use two different coloured pens to write your words. One to write the consonants and one to write the vowels. Do this a couple of times then write the whole word in one colour.
14. Rainbow letters: Write your word out using a different colour for each letter – can you make a rainbow?
15. Finger Tracing: Use your finger to spell out each of your words on someone's back. Then it's their turn to write the words on your back for you to feel and spell.
16. Scrambled Words: Write your words then write them again with all the letters mixed up.
17. X-Words: Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss-cross.
18. Ambidextrous: Swap your pen into the hand that you don't normally write with. Now try writing out your spellings with that hand.
19. Secret Agent: Write out the alphabet, then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26. (a = 1, b = 2, c = 3 etc.) Now spell out your words in secret code.
20. Missing Letters: Ask someone to write out one of your words several times on a piece of paper, but each time they have to miss out a letter or two. Then you have to fill in the missing letters. Try it again with another word!
21. Dicey Spellings: A game that incorporates any six of the above activities.

## BOOKING FORM

### **Expert Parent Programme: For Parent Carers of Children and Young People with ADHD/ASD**

*(Your child does **\*not\*** need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this workshop!)*

**\*\*Please note: You must be able to attend *both* sessions\*\***

First session: Tuesday 5th October, 10 - 12.30pm, via Zoom

Second session: Tuesday 19th October, 10 - 12.30, via Zoom

If you would like to join our upcoming Expert Parent Workshop, please complete the booking form!

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[Book Now](#)

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Expert Parent workshops are about helping you develop skills to work with Health Practitioners and the Health System in order to meet the needs of your child or young person (0-25) with additional needs, or a long term condition.

If your child or young person has ADHD/ASD, please join us and discover how you can:

- ~ Feel more confident in describing your child's mental and physical health needs
- ~ Develop skills in working better with health professionals around your child
- ~ Understand how the local NHS health system works
- ~ Understand the rights and laws that protect your child

~ Understanding and focusing on positive outcomes for your child and family

~ Make sure you are looking after yourself as a carer

This workshop is free and accessed securely via Zoom, with other parents and carers.

Please be aware that there are limited spaces, so we must operate on a first come, first served basis.

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To keep up to date with all of our latest news and events you can follow us on Facebook!

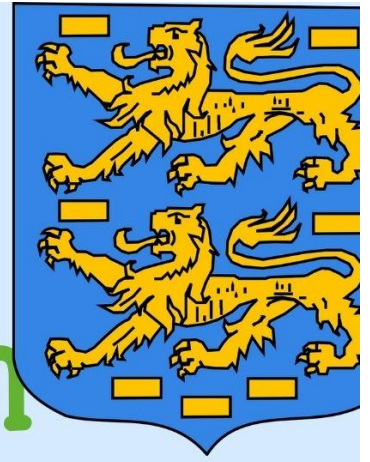


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ARUNDEL MUSEUM  
PRESENTS

# This half term Heraldry Workshop



Tuesday 26 October

**£7 per child, decorate your own  
wooden heraldic shield**

◆ **Parent/ guardians to accompany please**  
**This workshop is ideally suited for ages  
6-12 year olds**



10.15 - 11.45

12.15 - 1.45

2.15 - 3.45

book on our website  
[arundelmuseum.org](http://arundelmuseum.org)



## **Children's Art Workshop: 'Meet Matisse'**

10.30-am 12.30pm 1.30pm-3.30pm

Saturday 9 October

Create a collage inspired by Henri Matisse's later work.

Children aged 7-11, parents can leave the children for the workshop.

£10 per child, to include all materials and a refreshment break.

This will be held in our well ventilated activity room.

One child per table, with up to six children per workshop.

Tickets must be pre-booked via [arundelmuseum.org](http://arundelmuseum.org).



# East Preston Football Club

## Youth Section



# Little footballers wanted

## For Children ages Reception and Years 1 & 2

Our popular Mini Kids section (reception, years 1 & 2 from September 2021) are looking for local boys and girls to come and join our great community club. Our aim is to provide a fun and safe environment for local children to enjoy their first steps in football whilst also making new friends.

Fun training sessions are every Saturday at East Preston Football Club from 9.30am-10.30am. If you know any boys or girls who may be interested in joining our friendly and welcoming club then please get in touch using the details below. All our coaches are DRB checked and FA Safeguarding qualified.

We are also looking to start an Under 7's (year 2) team and they will hopefully start playing some friendly matches after Christmas as they prepare to join the local league next year. Any willing parents who would like to coach or help out are also most welcome and will be given our full support.

Call **0791 711 7027** or email **Ross.eastprestonfc@gmail.com** for more details.





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**ANDY@WICKDYNAMOS.COM**

