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*'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'*



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now truly in the midst of autumn and celebrating harvest festival helps to remind us of the good things we have and to share these with those less fortunate. Thank you for all of your generous donations of items for the Littlehampton & District Foodbank and we will continue our collection on Monday. And, thank you and well done to the Year 3 and Year 1 children and staff for harvest assemblies to help mark this occasion – it has been a pleasure to be able to welcome parents and friends of the school back into school albeit on a slightly different scale to what we might be used to.

### Community safety

We have been made aware of a number of concerns from local residents in recent weeks about inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving outside of our school. There was also a near miss this week when one of our pupils was almost hit by a car. This really doesn't bear thinking about. Please drive within the speed limit and with respect and care at all times. A reminder to not wait or park on the roundabout where there are yellow lines and/or zigzags. This is dangerous and puts our community at risk. As the Parking Enforcement Officer always says, a disability badge is not a reason to park dangerously. We have had reports of cars double parking and so restricting road access and the ability for pedestrians to cross safely. We have also had incidences of cars blocking the driveway access of residents in Hollyhock Way. If you witness anti-social parking/driving please report this to the police via operation crackdown. We hope that later in the year we will be able to get our Travel Plan team up and running again to help further raise awareness of road safety.

### Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives for school on time. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. If your child arrives after this time they are late and will need to enter via the office. Please accompany your child to the office so that you can complete a late slip. Thank you.

### End of the school day collection arrangements

In order to help alleviate congestion at the end of the school day, I would like to encourage just one adult to come onto site to collect their child/ren and politely ask that older siblings and other family members or friends wait outside the gates but away from the entrance. Thank you for your support with this.



### A few safety reminders

- A reminder to all parents that children (including siblings) must not ride their scooters in the school grounds and must dismount and wheel them. This is for everyone's safety and is a rule all children should be aware of.
- Please do not allow your child/ren to run ahead of you at the start or end of the school day. Your child should be closely supervised please so that we do not have any 'lost' or upset children at these busy times.
- As the evenings start to draw in, please do talk to your child/ren about 'be bright, be seen' and 'stranger danger' – we also do this in school and hearing the same messages at home will help reinforce one of our Key Three - 'Be Safe'.

### Time Capsule

Did you know that last term all of the year groups in the school contributed a piece of work and an artefact to add into a time capsule following the pandemic and the partial closure of schools? Mr Strong has now hidden the time capsule in the roof of our building and it is clearly marked 'Do not open until 2031!' We wonder what children will make of it all in ten years time and hope it will provide a hook for some brilliant historical enquiry lessons.

### Black History Month

As you may already be aware, October is Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Proud To Be' and people of all ages from minority ethnic backgrounds are being invited to share what they are "proud to be". The main national Black History Month website is an excellent starting point regarding Black History Month 2021 if you would like to find out more. All year groups will be spending some time exploring the concept of Black History Month and a significant individual. Last year, we also had an incredibly generous anonymous donation of books around this theme, which are now in our new library to be enjoyed by everyone.

### Scientist of the month

In Science we are looking at a scientist each month whom has made a famous discovery! In October we will be looking closely at Mary Anning, who was born in England in 1799. Mary Anning is famous because she was a palaeontologist (someone who studies fossils) and she discovered many Jurassic period fossils - this includes being the first ever person to find a complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaur. Her most famous discovery was when she found a Plesiosaurus; a marine reptile with four flippers. This was significant as the skeleton was nearly complete! Mary Anning discovered all of these fossils despite not having a formal education and had to teach herself many subjects including geology. Her discoveries were not appreciated in her own time but she is now being recognised for her amazing work! See the attached poster for more information and a scientific question to explore with your child.

### Staffing news

I am extremely sorry to have to let you all know that, due to personal circumstances, Mr Nottage (sports coach) has had to make the difficult decision to resign from his role, having only just joined us in September. During his short time with us he has made a significant impact on PE and sports practice across the school and will be missed. Obviously, this news is going to impact our after school sports club provision and attendance at LASP events. Miss Walker (PE Leader) is currently working on a plan with the aim of continuing with as many of these extra-curricular opportunities as possible whilst we look to recruit another sports coach. However, in some cases clubs/events may have to be cancelled and we do apologise for the disappointment this will inevitably cause. If a club or event is not going ahead we will inform parents so please assume that no news is good news. Thank you for your understanding and as soon as we have made a new appointment I will let you know. In the meantime, if you have a sports background (or know someone that does) and think you might be able to volunteer your time and expertise then please do contact Miss Walker in the first instance.

### Flu vaccines

These are due to take place in school on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for all year groups. Please ensure you have completed the online consent form five working days ahead of this date. Thank you.

### Parent Focus Group

We ran our third Parent Focus Group last week on the theme of bullying and racism - thank you to all those who attended. The slideshow and notes from the meeting are available to view via our website by going to News and Events > Parent Focus Group. We look forward to running our next Focus Group, which we are intending to be about SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities). Please watch this space for further information.

### Chartwells Menu

Please be aware that on the first day back after the October half term (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November) there will only be jacket potatoes on the Chartwells hot school meals menu, rather than the usual selection of main courses.

### INSET Days

A reminder that Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October are both INSET days and school will be closed. Term resumes on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Open Day

This year our open day arrangements for prospective parents will include a video presentation, an interactive map of the school and a virtual tour of our new EYFS classrooms. These will soon be available to view via our website by going to News and Events > Open Day Autumn term 2021. We will also be offering small group tours of the school led by our brilliant Year 5 tour guide team – dates will be published shortly and then places can be booked via the office. Please spread the word!

### Parent consultation meetings

Parent consultation meetings are due to take place after school on the last three days of this half term (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October). A reminder to please return your appointment request slip today if you haven't already. During parent consultation meetings we will be undertaking the Ofsted ParentView survey for this academic year 2021-22 and also a survey about extended schools to explore the demand for and feasibility of a breakfast club. We would be very grateful if you could spare the time to complete both surveys and we look forward to getting your feedback.

I hope you all have a good weekend and half-term week when it arrives. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Helen Morris*

Headteacher

# Mary Anning

1799 – 1847

## What did she discover?

Mary was a fossil collector and palaeontologist born in England, 1799. She discovered many Jurassic period fossils on the coast of Lyme Regis (now nicknamed 'The Jurassic Coast' for this reason). In 1811 she was the first to find a complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaur (a large marine reptile over 5 metres in length!)

In 1823 Mary found the Plesiosaurus, her most notable discovery. She found many other Jurassic fossils, including the remains of a pterosaur (later known as the Pterodactyl).

Her discoveries have contributed to our understanding of Jurassic animals and aided scientists in understanding the concept of extinction.

As a woman in Georgian times, Mary had little formal education, yet she still taught herself many subjects including geology and anatomy. Her discoveries were first met with scepticism and even after her fellow male scientists concluded that her discoveries were real, she was not credited for her work. Despite this, Mary didn't let misogynistic behaviour and lack of recognition stop her and carried on fossil hunting. She is now finally recognised for her incredible discoveries.

### Something to think about...

What is the difference between a marine reptile and a dinosaur?

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online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries
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**Deadline: Saturday 15 January 2022**



West Sussex Parent Carer Forum is hosting a virtual event via Zoom!

## **Talking Heads - Gaming and Addiction - A Virtual Pop-Up Event with Chris Foster of Aspens**

Tuesday 19th October 2021

10am to 12pm

Via Zoom

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✨ Is your son or daughter addicted to gaming? Do they spend most of their time in their bedroom? Do you get into daily battles asking them to do something other than gaming? In society today gaming is a fact of life for many children and young people, especially those demonstrating characteristics of Autism, it is not all negative, in fact for many they learn to build confidence, problem solve, plan and socialise online.

✨ It is a fact that gaming in all forms (including PCs, tablets and phones) can be extremely addictive. This workshop is designed to help parents and carers understand how much gaming affects a young person's brain, how vulnerable they are to game developers and online predators. We hope to teach parents and carers how to strike a fair balance between encouraging interests and strengths with inflexible and addictive behaviour patterns, which can be potentially risky.

✨ This event is FREE and places are limited, the booking form will be released next week through our mailing list.

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







# Pumpkin Patch 2021

**Saturday 23rd October 2021  
4pm - 7pm**

**5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts  
Gordon Hall, Lineside Way  
Littlehampton**

**There will be fun and games, food and  
best of all you can 'pick' your own pumpkin!**

**Entry is just £1 for adults and £3 per child  
(each child ticket includes a pumpkin)**

**Food and drink will be available on the day  
for a small charge (just to cover costs).**

**To book your space please visit our website at  
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**All profits go to 5th Littlehampton Sea Scout Group**





# Christmas Tree Sale 2021

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## Prices

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