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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Dear Parents and Carers

With just four more school days to go after today, this is the last newsletter of the academic year. Given the time of year, it is a bumper edition with lots of news to share. We also have lots of attachments (so many that we have had to include the majority separately on our website – please go to News and Events > Letters > Newsletters). Please do read everything carefully and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to get in touch.

I would like to begin by saying a big thank you to parents, staff, governors and volunteers for their continued support for the school and all we do. This is the first full school year since the start of the pandemic and the return to so-called normality has been anything but! It has been an exceptionally busy year with many changes and challenges along the way. As always, we have stood strong, as a community, and the children have remained at the centre of our decision-making - they continue to make us proud and smile every day.

Year 6 production

This week has been a monumental week in school as the Year 6s have put on their production of the Lion King. Huge congratulations to all of the children for wowing the audience with their incredible performance. Every child shone in their own way and it was a privilege to watch them take to the stage with such confidence and professionalism. Thank you again to all of the staff involved and in particular the Year 6 team who have worked their socks off this half term, along with the children, to achieve a show of such a high standard. Thank you also to all of the parents and friends of the school who came to watch and for your support and generous donations which will allow us to continue putting on further productions in the future.

Year 4 residential

The week before last our Year 4 children went on a residential visit to Lodge Hill, Pulborough. The children were all absolutely amazing and had the time of their lives! They demonstrated our personal, learning and thinking skills in bucket loads and everyone was so impressed with their teamwork and resilience. A huge thank you to all of the adults who volunteered to go with the children – experiences like this would not be possible without them.



Annual reports

You should have received your child's annual report yesterday. If for any reason you did not, or you would like to make an appointment to discuss the report, then please contact your child's class teacher. Optional parent meetings with teachers are being held next week.

Heatwave weather alert

You are probably already aware that there is currently a Level 3 Heatwave Action warning in place, with temperatures predicted to rise again over the weekend and into next week. We will continue to work with families during this hot spell and provide regular advice on how parents can take precautions as well as what the school will be doing to manage the situation. In short, we advise all children to come to school with appropriate sun protection (sun hats with wide brims, sun glasses, sunscreen) and a water bottle so they can stay well hydrated. In addition, we will reduce the length of time spent outside as necessary, providing short and flexible breaks and avoiding vigorous physical activity, ensuring if children are outside that they are utilising areas of shade and not spending long periods of time in the direct sun. We also encourage children to wear summer uniform so that they remain as cool as possible. Please do take care during this period.

Linked to this, West Sussex Highways, Transport and Planning have taken the decision to stand down their School Crossing Patrol Officers on **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July** due to the extreme heat warning issued by the Met Office today. This means our lollipop lady (Joan Rowland) will not be present on these days next week, so please ensure you and your child/ren take extra care crossing the Worthing Road.

Summer Safety and Wellbeing

Although school is closed over the summer break, Becca Byatt our Family Support Worker is still contactable. Her role is to ensure that families and young people receive the support they need as early as possible. You can call her on 07784 219721 for help, advice, guidance and sign-posting.

If you have a concern about a child's welfare when outside of school, you can report your concern to the following:

Integrated Front door (IFD)

01403 229900

WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk

Call 999 for the police if you think that a child is in immediate danger.

Childline: 08001111

Online safety - Cleverbot

Please be aware of the Cleverbot website which many of our children seem to know about. The website allows users to chat with an AI 'bot' using algorithms. It quickly asks users personal information such as age, gender and where they live which is obviously very alarming. Please see our website > Learning Zone > Online Safety for online safety links.

PE kit reminder for September

A reminder, as promised, that as from September we will be returning to children wearing uniform to school each day and bringing their PE kit separately to change into on PE days. The rationale for this decision is as follows:

- Dressing and undressing is a life skill and we think it is important all children are encouraged to do this from as early as possible
- In the 'real world' when taking part in sports-based activities people change into the appropriate 'kit' and we believe it is important to mirror this practice in primary school and in preparation for secondary school

- We believe it is more hygienic (especially for older children) to change after doing physical activity
- We have seen a decline in adherence to our school uniform policy with school uniform and PE kit merging into one and want the previously high standards to be maintained so that children come to school looking ready to learn everyday
- In addition, some of our families have several children in school and have fed back that remembering which child has PE on which days has been difficult to manage

We recognise there were some advantages to children coming to school in PE kit (which was introduced during Covid), one of which was due to curriculum time being maximised and changing time not eating into this. In order to counteract this, staff will be training children to change quickly and efficiently and seeing this as an important part of a PE lesson. We are also aware that some children can be sensitive about changing in front of others and this is something we will, of course, be mindful of and reasonable adjustments will be made according to the age of our pupils and individual needs.

Uniform

Please ensure your child returns to school in September wearing the correct uniform. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on our website by going to School Information > Policies. For your quick reference, our school uniform consists of the following items:

Yellow polo shirt (with or without school logo)

Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)

Dark grey/black trousers or shorts of a plain weave and shade (jeans, leggings or similar are not acceptable)

Dark grey/black skirts or pinafore dresses of a plain weave and shade

Green/white or yellow/white checked or striped dress

Plain white, plain grey, plain dark green or plain black socks or tights

Shoes – these must be suitable for school wear i.e. black and sensible. Plain black trainers are acceptable. Boots and shoes with high heels, open toes or with heavy buckles and chains should not be worn in school for safety reasons.

Dark Green fleece (for outside use only - not to be worn in school). Year 6 pupils may be invited to wear their Year 6 leavers' hoodies (currently available in green or yellow) on special events / days.

PE Kit

White t-shirt (with or without school logo)

Plain green / black / white shorts

Tracksuit (optional for outdoor PE in colder weather)

Jogging bottoms/hoodies should be plain, dark colours (no logos or bright colours)*

Suitable footwear – plimsolls or trainers

*Year 6 pupils may wear their Year 6 leavers' hoodies on PE days.

As stated above, **plain** black trainers may be worn with school uniform. Some examples and non-examples are pictured below for clarity.





We have two uniform suppliers of our logoed uniform – details of which can be found in our policy. However, non-logoed uniform can also be purchased from elsewhere and we will continue to hold regular used uniform sales. If you are struggling to source or afford an item of uniform please do let us know so that we can work with you to resolve this.

Please do not be surprised if, come September, your child is in the incorrect uniform that this is picked up on. Equally, if there is a good reason for them not being in uniform then please let me know.

Start and finish times

I can now confirm that, following the consultation period with staff and parents about the length of the school day, as from September there will be a rolling start from 8.20am until 8.30am. Gates will close promptly at 8.30am, after which registers will be taken and lessons will begin. The finish time will remain as 3pm for all year groups.

Establishment week

During the first week back in September we will be having a whole-school establishment week. During this week there will be a strong focus on setting clear and high expectations for the year ahead linked to our vision and values, our Key Three and our Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills. We are looking forward to supporting the children in learning the 'Summerlea Way' through a variety of exciting, practical and creative cross-curricular games and activities, which will be both fun and memorable designed to promote and nurture positive relationships and a strong sense of community across the school. Regular updates will be provided on Class Dojo throughout the week so you can see what we have been focusing on and the learning that is taking place.

Going for gold!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who have not previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our pupils have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most, either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Miss Walker (PE Leader) and Miss Funnell (Sports Coach) for making this happen as well as to the children, parents and staff who have participated in and supported at various sporting events. We look forward to applying once again in 2023!

Staffing news

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Conrad (EYFS leader and Maple Class teacher) gave birth to a beautiful baby boy at the start of this week. Congratulations to her and her husband and we look forward to meeting the new arrival very soon!

We are very pleased to have appointed Mrs Shane Cook as Individual Needs Assistant starting from September. Mrs Cook has a wealth of experience, having previously worked as a Family Liaison & Attendance Advisor and Learning Mentor. Mrs Cook will be based in Year 6 in the mornings. (Her deployment in the afternoons is still to be confirmed.)

As you know, we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of term, including several long-standing members of the team. I would like to take this opportunity to say a final thank you to them all for everything they have contributed to Summerlea and its pupils during their time in post. We will be saying goodbye to them next week in our Monday and Thursday assemblies and wish them every happiness in the future - we will miss them greatly and hope they come back to visit very soon!

After School Care Club (ASCC)

We have recently reviewed our fees for ASCC and governors have agreed the following charges from September 2022:

3-4pm £4.00
3-5pm £8.00
3-5.30pm £9.00
4-5pm £4.00
4-5.30pm £5.75

The ASCC policy has been reviewed and updated and will be sent home with all parents utilising this childcare provision at the start of September. If you are interested in your child attending, please contact the office or call ASCC direct on: 07521 734333

Parent Focus Groups

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our Parent Focus Groups this school year or submitted a question. The most recent one we have run was around experiences in Year 6 and the presentation and notes from these meetings (part 1 and 2) are now available to view via our website by going to News and Events > Parent Focus Groups > Year 6. Many thanks also to Sara Hughes (parent governor) who facilitates these meetings. Our next Parent Focus Group will be about our revised behaviour policy and this will now take place in the autumn term.

The Summerlea summer challenge

Following positive feedback from both children and parents about previous summer challenges, Mrs Hawkins has kindly put together another one for this summer holiday (attached). We hope you and your child/ren are inspired to take part in some of these simple but fun activities over the break and we look forward to celebrating engagement and participation in September.

The summer term ends next Thursday 21st July. A reminder that all extra curricular clubs have now finished and After School Care Club will **not** be operating on the last day of term.

The new academic year begins on 1st September. **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are both INSET days which means school is closed to all pupils.** School opens to pupils on Monday 5th September and we look forward to welcoming everyone back then.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

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FAO: The Headteacher	For Action	For Information	Meeting / Event
All Schools	√		

6th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) for West Sussex are wanting to raise awareness amongst the general public about what to do when you are concerned about an individual in a Position of Trust.

If you ever have concerns about an individual, aged 16 or over, who works or volunteers with children then you can contact us for independent advice and guidance.

We know some organisations could be more robust with safe recruitment or safeguarding processes, so we would encourage parents, when accessing services or clubs for children (e.g. sports clubs, private therapy) to ask the organisation some basic safeguarding questions to ensure they are safe.

Please take a look at our ['Safe clubs for children' campaign](#) for simple advice.

For further information on what we do with concerns reported to LADO, please see the [following webpage](#).

To make a referral or have a consultation with the LADO, please email LADO@westsussex.gov.uk or call our dedicated phone line on 0330 222 6450 during office hours.

Yours sincerely

DONNA TOMLINSON & MIRIAM WILLIAMS

Local Authority Designated Officers

Summerlea School Summer Holiday Challenge 2022

Name: _____

Class: _____

Have a sleep over



Eat a donut without licking your lips



Run through a sprinkler



Skim a stone



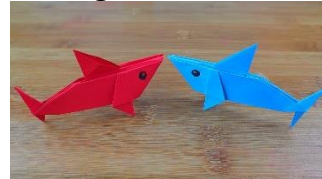
Go on a really long bike ride



Make a friendship bracelet



Learn how to make an origami animal



Lay a stick trail



Play limbo



Hang the washing up on the line



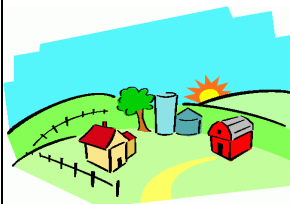
Watch the sunset on the beach



Get a book from a library



Visit a farm



Go swimming in the sea



Build a really big sandcastle

Have a water fight



Make a homemade pizza



Cook a marshmallow on an open fire and make smores



<p>Make your own ice lollies</p> 	<p>Fly a kite</p> 	<p>Explore a rock pool</p> 	<p>Wash the car</p> 	<p>Go crabbing</p> 
<p>Go bug hunting</p> 	<p>Donate your change to a charity</p> 	<p>Have a pillow fight</p> 	<p>Run 2K</p> 	<p>Dance in the rain</p> 
<p>Write a diary of a few of your favourite days</p> 	<p>Have a picnic</p> 	<p>Make a dream catcher</p> 	<p>Go star gazing and identify a constellation</p> 	<p>Learn a new sport</p> 
<p>Learn how to follow a map</p> 	<p>Bake a cake</p> 	<p>Camp out in a tent</p> 	<p>Read a story by torch light</p> 	<p>Go litter picking</p> 
<p>Learn a new card game or card trick</p> 	<p>Write a postcard</p> 	<p>Do a random act of kindness</p> <p>Kindness is Magic</p>	<p>Clean the family shoes</p> 	<p>Build a raft and test if it floats</p> 

Complete 15 challenges and you will have earned your Bronze Award

Complete 25 challenges and you will have earned your Silver Award

Complete 35 challenges and you will have earned your Gold Award

Please remember to work safely, some challenges require parental supervision so please check!

Hand this in to your new class teacher by 9th September to earn your summer challenge certificate.