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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The Passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

As a school, we are deeply saddened and send our heartfelt condolences to The Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our community has been busy this week drafting messages of condolence for The Royal Family which will be made into a card and kindly taken to London to be laid outside Buckingham Palace this weekend.

As per my message on Class Dojo at the start of this week, next Monday 19th September has been declared a bank holiday having been announced as the official date of the State Funeral. As such, the Department for Education have confirmed that schools will be closed on this day as a mark of respect.

New start time

As you will be aware, following a consultation period last half term, the length of our school day has now changed. Gates open at 8.20am and close at 8.30am when registers are taken and the school day officially begins. School finishes at 3pm as before. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Any children arriving after 8.30am are late and will need to enter via the office and sign in.

Please be mindful that Learning Support Assistants (whether Teaching Assistants or Individual Needs Assistants) are not contracted to start work until 8.30am.

Allowing parents to walk in either direction around the school (rather than following a one-way system) seems to be working well. A reminder to please make sure your child/ren stay with you, rather than running ahead, and that bicycles and scooters are not ridden on the school grounds.

Clubs

Clubs start next week for children in Years 1 to 6. If, for any reason, your child will not be able to attend, please ensure you let the adult running the club know or contact the office so that this message can be passed onto them.

If your child did not get into at least one club due to them being oversubscribed then please be assured that they will be given priority for a club in the spring term.



A huge thank you again to all of the staff that have offered to run clubs this term in their own time - we were really pleased to be able to offer such a wide range of before and after school extra-curricular activities for the children.

Year group Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has attended our year group welcome meetings last week and/or this week. We hope you found them useful and informative. Copies of the presentations shared are being uploaded to Class Dojo and our website. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or require a hard copy.

Curriculum guides and homework

Curriculum guides and homework were published at the end of last week. Curriculum guides were sent out via ParentMail and homework in hard copy via the children. Hard copies of all documents are available from the main reception area and can also be downloaded from our website. Both documents include lots of important information, including key dates and events, so do take the time to read them and if you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Staffing news

Elder Class pupils and parents were informed at the start of this week that Mrs Robins (Year 5 class teacher) is going to be leaving Summerlea later this term after 20 years! Although we will all be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Robins, we are also delighted that she has gained a well-deserved promotion to the role of Key Stage 2 Phase Leader, as well as Year 5 class teacher, at Woodlea Primary School in Hampshire. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Robins many congratulations on her appointment. We are now in the process of recruiting a new full time class teacher to take over from Mrs Robins. Mrs Robins has had the privilege of teaching her current class in Reception and Year 4 also. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Robins for all she has contributed to our school during her time at Summerlea. She has touched the lives of so many children and I know she will miss everyone greatly and leave us with many fond memories.

Pets as Therapy

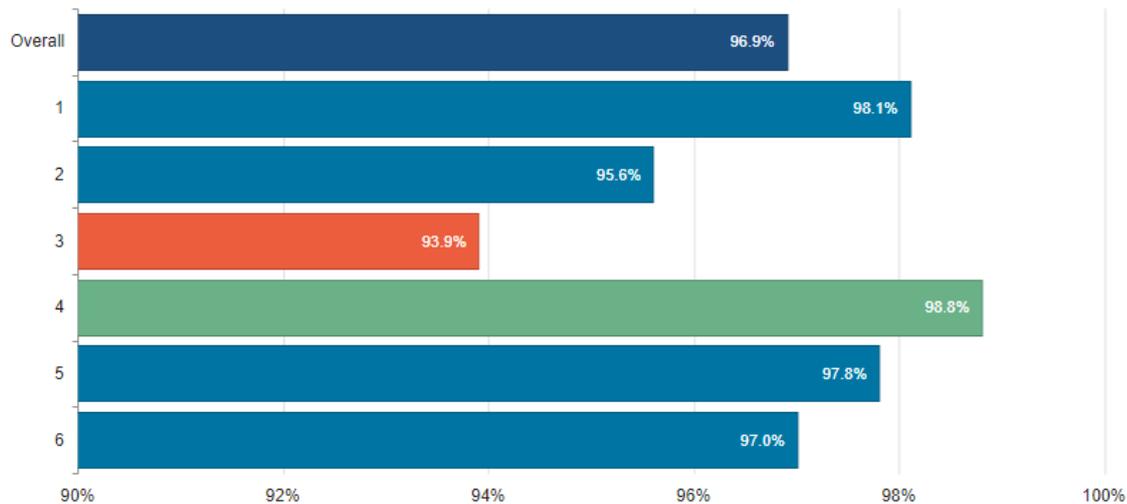
This term we are really excited to be working with the charity Pets as Therapy. One of the schemes that the charity runs is 'Read2Dogs' aimed at supporting children to improve their reading and communication skills. We are delighted to welcome Nanna, a 10-year-old golden retriever and her owner Gaynor. The duo will be volunteering in school on a Tuesday afternoon to work with a targeted group of pupils and parental consent will be sought prior to this. We know that Nanna is going to be a huge hit with both our children and staff! Pets as Therapy have clear guidance and risk assessments in place, as do we as a school. If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parking and road safety

We very soon hope to have a pupil action group working on how to improve road safety and parking around our school. We have noticed that we have a number of cars parking unsafely; across the zig zags, on yellow lines, on the roundabout and double parked. We are concerned that by parking like this you are risking a child being seriously injured or worse. We encourage you all to make a note of the vehicle make, model, registration and colour as well as location and report it to Operation Crackdown www.operationcrackdown.org at Sussex Police. The more people who report concerns, the bigger the impact. Occasionally, a member of staff may have to remind parents or carers to park safely in which case we would like to remind you that the parent / carer code of conduct would still apply. This can be found on our website: www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk under 'School Information > Policies'.

Attendance and punctuality

Following on from the letter about attendance and punctuality earlier in the week, we will be keeping you regularly updated in our newsletters. The graph below shows the overall and individual year group attendance from the start of term up to 15.9.22. Well done to Year 4 for particularly great attendance so far!



Summerlea does Instagram!

We now have a school Instagram account where we want to capture all of the amazing things we do day to day, as well as any special events. You can find us on Instagram at “summerleahearts” so please do follow us and spread the word! You can also follow us on Twitter as before, also @summerleahearts

Communication box

Our communication box is directly outside the main entrance to the school office. This is a secure place to leave letters, return slips, monies etc. and is checked daily. Please do make use of this to avoid congestion and waiting in reception if at all possible.

After School Care Club (ASCC)

Please ensure you let ASCC know if you no longer require a place for your child. You can contact ASCC on 07521 734333 or via the office. If your child is attending ASCC then it is important you have read our policy and returned the enrolment forms – even if your child has attended previously. Places at ASCC can be booked on a regular or ad hoc basis so please do get in touch if you are interested in your child attending. Thank you.

Lost property

We seem to have accumulated a huge amount of lost property over the past few months and our lost property drawers are overflowing! Next week we will put all of our lost property out on display on tables outside of the hall after school (weather permitting!) and anything not claimed will either be added to our used uniform sale items or recycled via the clothes bank so please do come and take a look (please note all items in lost property are unnamed). Please ensure all clothing is clearly named - initials if not the name in full are better than nothing.

We also found an orthodontic retainer and a pair of glasses in a case at the end of last term – we know these can be particularly expensive items so if you think they might be yours please contact the office.

No nail varnish

A reminder that children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school so please ensure this is removed. Thank you for your support.

Secondary school places

Important documentation was sent home last week to Year 6 parents and carers from the Pupil Admissions Office at West Sussex County Council regarding children transferring to secondary school in September 2023. Please ensure you have received and read this, and contact our school office if you have any questions. If your child will be attending secondary school open days then please remember to advise the school office in advance so that we are aware for register purposes.

Calendar of events

Please see attached our calendar of events, which is back by popular demand! This includes our INSET days for this academic year, term dates and key events happening this autumn term.

Open Day tours for prospective parents

Our dates and arrangements for open day tours have now been published. Please visit our website to find out more or contact the school office. We look forward to welcoming visitors to our school!

Wishing you a peaceful weekend. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 20th September next week.

Yours sincerely

HELEN MORRIS

Mrs Helen Morris
Headteacher



Summerlea CP School Calendar of School Events

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

Autumn term: Thursday 1st September to Friday 16th December

INSET days: Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Additional Bank Holiday: Monday 19th September

Half-term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Spring term: Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 31st March

INSET days: Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January

Half-term: Monday 13th to Friday 17th February

Summer term: Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July

Half-term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

INSET day: Monday 5th June

Autumn Term 2022

The following dates and events are provided to give you an overview for this term. There are likely to be alterations and additions as we go along and we will notify you of these in the usual way, either by using ParentMail, Class Dojo, by sending home a letter or via our website.

September 2022		
Thurs	01	INSET Day – school closed
Fri	02	INSET Day – school closed
Mon	05	First day of term for children
		NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
		Establishment Week
		Curriculum guides and homework to be sent home this week
Wed	07	2:30pm Year 3 Welcome meeting
Mon	12	Year 2 swimming starts
		5:00pm Year 4 Welcome meeting
Tues	13	2:30pm Year 1 Welcome meeting
		5:00pm Year 6 Welcome meeting
Wed	14	2:30pm Year 2 Welcome meeting
Thurs	15	5:00pm Year 5 Welcome meeting
Mon	19	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tues	20	CLUBS BEGIN THIS WEEK
		Year 6 Forest School starts
Wed	21	Year 1 Superhero Day
Mon	26	Year 5 Evacuee Day
		Year 2 swimming
Thurs	29	2:30pm EYFS reading meeting
October 2022		
Mon	03	Black History Month begins
		Year 2 swimming
Tues	04	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 9.30am and 1:30pm
Thurs	06	National Poetry Day – bring in a favourite poem to share
Mon	10	Year 2 swimming
Tues	11	8:45am EYFS 'six weeks in' meeting for parents and carers
Wed	12	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 9.30am
Fri	14	EYFS Colour Day – more information to follow
Mon	17	Year 2 swimming
		Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 1:30pm
Tues	18	8:45am and 2:15pm Year 1 Harvest assembly
Wed	19	8:45am and 2:15pm Year 3 Harvest assembly
Thurs	20	Year 5 1940's Day
Mon	24	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon	31	Science Week
		NO TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS WEEK
		Year 2 swimming
		Year 2 Forest School starts

November 2022		
Tues	01	3:30pm-5:30pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Wed	02	3:30pm-5:30pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thurs	03	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 9.30am and 1:30pm
		3:30pm-5:30pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Fri	04	Flu Vaccinations
Mon	07	Year 3 swimming starts
Fri	11	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 10.30am
Mon	14	National Anti-Bullying Week
		Year 3 swimming
Wed	16	Yellow individual photos
Fri	18	Children in Need day – more information to follow
Mon	21	Year 6 Activity / Residential Week
		Year 3 swimming
		Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 10.30am and 1:30pm
Mon	28	Year 5 trip to the Planetarium – more information to follow
		Year 3 swimming
Tues	29	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 10.30am and 1:30pm
Wed	30	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 1:30pm
December 2022		
Thurs	01	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 10:30am
Fri	02	CLUBS FINISH TODAY
Mon	05	Year 6 Bikeability Week 1
		Year 3 swimming
Tues	06	9:00am Year 2 Christmas Production
		2:45pm-3:15pm Celebration of Learning – more information to follow
Wed	07	2:00pm Year 2 Christmas Production
Thurs	08	2:45pm-3:15pm Celebration of Learning – more information to follow
Fri	09	Open Day Tour for parents/carers Sept 2023 intake 9:30am
Mon	12	Year 6 Bikeability Week 2
		Year 3 swimming
		6:00pm Carols by Candlelight
Tues	13	2:15pm EYFS Nativity
Wed	14	2:15pm EYFS Nativity
Thurs	15	Cowbell assembly and Christmas jumper day
		Chartwells Christmas lunch (TBC)
Fri	16	9:00am HT Award Assembly
		END OF TERM

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2023?

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 5 September 2022**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Monday 31 October 2022

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.





Open Morning
 Senior School
 Saturday
 17th September

For a visit at any time,
 please contact our Admissions Registrar
 Victoria Greco on 01903 228638
 or email admissions@sionschool.org.uk
www.sionschool.org.uk



CONSIDERATION ALWAYS

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- Excellent GCSE and A Level results •
 - Inspiring, affordable education •
- Bursaries and Scholarships offered •
 - Juniors, Seniors, Sixth Form •
 - Minibus routes available •
 - Central Worthing •

Thank you for all your input and support – not only have we noticed huge improvements in her academic ability, but the improvement in her emotional well-being is so heartening to see.

Sion Parent



St. OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL



You are warmly invited to join us for our

OPEN EVENING Tuesday 4th October at 6pm



"We provide a nurturing environment of love, respect and discipline, where every individual is highly valued and our care and concern for others is central to our mission."

St. Romero's is a thriving secondary school, rated 'Outstanding' in every category in our Diocesan Inspection', offering a first class education.

"It is an outstanding Catholic community in which every member of the school community is valued and is treated with dignity and respect in a culture focussed on holistic sense of aspiration"

"The mission of the school "to help every individual to achieve the best they can through giving witness to the way of life inspired by Christ and taught by the Church" encapsulates the holistic approach to excellence embedded in the daily life of the school"



"We expect our students to work hard, behave well, dress smartly and pursue excellence in all that they do"



Open Morning Tours are also available via Eventbrite:
<https://st-romeros-tours-2022.eventbrite.co.uk>
 October 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th at 9.15am



For more information please contact us on 01903 241368 or office@stromeros.co.uk - www.stromeros.co.uk - www.facebook.com/stoscarromeroocs

Tickets Now On Sale!

A one day conference for parents and
professionals

Emotional Regulation Through the Autism Lens Tickets, Thu 20 Oct 2022 at
09:00 | Eventbrite

Thursday 20th October 2022

“Emotional Regulation: Through the Autism Lens”

**Exploring emotional regulation for
autistic individuals**

Speakers to Include:

Seb Gaigg—City University, London

Dr Lisa Quadt—University of Sussex

Greg Rix—offering a lived experience perspective
as an autistic individual and educator

Professionals: £ 80

Parents/Individuals with autism: £ 35

To include a light lunch

Venue:

**Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Langley Green,
Crawley**



Autism and Social
Communication Team



Unlocking
Potential

JOIN US FOR CENSUS DAY!

6TH OCTOBER
2022



Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

DID YOU KNOW?

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!

MENU

Cheese & Tomato Pizza,
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry with Rice

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Rainbow Vegetables,
Salad

-

Chocolate Brownie



**Special diets will receive their signed off menu.*

Free school meals and Universal Free Meals do not need to take action.
Paid meals can order online, no later than Sunday 25th September
at www.mealselector.co.uk

Chartwells Catering
have a variety of
vacancies in and around
Worthing

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Positions are term time only over 5 days a week.
Appropriate training will be given, smart uniform will be provided and staff discounts are available.

For more information please contact
Sarah on 07917326817



Year 2 – Year 6 Taster Session

Friday 23 September

At Littlehampton Academy School

5.30-6.45pm

3G surface

Wear any kit of your choice

Bring plenty of fluids

[Click here to book](#)

if you have any questions please contact community.enquiries@chelseafc.com

Many thanks

Sussex Development Team

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NHS DIAGNOSTIC PATHWAY FOR AUTISM AND ADHD IN WEST SUSSEX!

IS YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON DIAGNOSED WITH, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DIAGNOSED WITH, AUTISM OR ADHD?

HAS YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON HAD ANY EXPERIENCE OF THE **NHS** DIAGNOSTIC PATHWAY IN **WEST SUSSEX**? IF THE ANSWER IS YES, WE REALLY WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY AND HELP US TO INFORM PROFESSIONALS ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES WHEN NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE DIAGNOSTIC PATHWAY, BOTH GOOD AND MAYBE NOT SO GOOD!

YOU CAN COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW, IT WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RATE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT EACH STAGE. IF YOU HAVE HAD MORE THAN ONE EXPERIENCE WITH THE PATHWAY, YOU CAN SUBMIT ADDITIONAL FORMS IF YOU'D LIKE TO, WE WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING!



[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/6UJQ8ZIG9R](https://forms.office.com/r/6UJQ8ZIG9R)

SURVEY CLOSING DATE IS WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2022

THANK YOU!