



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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*'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'*



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems hard to believe we are already nearing the first half of the autumn term – the weeks seem to have flown by!

## Harvest Festival

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival in school with assemblies led by Year 1 on Tuesday and Year 3 on Wednesday, as well as a whole school assembly with Roger Purdom from Littlehampton Churches on Monday.

As usual, we will be having a collection for Littlehampton & District Foodbank and you can see the attached poster for items on their wish list. **Please bring in items next week from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the beginning or end of the day** – there will be a collection table on the Key Stage 1 playground by the hall. We will be unable to accept donations after Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October as they are due to be collected at the end of that day. Thank you for your support.

## Flu vaccines

Important information was sent via ParentMail earlier this week regarding the Flu Nasal Vaccinations for Years R-6. **Please ensure you complete the online consent form if you wish your child to have the vaccine.** These will take place in school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the deadline for giving consent is at 11am four working days before this.

## New parent governor

We have pleasure in advising that we have a new Parent Governor here at Summerlea – Mrs Laura Stevens. Mrs Stevens has children in Year 3 and EYFS. The Governing Body looks forward to welcoming Mrs Stevens onto the board.

## Staffing news

Last week I wrote to EYFS parents to let them know that Miss Camble (Willow Class Teacher) is sadly leaving Summerlea at the end of the autumn term due to health reasons. Miss Camble says that over her thirteen years at Summerlea, she has had the privilege to work with some wonderful children, families and colleagues and there are many happy memories that she will take with her as she moves onto a different stage in her life.



Mrs Dale (Learning Support Assistant) has also decided now is the right time to retire and so will sadly be leaving Summerlea at the end of term in December. Mrs Dale has worked here for nearly 23 years and says she has made many friends and will look back upon her time here with great fondness.

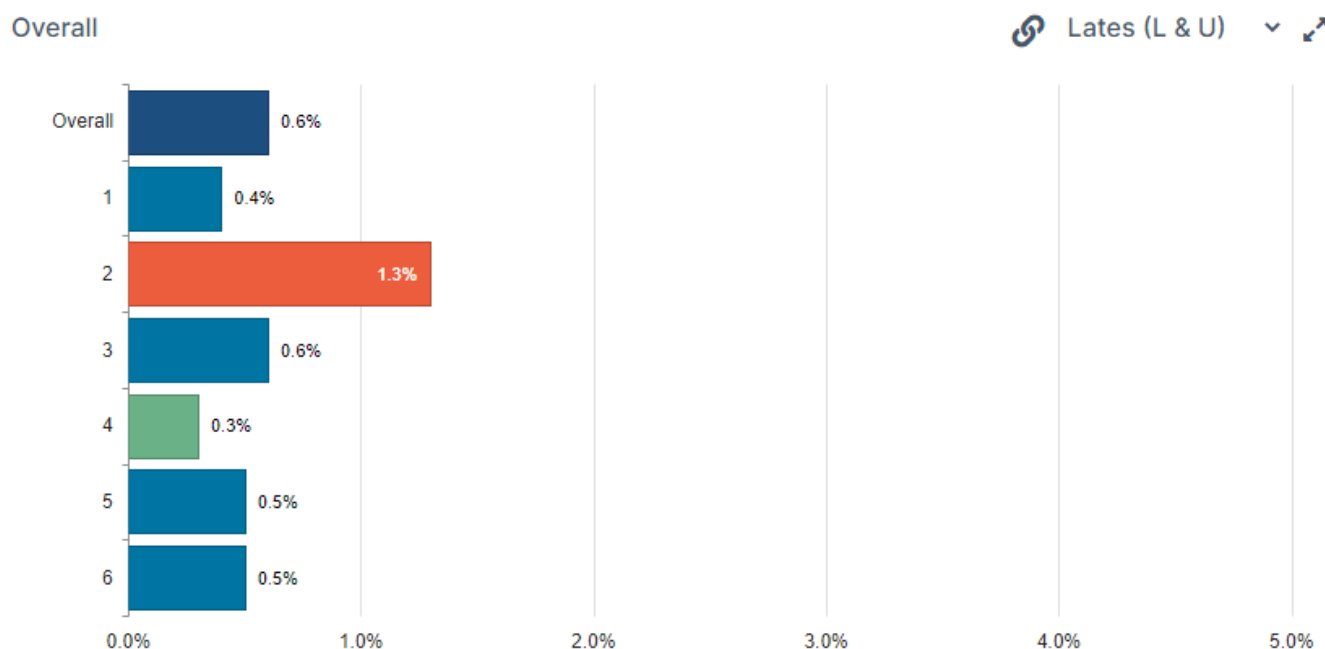
I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Miss Camble and Mrs Dale for all they have contributed to our school and its staff and pupils - they will both be very much missed and I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them every happiness in the future.

### Parent consultation meetings

A reminder that parent consultation meetings are taking place with teachers in the first week back after half term. Please ensure you have requested an appointment, know when your allocated time is and arrive a bit before this. All parents should come into school via the main reception and there will be an opportunity to look at some of your child's work whilst you wait. If you are unable to make a meeting then please let your child's class teacher know so they can arrange an alternative mutually convenient time to meet.

### Attendance and punctuality

We still have a number of children arriving late to school. School begins at 8:30am which means learning begins. If your child misses the start of the day, they are missing key learning and important routines and messages. From Monday 17th October **any child arriving late will need to have a late form completed by their adult** at the office. The parents and carers of children in Year 5 or 6 that walk to school alone will receive an email asking them to complete and return the late slip stating the reason. This must be completed each time a child is late. The chart below shows lateness per year group from the start of term until 13.10.22.



Please also ensure you are on time for pick up. Our school day ends at 3pm for all year groups, every day.

A reminder that we are running a parent focus group on Thursday 20th October at 9am to support you with getting children into school every day and on time. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

### Lunchtime Life Skills

A HUGE 'shout out' to our amazing Midday Meals Supervisor Team who are working hard to help our children have enjoyable lunchtimes. Many of our younger children are struggling to

use a knife and a fork so we are focusing on developing this skill. We hope you can support us with this by practising at home too!

When sorting out lunchtime disagreements between children on the playground, our supervisors:-

1. Listen: listening to each child in turn without interruption and without an audience
2. Summarise: the adult will summarise what each child has said to ensure they have heard and the child knows they have been listened to
3. Next steps: children will be asked to come up with their own solutions and if they can't, an adult will help with this
4. Resolution: children agree the next step and the adult will ensure that the child knows that the problem has been dealt with and it is time to move on

The School Pupil Council are currently working hard to look at ways to improve lunchtimes. Watch this space for updates!

### Trading Cards

Trading cards (football, Pokemon etc.) are not to be brought into school in case they get lost or damaged. They are only allowed in school if a trading card club is running. Thank you.

### After School Care Club (ASCC)

Please ensure that if your child is not going to require their space at ASCC that you let the office or Mrs Dyke (ASCC Manager) know as this place could then be offered to someone else. This also applies if your child would usually attend but is representing the school at a LASP event. As per our policy, if ASCC are not informed in a timely manner then you may still be charged. If you are interested in your child attending ASCC on a regular or ad hoc basis, please do contact the office or speak to a member of the ASCC team for further details.

### October Half term

A reminder that we break up for half term next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Term resumes on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Chartwells hot school meals

On the first day of the new half term (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October) there will only be jacket potatoes on the menu. Please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch on this day if they will not eat this option.

### Free School Meals – October 2022 Half term arrangements

#### **Voucher Scheme**

Following additional funding from the Government's Household Support Fund, West Sussex County Council is pleased to announce that families with Free School Meal eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming October half term, as well as the Christmas break period and the February 2023 half term.

FSM eligible families in West Sussex will be entitled to a **£15.00 voucher per child** for the week of the **October half term**.

For children who are not FSM eligible but whose families need urgent support with food here in West Sussex, we have the Community Hub operating.

Evouchers has been selected to facilitate these upcoming schemes for all schools across West Sussex. Schools that previously issued vouchers to parents used the Edenred platform.

**Community Hub**

Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access urgent support for food via the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 9:00 – 17:00 seven days a week. Further information can be found via the [West Sussex County Council website](#).

Wishing you a good half term week.

Yours sincerely

*Helen Morris*

Mrs Helen Morris  
Headteacher

# **This Harvest we most need:**

- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Sugar
- Tinned fish
- Hot chocolate
- Tin openers
- Tinned vegetables
- Rice pudding
- Instant coffee
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Instant noodles/rice
- Strong carrier bags

## **Thank you!**



# Friends of Summerlea School F.O.S.S



**Annual General Meeting**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

Come and meet the Committee and share your ideas!

**Meeting Room @ Summerlea  
Monday 17th October @ 2pm**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

# RUSTINGTON MUSEUM



**Get crafty at half-term  
making spooky masks.**

**25 - 27 October**

**10am-1pm and 1.30-3pm**

**Fancy Dress welcome!**

**Everything points to Seurat and Signac....  
To POINTILLISM!**

**Saturday 29th October 2022**

**10.30-12.30 and 2.00-4.00**

We provide all the art materials there is a refreshment break during the workshop.

The children can create and take their masterpieces home!

Please book your child's space by online at [www.arundelmuseum.org](http://www.arundelmuseum.org) or 01903 885866

The cost per child is £10.



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