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Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

With the clocks having gone back at the end of half term week, the evenings are drawing in and it is feeling very autumnal. Please ensure your child always has a coat in school given the unpredictability of the British weather and the very wet and windy weather we have experienced recently. Do also talk to your child about needing to 'be seen to be safe' on darker mornings and evenings. We want them to be easily visible by drivers and in poor light conditions. Wearing reflective material in the dark so they can be seen (even just a small patch on their bag or coat, for example, can help).

Remembrance Day

Today is Armistice Day and this weekend is Remembrance Sunday. In school, all classes have spent time this week reflecting on the significance of this and capturing discussions and lessons in our floor books that we use for RE and RSHCE. We are supporting the Poppy Appeal and poppies are available from the office for a donation towards the Royal British Legion.

Curriculum guides and homework

Curriculum guides and homework for this half term have been published. 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

We are sadly going to be saying goodbye to some more staff shortly.

Mrs Mortimer (Individual Needs Assistant and Midday Meals Supervisor) is leaving next Friday as she moves on to pastures new.

Mrs Conrad has made the difficult decision to resign from her post as class teacher and EYFS leader here at Summerlea. As many of you will be aware, Mrs Conrad is currently on maternity leave and was due to return to work in the summer term next year. She has gained a new part-





















time role at Bognor Regis Nursery School as SEND teacher and SENDCo. She will be working afternoons, starting in January, which will allow her more time to spend with her young family.

After 11 and a half years at Summerlea, Mrs Moore (my Personal Assistant and Clerk to Governors) is leaving having been successful at interview for Sussex Police as a Police 999 Contact Officer. Congratulations to Mrs Moore on attaining this exciting new role which we know she will be excellent at. Her last day will be Friday 6th January 2023.

Mrs Foreman (temporary Finance Assistant) also finishes with us at the end of this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these members of our staff team for their hard work and support during their time in post and to wish them all the very best in the future. They have all contributed to the continuous development and improvement of our school, supporting the work of governors and staff, as well as pupils and their families, and will be very much missed. We are in the process of recruiting for a number of vacancies and further information is available via our website under School Information > Vacancies.

I am really pleased to be able to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Hawkins (currently acting EYFS leader) as full-time EYFS leader as from next September 2023. Congratulations to Mrs Hawkins and thank you for your continued commitment to our school and the EYFS team and children.

I am also very pleased that we have appointed a new SENDCo who will be in post from the start of January. Miss Zoe Chandler is currently Inclusion Assistant at Nyewood in Bognor Regis, working across both the infant and junior schools. She comes with a wealth of experience and will be working towards her NASENCo qualification during her time with us. Miss Chandler also has a child here at Summerlea so will be a familiar face to some of you already. We look forward to welcoming her to the team and she will be spending some time in school over the next few weeks to begin getting to know us and the children, as well as completing a handover with the Inclusion Team prior to my departure.

Yellow photos

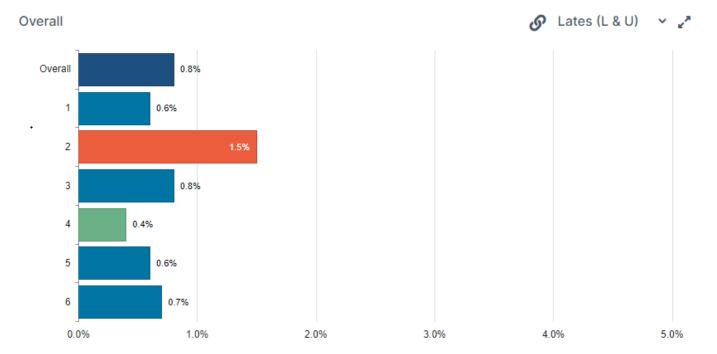
A reminder that next Wednesday 16th November Yellow photography will be in school to take sibling and individual photos. Please ensure you child is in full school uniform on this day.

Children in Need

It is an annual Summerlea tradition to run a whole school fundraising day to support the charity Children in Need and we would like to show our support again this year for this very worthwhile cause. This year, Pudsey is once again sporting a very fetching spotty eye patch and is encouraging all fundraisers to 'show their spots!'. Therefore, we will be inviting all children to get 'SPOTACULAR' coming into school next **Friday 18th November** wearing some spotty clothes of their choice. Children can also wear any Pudsey-related merchandise that they have on the day. (Please note that we will <u>not</u> be selling Pudsey merchandise in school this year.) We know that times are tough for us all right now but any small donation to Children in Need will go towards making a big difference to the lives of children. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing all the spotty creations!

Attendance & Punctuality

Lateness - late before the register closes is coded 'L', late after register closes is coded 'U'.



As you know, we regularly analyse our attendance and punctuality data. We are currently focused on improving punctuality and we are asking parents / carers to complete a late slip. This helps us identify barriers to children arriving at school on time. We really want to work with families to overcome these barriers, as being late can set children back for the day. A member of staff may talk to you if your child is regularly late to find out how we can help. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have concerns about getting your child/ren to school on time each day.

48 hour rule

A reminder, that if your child has suffered with sickness and/or diarrhoea that they cannot return to school until <u>48 hours</u> after their last episode.

Conduct

We politely request that all adults coming onto our school grounds are mindful of the language they are using. In the same way that we would not tolerate bad or inappropriate language from our pupils, we will not tolerate this from other members of our community. Our concern is that our pupils and younger siblings are hearing this and we thank you for your support in ensuring that our values, vision and key three are being modelled by all stakeholders.

Poor parking and driving is always a concern as ultimately it is the safety of your child/ren that is put at risk. We have seen an increase in cars parking on zig-zag lines, double yellow lines, on the roundabout, across the cones of the school driveway and on pavements. We have been lucky enough to have the Parking Enforcement Officers in the vicinity this week and we were shocked to hear that they had been verbally abused whilst carrying out their duties.

We would like to draw your attention to the Parental Code of Conduct that can be found on our website under the 'School Information > Policies' and in particular the following section, "Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour both on the school premises and when in the vicinity so as to maintain good relations with our neighbours."

If you witness poor language being used then please do report this to a member of staff so that we can address this.

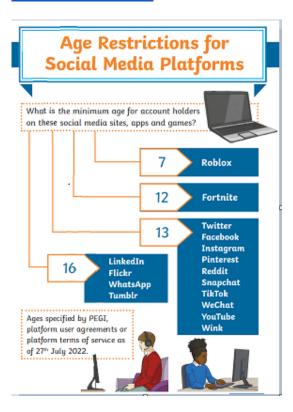
Safeguarding

Online safety is part of our curriculum. Social media sites are used widely and we are aware that many of our children are using platforms that are designed for much older users. Age restrictions are in place to protect young people.

Please check the age ratings of the sites your child/children use.

We know that many cases of abuse now happen over the internet and <u>children using</u> devices unchecked and alone in rooms is a huge risk.

More information can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/



Online Abuse - Help for Parents

Children can be groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities online. Any child with unsupervised access to the internet is potentially at risk. To help parents understand this difficult topic and talk to their children, the UKSIC has produced a checklist and resources about online sexual abuse. Find the information here: https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/coerced-online-child-sexualabuse

Summerlea School Pupil Council Update

- The school councillors have been working with the governors on an advert for our new headteacher.
- The children have said that they feel more sports equipment would help improve their playtimes and are now forming an action team to think about how this can be achieved.
- The Year 6 children have voted on another Year 6 leavers hoodie colour choice (in addition to yellow and green) and are ready to liaise with the parent/s organising them this year.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely
Helen Morris
Mrs Helen Morris
Headteacher





East Preston Youth Football Club Player Recruitment



Footballers Wanted For Children in School Year Reception and Year 2

East Preston Youth Football Club are going from strength to strength with our aim to provide a fun and safe environment for local children to enjoy their football.

Training sessions are held every Saturday at East Preston Football Club. 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 DBS checked and FA Safeguarding qualified.

We would also welcome any parents who would like to coach or help out at the club. Full support will be provided.

Call 0791 711 7027 or email ross.eastprestonfc@gmail.com



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About the event

In this workshop, we will explore the common issues that young people face, and difficulties around talking about mental health and emotional wellbeing. The session will include practical strategies and approaches that parents, carers and family members can use when talking with their child about mental health, and strategies to learn to build wellbeing and resilience.

Choose your date and click on the links below to book your place. These are the last available dates and places are limited so book nowl

Saturday 26 November 2022 - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Tuesday 6 December 2022 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 12 January 2023 - 2.15pm - 5.15pm

Saturday 28 January 2023 - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 2 February 2023 - 10.30am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 7 February 2023 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 9 February 2023 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 4 March 2023 - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 9 March 2023 - 2.15pm - 5.15pm

Saturday 11 March 2023 - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 16 March 2023 - 10.30am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 21 March 2023 - 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 25 March 2023 - 10.00am - 1.00pm



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