



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



Thursday 15th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing my last newsletter to you all. I feel incredibly privileged to have been the headteacher of Summerlea for the past eight years and a term and I would like to thank everyone (governors, staff and parents) for their support. The children, past and present, have brought me a great deal of joy and never failed to brighten my day. Over the past few weeks, I have met with Ms Smailes on a number of occasions to ensure a smooth transition and know the school will be in safe hands whilst governors look to recruit a permanent headteacher next term.

Ofsted

As you will be aware, Ofsted inspected our school last week. We are unable to share the outcome of the inspection at this time but the report will be sent to you once it is published - it is anticipated this should be at some point towards the end of January. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff team for their continued hard work, the children for being so polite when meeting and talking to inspectors and to parents for their feedback and kind messages of support.

Christmas celebrations

Well done to Year 2 for their excellent Christmas performance of 'Superstar' and EYFS for their brilliant Nativity 'Bundle of Joy'. There was great speaking, dancing, singing and acting and it was wonderful to see the children taking to the stage with such enjoyment and confidence. Thank you for the kind donations towards FOSS as well.

Our Carols by Candlelight service was really well attended at the start of this week. Glee sang their hearts out and the narrators spoke with great confidence. It was also lovely to welcome back two ex-pupils who sang solos and blew us away! A huge thank you to all of the staff involved and a special thank you to Joel and This Charming House. Having a live band was a truly memorable and magical experience for the adults and children alike. We raised £38.41 for Winston's Wish – a charity particularly close to our hearts at school and would like to thank you for your generous donations.

Today, Christmas jumper day meets Cowbell assembly and Chartwells Christmas lunch! Tomorrow afternoon the children will have their Christmas parties – a savoury and sweet treat



will be provided by school as well as drink. Children should wear school uniform please as we have a special assembly in the morning.

As previously communicated, we are saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this term and I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Robins, Miss Camble, Mrs Conrad, Mrs Dale and Mrs Foreman for their contribution to our school during their time with us. Goodbye and thank you also to Mrs Sacree who kindly returned to support me in my role as SENDCo this term and finishes tomorrow.

Friends of Summerlea School (FOSS)

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre – there was a brilliant turn out and it was lovely to see the whole school community coming together at the start of the festive season. Just over £1,500 was raised for the school which is an incredible achievement given this was our first fayre for a little while and the current financial challenges so many people are facing. Well done FOSS and thank you again to parents, relatives and friends for supporting us.

As in previous years, FOSS have once again put some of their funds towards a virtual pantomime (Jack and the Beanstalk) for all of our children to enjoy in the build up to Christmas – thank you.

Year 6 residential

Our Year 6 activity and residential week took place towards the end of last month. A big thank you to all of the staff that volunteered to go away with the children to Mill On The Brue. As always, the children did themselves and us proud throughout the week and it has been lovely to hear about their adventures and achievements.

Staffing news

I am very pleased to be able to report that we will have filled almost all of our vacancies come January. We are delighted to welcome Miss Francombe as PA and Clerk to Governors and Mrs Lebeau as Finance Assistant. We have also appointed Mrs Knobel as class teacher who will be in EYFS in Willow Class and starting with us in the summer term. In the interim, Ms Gerring (EYFS and Year 1 Class Teacher) and Mrs Chaney (one of our regular supply teachers) will be job-sharing in Willow Class and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their continued commitment to our school and children.

Free School Meals

Voucher Scheme

Following the award of the governments' Household Support Fund to help support vulnerable households and individuals with essentials, West Sussex County Council is pleased to announce that families with Free School Meal (FSM) eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming Christmas Holiday period.

FSM eligible families in West Sussex will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child, per week, to cover the two-week school Christmas Holiday period. For simplicity, schools may wish to issue one £30.00 voucher per FSM eligible child.

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.

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](#).

Coming soon!

Mrs Robins is currently busy recording short videos to further explain the Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS) badge criteria to help parents support their children when preparing for their 'interview'. You will be signposted to these as soon as they are ready – many thanks to Mrs Robins for preparing these as a very fitting 'parting gift' to Summerlea School.

Uniform

In the approach to the end of term we have seen a decline in children wearing the correct uniform to school. Our expectation is that as of January, all children return in full uniform so please ensure over the holidays you check clothes and shoes are in line with our policy and fit. A reminder that trainers may be worn but they must be **plain** black. Nail varnish should be removed before school please. Given the colder weather we have been experiencing, we also strongly recommend children have a tracksuit in their PE bag. As per our uniform policy, jogging bottoms and hoodies should be plain, dark colours with no logos or bright colours. Thank you for your support.

Parking issues

Residents in Taylor Close have politely requested that parents please do not park in the private parking bays which are clearly signposted as being private parking only. Parents have also raised concerns about people parking inconsiderately and unsafely outside of the school, including on the roundabout on Windsor Drive. I must reiterate that we have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates, however, the safety of our pupils is paramount and we feel a moral obligation to challenge dangerous or illegal parking. We also urge you to report concerns about driving and parking to operation crackdown at: <http://www.operationcrackdown.org> Thank you for your help and support.

After School Care Club

Please remember that After School Care Club will **not** be open on the last day of term. School closes at 3pm for all children on Friday 16th December.

INSET days

As published at the start of this academic year, a reminder that there are two INSET days at the beginning of next term. School will be closed on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January and the children return on Thursday 5th January.

Season's greetings to you all and I wish you and your child/ren all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Mrs Helen Morris
Headteacher

14th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Work to keep school meal price increase as low as possible for West Sussex families

West Sussex County Council has had to make the difficult decision to increase the cost of primary school meals following work to keep the price as low as possible for families amid rising costs.

From 3rd January 2023, the cost of a daily school meal will increase by 19p, from £2.52 to £2.71, across all primary schools supplied by Chartwells and Easy Lunch.

This rise will not affect families whose children receive Universal Free School meals*, or those who receive means-tested Free School Meals*. The price of secondary school meals is not set by West Sussex County Council so will not be affected by this change.

The decision comes as school meal providers in West Sussex and nationally are experiencing huge financial pressures due to the rise in inflation and the cost of food.

We understand how disappointing this decision will be for those who will see a price increase, and the difficult timing of this news when costs are increasing throughout our daily lives.

We want to assure you that this not a decision the County Council has taken lightly and comes only after we exhausted all options with providers and did everything we could to keep the price increase to a minimum.

We're continuing to work with providers to put into place measures to help keep costs as low as possible while maintaining food quality and standards for your children and young people.

At the same time, we continue to offer a range of support for the most vulnerable children, families and households and I encourage anyone who is struggling to seek the support available. Please see the additional information provided below.

Your sincerely,

JOHN FIGGINS

Head of Catering Services

Cost of living support

If you live in West Sussex and need help or support in relation to the cost of living, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/costofliving, where you'll find information on a range of topics, from money management to energy saving, food and household costs, job seeking and benefits guidance, to how to access further support.

***Additional information**

Universal Free School Meals are available to every school-age child attending a government-funded school in West Sussex (maintained, free schools and academies), up to and including year 2, irrespective of family earning.

Free School Meals are available for low-income families so children are provided free meals throughout their primary and secondary education. Parents can apply on the WSCC website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

The Council have also supported all Free School Meal children with supermarket food vouchers during each school holiday since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. This provides financial support to around 18,500 eligible children.

RUSTINGTON MUSEUM

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

FREE EVENT

20th, 21st & 22nd December

10am – 12:30pm

Suitable for ages 5+, though younger ones are welcome to come and colour

01903 788478

museum@rustingtonpc.org





School Crossing Patrol needed at

Rustington Community Primary School – North Lane
08.15 – 08.50am and 14.50 – 15.25pm.

West Sussex County Council employs a large team of dedicated men and women who assist children across busy roads. This is a great opportunity to play a key role in your community.

Using specific procedures and after full training, you will control traffic and pedestrians, including young children and their parents, every school day.

Benefits include regular monthly pay, full training, uniform provided free and an opportunity to work at West Sussex County Council. The hourly rate of pay will be £10.59.

The Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS background security check and medical assessment.

For more information and to complete your application go to

westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/search-for-a-job

and search for School Crossing Patrol.

If you are unable to apply online or have further questions please contact the Assistant Area Co-ordinator, Sue Madden, on 07594 510698.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU



CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

WHEN

9:30am-3pm Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd of December

AGE GROUPS

School years 1-7

WHERE

Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

PRICE

£20 a day or £80 for all 5 days
8:45am early drop off available for £3



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FREE DENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDER 5'S

Wednesday's 10am - 2pm

- Dental Check Up ●
- OH Instructions ●
- Activities ●
- Goody Bags ●

Limited availability and booking is essential, so get in touch to book your child's appointment NOW!

**Book Now on
01903 776865**





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