



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

Friday, 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly this half term has whizzed by! So much has happened at Summerlea and with the appointment of a new headteacher we have exciting developments ahead of us too. As a staff we have been focusing on the development points from the Ofsted inspection with 'making the greatest gains in learning' as our main focus.

I hope you enjoy half term and get valuable time as a family to enjoy what is predicted to be some warmer weather.

Half term

A reminder that we break up for half term today, Friday 10th February. Term resumes on Monday 20th February.

Chartwells hot school meals

On the first day of the new half term (Monday 20th February) 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 Meal Voucher scheme – February Half Term

West Sussex County Council has confirmed that families with Free School Meal eligible children will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child during the upcoming February half term. Families that qualify should receive their voucher electronically.

If you think you are entitled and haven't received your voucher then please contact the Office.

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

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 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week. Further information can be found via the [West Sussex County Council website](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

World Book Day

Summerlea will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. A sponsored reading race is being organised for the children and further details about this and other events are being sent to all in a separate letter today, as some children may want to get started reading over half term! A book sale will be held during the afternoon and 'Summerlea Second Hand Bookshop' will be open to parents after school from 3:00 - 3:30pm. Please could we ask you for any donations of high quality books in good condition that we can sell at this event. All proceeds will be spent on new books for our library.



Therapy Dog

After the sad loss of Nanna, the Pets as Therapy charity has found us a volunteer to carry on the good work that Nanna started. Toby, a 2 year old golden retriever and his owner, Elva, will be joining us on Tuesday afternoons after half term. He has already visited and has made friends across the school.

Staffing News


We are sad to let you know that we will be saying goodbye to Amy Callaway, our Pupil Premium Teacher, at the end of the Spring term.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC have launched a new campaign, 'Listen Up, Speak Up', aimed at giving adults practical advice, about how to address concerns about a child. We know that under 18 yr olds are increasingly in need of safe adults to talk to both in school and out of it. We hope you find their resources useful for when you are speaking to your own children or friends or other family members. www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/

How can I help?


1

 **Show you care and help them open up.** Give the child your full attention and keep your body language open and encouraging. Be compassionate, understanding and reassure them their feelings are important. Phrases like 'you've shown so much courage today' help.

2

 **Take your time and slow down.** Respect pauses and don't interrupt the child – let them go at their own pace. Recognise and respond to their body language. And remember it may take a few conversations for them to share something.

3

 **Show you understand and reflect back.** Make it clear you're interested in what the child's telling you. Reflect back what they've said to check your understanding. Notice the words they're using, and use similar language to help show it's their experience. If they use any words you don't understand, ask them what they mean.

Parent Governor Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Heather Roberts as a Parent Governor. Mrs Roberts has two children attending Summerlea School and with a strong financial background and experience of team building, we are sure she will be an asset to the board and the school.

Strike Days

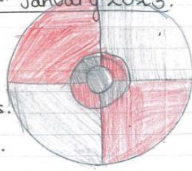
The NEU teaching union has further strike action planned for the 2nd, 15th and 16th March and we will let you know via Parentmail the week before each of these dates whether the school will be open, to enable you to plan childcare if required. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay.

Positivity Post

We'd like to share some beautiful writing from two of our Y5 pupils. Both of these children put in their very best effort and for that they should feel super proud.

To analyse Vikings life in Britain and identify the importance to trade within this. Monday 30th January 2023.

TRADING: The Vikings traded all over Europe and as far east as central Asia. traded with materials like: wool, cotton, iron, fur, fishy food, silk and spices. also enslaved people too.



Vikings Jobs: mostly men did the jobs like Blacksmiths, farmers, hunters and craftsmen and more. Children helped their parents and women cleaned, cooked and help farming.

VIKING HOUSES AND LIVING: Surprisingly Vikings didn't have 3 or 4 rooms they just had 1 massive room. It could be crowded and smelly. They had to dig a hole for going to the toilet, and they used lakes or rivers for cleaning themselves up.

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE IN VIKING BRITAIN AND WHAT PART DID TRADE PLAY IN THEIR LIVES.

P.S. FAMILIES: Generally, Vikings were living in families. men were usually farmers, or slaves (and even hunters). did most of the work like fighting etc. women: women take care of the babies, looked after their families and weaved cloths and cooked. boys would usually learn to fight, hunt, help with crops and would take their father's place. girls: girls would help clean around house, help take care of the babies and learn to cook.

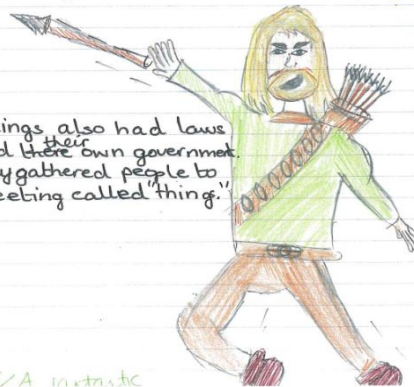


RELIGIONS: Vikings believed in lots of Gods and Goddesses like, Thor the god of midgawrd and god of lightning, Odlin the God of fate, Loki the shapeshifting mischeivious one, Freyja the Goddess of LOVE and DEATH. Vikings believed that if they died in a tragical they be rewarded to go to Asgawrd to party drink and have fun with the god Odlin and the bad

Vikings also had laws and their own government. They gathered people to meeting called thing.

✓/A fantastic

VIKING'S



Monday 30 January 2023

Task: analyse Viking life in Britain and

Many Vikings worked as farmers or carpenters. They would have to do everything by hand.



On the farms, Vikings would grow crops, milk cows and feed the animals.



The Vikings would trade quite a few things, such as silk, silver, spices and more.



Viking women would normally cook stews or porridge. They would also tend to the farm.



You would be surprised by this, but Vikings had laws and people who broke the laws became outlaws. They had to live in the wilderness and anyone could hunt them down or kill them.



What was Viking life like?

Fun fact

Viking boys would be named after their fathers.

Vikings lived in strange houses compared to me now. The houses often had only one room and every one had to share it.



✓/A very informative and eye-catching

Fun fact

Near the end of the Viking era they started to

Calling all young people in West Sussex

The below surveys have been designed by the West Sussex Youth Cabinet to share with our pupils:

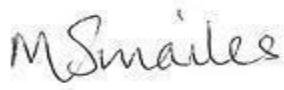
[Safety Survey](#) - this survey questions how safe you feel as a pedestrian, how comfortable you feel around the police and how well-informed you feel.

[Health and Wellbeing Survey](#) - this survey looks at mental health and what support is available for young people. It also asks for feedback on what support is lacking and what you may want to know more about.

Thank you in advance for your help in gathering as much feedback as possible from young people across West Sussex.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MSmailes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Ms Marie Smailes
Executive Headteacher

A new school lunch
ordering system,
ParentPay, is
coming to your
school.



Book all meals, universal, free or
paid, online, for all school lunches
from Monday 6th March.

Ordered meals will be served from
Monday 17th April

It's easy, quick and safe.
Select your meal choices in advance.

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

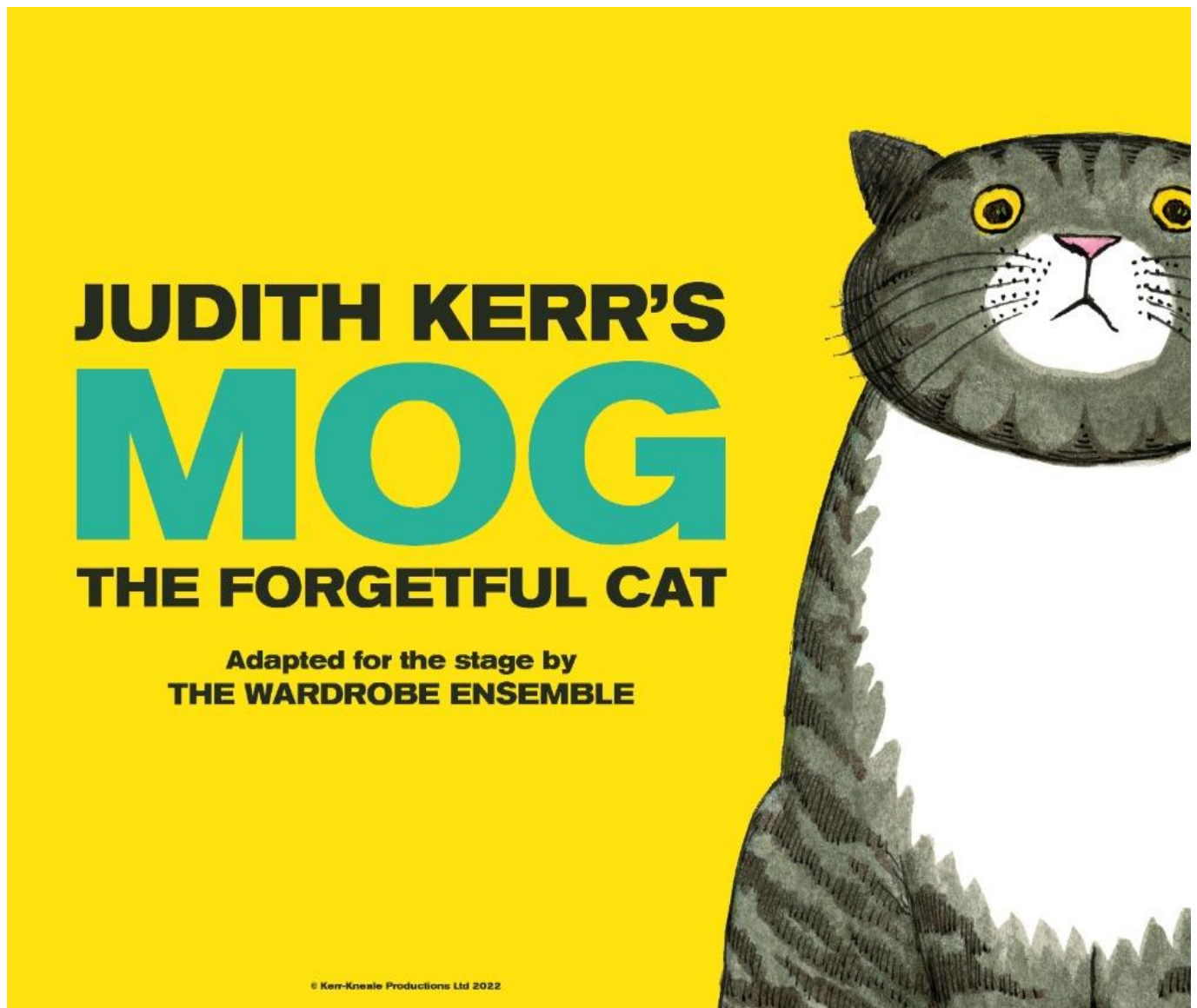
Judith Kerr's Mog The Forgetful Cat

Mog is a very forgetful cat, but sometimes her forgetfulness can come in handy for her wild adventures. Based on the beloved children's books by **Judith Kerr** and adapted for the stage by **The Wardrobe Ensemble**. Featuring a lively and enchanting production with songs, live music and a menagerie of creatures little and large. Join Mog and the Thomas family, on a journey through one year in the life of a really remarkable cat.

Sat 6 May & Sun 7 May, 11:30am & 2:30pm | Pavilion Theatre

To book tickets, head to the WTM webpage at wtm.uk

or call our Box Office at 01903 206 206





FEBRUARY
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Village
Primary
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Storrington

Chanctonbury
Leisure Centre
RH20 4BG

Bognor Regis

Barnham
Community
Hall
PO22 0AY

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www.southdownsleisure.co.uk

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8.30-4pm £24.95
Use online code WS20 for
20% off expires 01.02.23

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Have a funtastic February half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

Staying Healthy

Illness

Feelings

Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource
for learning about health



Games

Activities

Quizzes

Parents and Carers!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can
get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

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Text a school nurse for
confidential advice and
support

07312 277011

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