



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term to all of you!

I finished at North Lancing on Wednesday and I am now going to be here full time after the May half term. I cannot wait for the time to begin. I wanted to put on record my thanks to Mrs Smailes who has been interim headteacher here since January and we wish her all the best at Rustington Primary moving forward.

I wanted to take the time to thank the parents who have filled in the online survey - it has been really informative and will always help in making decisions moving forward. Without going into too much detail, it was lovely to see that over 94% of children feel happy at the school and we aim to keep moving that forward even more! I also acknowledge that there are particular areas that need to be improved and hopefully some stability at the school will help in this - we will always strive to do better. If you still haven't, but would like to, the survey is still online and available.

Moving forward, 'drop in with Mr. Todd' sessions will be running in Juniper Class (which can be accessed from the key stage 2 playground) on Monday 12th June (straight after drop off between 8:20-9:00am) and Tuesday 13th June (3.00-3.45pm) in the same location. This is an opportunity to come and meet me and some of the SLT team and speak to us about anything school related. If you are unable to make these dates, please feel free to email the office. I look forward to meeting you.

Have a lovely half-term break and I look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday 6th June.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who comes to school each day in the correct uniform. Here are a few reminders to help maintain our high standards and pride in our school uniform:

Socks: plain white, plain grey, plain dark green or plain black socks or tights. No logos please.

Shoes: these must be suitable for school wear i.e. black and sensible. Plain black trainers are acceptable. No white/coloured logos or symbols.

PE Kit: White t-shirt (with or without school logo), plain green / black / white shorts of an appropriate length.

Early Years

Our Early Years children had a brilliant time when the emergency services visited recently.

They had a visit from a Paramedic who brought an ambulance and a Police Officer who brought his police car. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Walters for their time - what a way to spend your day off together - we really appreciate it!





The children LOVED the experience, they learnt some first aid; what to do if someone chokes, how to put someone in the recovery position and they all got to go inside the ambulance. Some children tried out the stretcher, some children had their pulse taken. They also got to sit in the police car, see all of the equipment police officers have to wear on their uniform and they even got to dress up!



Goodbye and Thank You

I'm disappearing back to my Rustington home base after half term and want to thank you, your lovely children and the amazing staff at Summerlea for welcoming me into your fold. It seems a long time ago now when I was talking to the Governors about supporting the school and in the end walked in, literally straight after the Ofsted, stayed for 1 ½ terms before handing over to your new Headteacher. It will be an exciting time for the school in the months ahead.

I hope going forward that the close links our schools now have will enable greater opportunities for the children and staff as we can work far more collaboratively. We have a combined Music Venture for the children in the pipeline, staff training and liaison and that's just the beginning.

However, I wasn't sure about Mr Todd's statement in his first letter to parents about Summerlea being the school of choice in the future... I'll be fighting you for that – we can both be the best schools in the locality!

Kind Regards.

Ms Smailes

Safeguarding

Online Identity - Who we are in the real world is not always who we are online, but our online identity is important for a multitude of different reasons. Internet Matters and Dr. Linda Papadopoulos have a series of 6 short videos plus some guides which discuss the pressures that children face online and developing their online identity. You can find the resources [HERE](#).

ChatGPT - Many of you will have now heard of and dabbled with ChatGPT. The capabilities are extraordinary! Some parents may not be aware of it so Childnet have put together an informative blog for parents/carers to explain AI and ChatGPT, what it can/can't do and importantly, the safety considerations. You can find the blog [HERE](#).



Virtual Reality - virtual reality headsets generally offer really positive experiences but, as with anything there are risks, so Childnet have put a great blog together for parents to understand what VR is, age restrictions and considerations. You can find the blog [HERE](#).

EYFS & KS1 Snacks

For children who are in early years and key stage 1 free fruit is provided for morning snack. Children do not need any other snacks for morning break but, if you feel they do need something additional, please ensure this is healthy and where at all possible, has no plastic packaging. The school pupil council are working hard to reduce litter and we are also trying to reduce the amount of fruit wastage.

Free School Meal Voucher scheme – May Half Term

West Sussex County Council confirmed that families with Free School Meal eligible children will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child during the upcoming holidays. These have already been sent out by email, so please let us know if you have not received this.

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Mr J Todd
Headteacher



Summerlea

Weeks Ending:

Star Pupils

Maple: Willow R & Polly D	Elm: Arthur K & Isabelle B
Willow: Marnie C & Elsie B	Beech: Thea A & Mikey K
Holly: Harper C & Jenson K	Elder: Zena G & Lilly-Belle B
Oak: Ivy W & Maisie R	Cherry: Whole class & Joey J
Hawth: Whole class & Hallie L	Syc: Ronnie N & Amelia B
Cedar: Whole class & Stanley J	Rowan: Max L & Albie C
Redw: Preston B & Kirill K	Aspen: Jack R & Jack P
Chesn: Caleb C & Lexi-Anne H	



Superstars

19th and 26th May

Values Awards

Maple: Hamza H & Millie A	Elm: Phoebe D & Arhur K
Willow: Bella S & Arthur R	Beech: Brody L & Kian L
Holly: Tiarna Marie C & Charlie R	Cherry: Mary J & Ryan G
Oak: Carter W & Reggie D	Elder: Whole class & Freya S
Hawth: Francesco H & Whole class	Syc: Finley B & Millie T
Cedar: Theodore L & Whole class	Rowan: Chloe N & Gabriella Z
Redw: George J & Lilly A	Aspen: Brooklyn P & Josie-Paige J
Chesn: Hattie J & Teo D	