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Welcome Back

It was good to see children and parents arriving for school on Monday morning; positive, rested and happy to be back. If that was not your situation, please get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Our school is positively brimming with work on our exciting new learning themes, so I hope your son or daughter has made positive reference to this.

Premises Officer

We need a new Premises Officer! If you have some 'handy' experience and are interested in working at our beautiful school, filled with lovely children, please get in touch about an application pack. Please visit WSCC School jobs website for further details <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/> If you already have a DBS and could spare some hours voluntarily doing some essential maintenance (litter picking, light gardening) and have a DBS check, please get in touch with Elspeth Elsey in the first instance. We look forward to hearing you – thank you.

Playground Gates

We would like to inform parents/carers that playground gates including Holmesdale entrance will open at 8.30am and will close promptly at 3.30pm.

School Uniform

Just a quick reminder about shoes – nothing open-toed or 'strappy', because we need to encourage active play. School shoes should be black and on every day (right up until the end of term I am afraid, Y6 parents). Our pupils can bring trainers to change into at playtime, but school shoes the rest of the time please. Our summer uniform is a green summer dress or grey pinafore or shorts. Socks should be worn every day, because blisters can quickly develop.

Sunny Weather

Please apply sun screen before school, rather than providing it for your child because they may share it with someone who is allergic to an ingredient. Children all need a named hat and water bottle in school every day too. If your child is very fair, you may want to consider long sleeves and trousers, but we do encourage children to seek shade. The pollen count has been high this week and we have noticed an increase in runny noses, eyes and asthma symptoms. If your child needs an antihistamine, please ensure that this is taken before school where possible. If your son/daughter needs to take hay fever medication during the school day, we are only able to administer prescription medication. Any prescription

medication to be administered during the school day must be supplied to us in the original pharmacist's packaging and you will need to complete a "Request for School to Administer Medicine Form" which can be obtained from Mrs Marples or Mrs Southgate in the school office.

Textile Bank



A textile bank will be delivered on Monday morning. You can donate unwanted clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, bedding and towels. There will be monthly collections and the school will receive £0.40 per kilo.

KS1 Play Equipment is Open!

Teaching staff have taught children some sensible health and safety rules to prevent accident or injury. These are:

- Use a one-way system (starting the end closest to the school car park)
- Look below and around you before jumping off equipment



Please be aware that the equipment is designed for 4-7 year olds attending our school, so your pre-school child needs very close supervision at your own risk because we cannot accept liability for misuse. Our KS1 playground closes when the last child is collected.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Candida Reece, Head teacher

Recent Events

Book Review Competition

Thank you for the Book Reviews that we received. One prize will be awarded to each of the groups; Y1 and Y2, Y3 and 4 and Y5 & 6. Winners will be notified and their parents/carers will be invited to see the prizes being awarded on Friday 4th May during our Celebration assembly.



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Other News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Grace C from 4S who won the Sterling Property Services colouring competition just before the Easter Break.



Reaching Families

Reaching Families is a West Sussex organisation aimed at supporting Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with additional needs and/or disabilities. They are currently running a series of free workshops across the County on such topics as Managing Challenging Behaviour, Disability Living Allowance, Transition to Secondary School, Sensory Processing Difficulties and Special Support at School. Please visit the webpage for further

details: <https://mailchi.mp/c54a938d6b01/reaching-families-training-workshops-for-autumnwinter-3274501?e=86ff79a182>

Music Clubs

Please note the following start dates for music clubs this term;

Tuesday 24th April Beginners Recorders & Band

Wednesday 25th April Choir

Y5 & 6 Football

KS2 children attended an assembly with RMA Football academy on the last day of term and leaflets were handed to the children. Years 3-6 football club for the summer term will be take place on a Wednesday 3.15pm-4.30pm and will be by RMA. To book a place please visit their website

<https://www.russellmartinfoundation.co.uk/book-a-course/>

Miss K Griffiths

Origami Club

Mr Smyth is opening up his Origami Club back to more children in years 5&6. The club is limited to 30 spaces. Cost per week is £1 and it starts next Friday 27th April. If your child is interested, please ask them to speak to Mr Smyth direct.

Dates for your Diary

(Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



APRIL

24th Y2 Trip to Drusillas
25th – 27th Y5 Trip to Bawdsey Manor

MAY

3rd LMA Quiz Night in Large hall
7th Bank Holiday
14th SATs week in Y6
21st Class and Leavers photos
22nd Parents/Carers meeting regarding the residential trip to Liddington at 3.20pm in the classrooms
25th INSET DAY

JUNE

4th INSET DAY
New Parents meeting for children starting school in September 2018 at 7pm
11th -15th Y6 Trip to Liddington
16th LMA Summer Fayre
18th-22nd Science week
21st KS2 Junior Music morning at St Wilfrids
22nd No celebration assembly due to the National Physics Society visiting
28th Y5 Trip to the Big Bang at Ardingly

JULY

4th London Meed Transition Day
Y6 Transition Day to Downlands and TBHA
9th Y6 Swimming
No Y3 swimming
10th Transition Day to Warden Park
11th Y6 production at 5.30pm
12th Reports to parents/carers
Y6 production at 6pm
13th Sports Day from 1.15pm
16th-20th Y6 Bikeability week
20th Sports Day Reserve
23rd Y6 Awards Ceremony 9-10am
Y6 Leavers event at 7pm



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In Year 3? Want to find out about netball?

Thinking about joining a club?

Join us for a High 5's netball Taster Session in the summer at the Triangle Leisure Centre

Sessions will be active, lots of fun and FREE

Dates: Saturday 19th May

Time: 9.00-10.30 or 10.45- 12.15

If you have a daughter who is currently in Y3 and would like to give netball a go, please go to

www.midsussexnetball.org.uk

(<http://www.midsussexnetball.org.uk>)

“contact us” and fill in the online Taster session form

We will get back to you to let you know which session you have been allocated.

Places are limited, so don't delay

We look forward to meeting you over the summer

Any queries, please contact us

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