



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

It's good to see happy and rested faces following a break from school, Happy New Year. I hope the break from school was reasonably relaxed for your family. Please feel free to encourage your son or daughter to write thank you cards or letters, because this is shows writing as the meaningful and purposeful activity it is.

100% Attendance

100% attendance certificates have been distributed to classes today, to 177 pupils who came to school every day in the Autumn Term. The class with the greatest number of certificates was Mr Flinter's Year Three with an impressive two-thirds of the class gaining certificates. We do, of course, understand that 100% attendance is not always possible (because no-one means to be unwell), but it is noted and appreciated that a large proportion of our school community is well supported in their learning by families determined to do everything possible to avoid absence. Thank you very much and congratulations to those with certificates.

E Safety

At Safeguarding Training on INSET day, many teaching and non- teaching staff expressed concern about the frequency with which children mention the sites above. There is a good deal of helpful information on our website, but above is a snapshot of the suitability of commonly used social networking sites. Adverts and information sharing by the above sites assumes these ages, so if your child does experience difficulties, it is a good idea to assume that the form of communication is unsuitable for them. Children as young as Year Three have also mentioned playing 'Call of Duty', so if you have an older sibling in the house gaming, please ensure your younger child is not watching or playing. Webcams should not be used in children's bedroom areas and playing games online, with other gamers who are not known in the 'real' world should take place under parental supervision (eg in a shared area of the house rather than a bedroom). Useful links; <http://www.itv.com/loosewomen/get-involved/loose-women-undercover-keeping-your-kids-safe-online> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Online payments for Trips

Just a reminder that as of 1st January all payments for trips will only be accepted online. Please contact Mrs Chalmers if you need a reminder of your Scopay log on details. To pay online please visit <https://www.scopay.com/>
Katherine Chalmers

Y5 Art Day



and using wax resist) to produce some stunning Viking longboat scenes.

Y6 Viking Day



Yesterday, Y5 started their topic 'The Vicious Vikings' with a visit from an art consultant. They worked using various techniques (such as

Y6 enjoyed a stunning start to their topic "The Vicious Vikings" with a Viking Day Experience on Thursday 5th January which was paid for by the school. It was an amazing

experience for children and teachers, too. The session was not only very informative but very entertaining and engaging, too.

"I found the yesterday's session fun and very informative. Also, Mr Barry knew a lot of historical facts, where the Vikings came from and how they used their weapons." said Daniel 6B "The Viking Day was loads of fun and educational, too." said Izzy-Rose 6S

Sugar



Did you know that the maximum amount of sugar children may eat per day is 5 teaspoons between 4 and 6 years, 6 teaspoons between 7 and 10 years and 7 teaspoons for the rest of us? Please look at the sugar content of cereals commonly eaten in your house to make sure the maximum amount, intended to be eaten throughout the day, is not eaten before school starts.

School community who are vulnerable to infection

Please be aware that we always have pupils, parents and staff who need to avoid infection, either because of an underlying medical condition, or because they are immunosuppressed. If one sibling has a notifiable disease such as chicken pox, or scarlet fever, please do everything you can to avoid bringing them onto the school premises. This is the reason we always ask you to seek medical advice before bringing a child with a rash to school.

Choir and Band

Choir and Band will not recommence until the week beginning 16th January. Please note there will be no choir on Wednesday 25th January and there will be no band on Tuesday 31st January due to Mrs Walker being out of school those dates.



Other News

LMA - Bags2School

The LMA are organising a Bag2School collection on Thursday 26th January to raise funds for the school. Have you any unwanted items? The school will earn 40 p per kg We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE;

Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). We **DO NOT** accept: Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Bags will be sent home with your child in the next few days. Please bring bags to the small hall from 8.30am on Thursday 26th January, all bags will be collected by lunchtime. We are unable to accept bags before this date as we do not have the storage capacity.



Dates for your Diary for the Autumn Term.

(Further dates for the academic year can be found on the calendar on our website)

(More information to follow)



JANUARY

20th Drama4all EYFS, Y1 and Y2
25th No choir
26th LMA Bags2school
31st No band

FEBRUARY

16th The Orchard Night in the Museum Pyjama Party at 5pm
17th Last day of half term
20th – Half term
24th First day back after half term
27th

MARCH

14th Parent Consultations 3-5pm
16th Parent Consultations 3-7pm

APRIL

7th Last day of term
10th -21st Easter break
24th First day back after Easter break

Message from Burgess Hill Town Council

Burgess Hill Town Council, in conjunction with Mid Sussex District Council, Burgess Hill Local History Society and the Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network, is creating a new Art Trail to enhance public enjoyment of the Green Circle Network; a series of footpaths, cycle tracks and bridleways linking green spaces around the town.

Members of the public will have an opportunity to meet the artists, see their designs and give feedback at a Public Exhibition on Saturday 7th January 2017, 10 – 4pm at Market Place Shopping Centre.

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Book Review



Minecraft

I love it because I love playing it on the Xbox and because it's a great book. Sophie 3F

It teaches you how to build things from Minecraft. Phoebe 3F

Because you can build anything!

Dylan 3F

WSCC Term Dates 2016/2017

Spring term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts: Tuesday 3rd January INSET DAY TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY Children return on 4th January Half term: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February Ends: Friday 7th April
Easter break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 10th April to Friday 21st April
Summer term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts: Monday 24th April INSET DAY FRIDAY 26th MAY Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June INSET DAY MONDAY 5th JUNE Ends: Friday 25th July