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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term week with your children. The next half term is already looking busy, with lots of events going on in the run up to Christmas, so please keep an eye out for ParentMail messages to keep you up to date.

Please can I remind you that nobody should be parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school. The lines are there to ensure that there is clear visibility and it is safe to walk up to the school. By parking on the lines, drivers are compromising the safety of the children. I have also seen parents and carers from the school parking dangerously or inconsiderately in the immediate area, including right on the junction into Hawkins Close. As a school community, we need to have positive relationships with our neighbours and keep everyone safe, so please show consideration when parking near the school. Finally, please can I remind you that you should not be driving onto the school site to drop off or pick up unless you have had permission to use our disabled spaces. I would appreciate you passing this message to family members who do school runs too, as when I talk to grandparents who have parked on site, they are often not aware that they are not allowed to do that.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary. Any new dates added since the last newsletter are in **red**.

Science Week

During Science week (18th - 22nd November), the children may bring in a simple experiment to demonstrate to the rest of their class. We look forward to seeing some exciting work.



BBC Children in Need - Friday 15th November

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year - all children are very welcome to come to school in fancy dress, or just non-uniform. Donations of £1.00 would be



really appreciated for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you!

Christmas Concerts



Tickets for all concerts will be available from class teachers on Wednesday 27th November - you **must** bring your ticket with you to the concert. There will be two tickets available per family for all the concerts taking place.

We would appreciate it if you could try not to bring babies or toddlers along, but if you have to, they can come to some of the concerts (see diary notes below). Can we please ask that you take them out of the hall if they are noisy or cause a distraction to the children - the adults work so hard to help them to learn the songs and their lines and they can be so easily distracted. Thank you 😊

We will be collecting for a local charity at the end of each concert. If anyone can spare some loose

change, that will be very much appreciated. The children will be voting in their classes on which charity we will be supporting this year.

Christmas Dinner

A special Christmas dinner will be served by Chartwells on Wednesday 18th December.



Mains: Roast Turkey or Quorn fillet with roast potatoes, sweetcorn, peas, stuffing, mini sausage and gravy

Desserts: Festive Cupcake or choice of fruit Milk, water or fruit squash

If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Wednesday, but would like to have the free Christmas Dinner, you will need to order on ParentPay by 5th December. If you do not currently have an account with ParentPay, please contact the school office.

PTA News

The PTA have started to plan for our Christmas Fair, which will be on Friday 6th

December between 5.00 -

7.00 pm. We hope you and your family will be able to join us at this popular event. Your child will shortly be coming home with a book of raffle tickets; this gives you a chance to win some great prizes and help raise important funds for the school. The tickets are priced at £1.00 each or £5.00 per book; if you have any tickets you don't require or would like additional tickets to sell to friends and family, please call in to the school office.



We will be holding our usual non-uniform day on Thursday 21st November for which we ask you to bring in a donation towards the Fair. Please can each year group bring in the following:-

Reception classes - sweets/chocolates

Year 1 classes - children tombola items (new toys/toiletries/games)

Year 2 classes - adult tombola items (alcohol/toiletries/gift sets).

In addition, if you are associated to, or know of any companies that could sponsor a stall or donate a raffle prize, we would welcome any assistance; there are some official request letters available

from the office if required. Likewise, if anyone is available to help set-up/run a stall/clear up afterwards, even if only for an hour, it would be a huge help!

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed the recent flu vaccination in school, it is not too late to book an appointment at one of the Community Catch up Clinics.

1. Click on the link www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address (you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form).
3. Enter the school code (SX125928)
4. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent.
5. You will then need to click on the link www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/clinicbooking/booking to book an appointment at one of the Community Catch up Clinics (quoting the booking reference number which you will receive in the confirmation email).

Please do contact Sharon in the office if you are having any difficulties.

A Plea

Please, please could we ask that:

- If your child is having packed lunches, as a healthy school we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (lunchbox sized chocolate coated biscuits such as penguins and kitkats are fine). We also ask that you do not put any nut products i.e. peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches in lunchboxes as we have a few children in school with a severe allergy to nuts. Also, if your child brings a yoghurt for lunch, please can you remember to provide them with a spoon.
- For health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear hooped earrings to school. All stud earrings need to be removed or covered with tape during PE (please provide your child with a reel of micro pore tape that can be kept in their drawer). Thank you.
- Please could we ask that children do not bring large/bulky rucksacks into school unless necessary (e.g. football club day).

We are finding them too large to fit on the children's pegs and, for the younger children in Reception, they are finding them difficult to manage. All the children usually need to bring into school is their bookbag, water bottle and lunch bag (if they do not have a hot dinner). Thank you.

And finally..... we have a few school water bottles for sale from the school office if anyone would like to purchase one, price £1.00.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

| Event | Date | Time |
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| Half term | 28 th October - 1 st November | |
| Inset Day | Monday 4 th November | |
| Parent Consultation Week | w/c 4 th November | |
| Children in Need (non-uniform day) | Friday 15 th November | all day |
| Science Week | w/c 18 th November | |
| Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair donations | Thursday 21 st November | |
| Rainbow Theatre production for Year 2 | Friday 29 th November | pm |
| Welcome Wednesday | Wednesday 4 th December | 2.30 pm |
| PTA Christmas Fair | Friday 6 th December | 5 - 7.00 pm |
| Reception Christmas Nativity for parents | Wednesday 11 th December | 2.15 - 2.45 pm |
| Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children) | Thursday 12 th December | 9.15 - 9.45 am |
| Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day | Thursday 12 th December | |
| Christmas Shop | Friday 13 th December | am |
| Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents | Wednesday 18 th December | 2.15 - 2.45 pm |
| Christmas Dinner | Wednesday 18 th December | |
| Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children) | Thursday 19 th December | 9.15 - 9.45 am |
| Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents | Thursday 19 th December | 2.15 - 2.45 pm |
| Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents (no babies or pre-school children) | Friday 20 th December | 9.15 - 9.45 am |
| Christmas holidays | 23 rd December - 3 rd January | |
| Inset Day | Monday 6 th January | |
| Start of Spring Term | Tuesday 7 th January | |
| Parent Consultation Week | w/c 10 th February and 24 th February (more details to follow) | |
| Welcome Wednesday | Wednesday 12 th February | |
| Inset Day | Friday 14 th February | |
| Half Term | 17 th - 21 st February | |
| Book Week | w/c 3 rd March | |
| Maths Week | w/c 10 th March | |
| Welcome Wednesday | Wednesday 2 nd April | 2.30 pm |
| Easter holidays | 7 th - 21 st April | |
| Start of Summer Term | Tuesday 22 nd April | |
| Class Photos | Thursday 24 th April | |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 5 th May | |
| Creative Week | w/c 5 th May | |

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| Welcome Wednesday | Wednesday 14 th May | |
| Walk to School Week | w/c 19 th May | |
| Reception Sports Afternoon | Monday 19 th May | 2.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Year 1 Sports Afternoon | Wednesday 21 st May | 1.30 - 3.00 pm |
| Year 2 Sports Afternoon | Thursday 22 nd May | 1.30 - 3.00 pm |
| Half Term | 26 th - 30 th May | |
| Inset Day | Monday 2 nd June | |
| Phonics Testing Week | w/c 10 th June | |
| Sports Week | w/c 16 th June | |
| Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon | Monday 23 rd June | 2.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon | Wednesday 25 th June | 1.30 - 3.00 pm |
| Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon | Thursday 26 th June | 1.30 - 3.00 pm |
| Transition Day | Wednesday 2 nd July | All day |
| School Reports to go home | Friday 4 th July | |
| Summer Fair | tbc | |
| Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon | Wednesday 9 th July | 2.15 - 3.15 pm |
| Year 2 Concert for parents | Wednesday 16 th July | 2.00 pm |
| Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children) | Thursday 17 th July | 9.15 am |
| Year 2 Leaver's Disco | Thursday 17 th July | 4.00 - 5.15 pm |
| Outside Playday | Friday 18 th July | All day |
| Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents) | Tuesday 22 nd July | 9.00 am |
| Last day of Term | Tuesday 22 nd July | |

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Autumn Timetable



If you are a parent or carer to a child or young person who needs some support with their mental health, you may feel alone and need some support of your own.

We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support drop-ins across the county, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

The Parenting Support Service at West Sussex Mind has a lot to offer:

- Peer Support Groups- both during the day (in person) and in the evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, covering topics such as Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking and more...
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us in:

Lancing

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ
13.30-14.30

- Wed 2nd Oct / Wed 6th Nov / Wed 4th Dec

Worthing

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing,
BN13 2QG
13:00 - 14:00

- Tue 22nd Oct/ Tues 19th Nov/ Tues 17th Dec

Bognor Regis

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove,
Bognor Regis PO22 9HT
11:00-12:00:

- Wed 25th Sep / Thur 24th Oct / Thur 21st Nov /
Thur 19th Dec

Crawley

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley
RH11 8XW
10.00-11.00

- Tues 10th Sep/ Tues 8th Oct/ Tues 12th Nov/
Tues 10th Dec

Horsham

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN
13.00- 14.00

- Tues 3rd Sep/ Tues 1st Oct/ Tues 5th Nov/
Tues 3rd Dec

To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups.

**Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652
or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org**