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NEWSLETTER – March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now officially into the second half of the school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable half term week with your children. The diary for the coming months is already filling up so please keep up to date, checking this newsletter each month and looking out for Parent Mails containing reminders and new information.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Bookfest/Book Week

We were very lucky to have the author Stephanie Taylor visit us on Tuesday 4th February. She talked to the children in Years 1 and 2 about being an author and shared her book 'I'm Going to be a Princess'. Each child received a free signed copy of her book.



We are really looking forward to Book Week this week. There are lots of exciting things planned including a Book Fair after school on Monday 3rd March and a book swap on Friday 7th. Children can bring any unwanted books to school on that day which they will be able to swap with their friends. Thursday 6th March is World Book Day and we are hoping that everyone will have fun dressing up as their favourite book character or wearing their pyjamas to school.

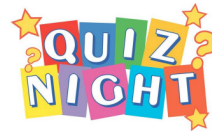
Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

We are once again supporting this worthwhile charity. Children may come to school dressed in non-school



uniform and/or 'crazy hair', if they wish, and bring in a donation for Comic Relief.

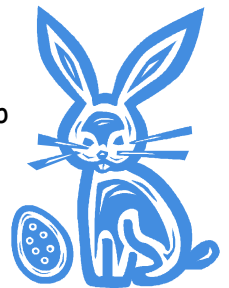
PTA News



It is not too late to enter a team for the quiz night on Friday 14th March. Entry forms are available from the school office. Please

can these be returned as soon as possible as we need to notify the caterer of numbers. Thank you.

The PTA have organised a sponsored bunny bounce for the children on the morning of Thursday 3rd April. A sponsorship form will shortly be sent home in bookbags. Please could your child bring this form with them on the morning of the bounce.



Can you also let the school office know if you do not wish your child to take part.



The PTA have also organised an Easter egg hunt on the morning of 3rd April. Each class will be given the opportunity to search the school grounds for Easter pictures and will

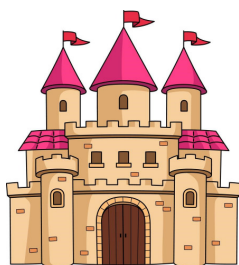
be given a small chocolate egg to bring home. A non-uniform day has been arranged for Friday 28th March in which we ask if you could donate a couple of Cadbury's creme egg sized eggs (not Kinder

Surprise please) for this activity. If any parent is able to help with the bunny bounce or the Easter egg hunt, please can you let either the PTA or the school office know. Thank you.

Henry Adams - Year 1 Dream Castle Competition

The Year 1 children have been given details of a competition to design their 'dream castle'.

Year 1 parents are invited to join their children for a special assembly at 2.30 pm on Thursday 27th March where the winners of the best design will be announced.



Chartwells Menu

Chartwells will be serving the following special menu on Thursday 3rd April. All orders will need to be placed on parentpay by no later than Thursday 20th March.

Mains:

Beef Burger / Chilli No Carne / Jacket Potato and beans

Sides:

Spring Vegetables / Seasonal Salad

Dessert:

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Class Photos

The photographer is coming on Thursday 24th April to take class photos. Please can you let the office know by 28th March if you do not wish your child to be included. Thank you.

Staff News

We would like to send our congratulations to the Dawson-Pollitt household for the safe arrival of baby Alfie James who was born last week weighing 8lb 5oz. Both mum and Alfie are doing well.

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

Event	Date	Time
Book Week	w/c 3 rd March	
Book Fair	Monday 3 rd March	3.00 pm
Poppy Class visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 5 th March	9.30 am
Buttercup Class visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 5 th March	10.30 am
Bluebell Class visiting Willowhale Library	Thursday 6 th March	9.30 am
World Book Day (children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas)	Thursday 6 th March	
Used 'book swap' - please bring in a used book to swap with a friend	Friday 7 th March	
Maths Week	w/c 10 th March	
Butterfly Class visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 12 th March	9.30 am
Hedgehog Class visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 12 th March	10.30 am
Ladybird Class visiting Willowhale Library	Thursday 13 th March	9.30 am
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 14 th March	7.00 pm
SEND parent session on Zones of Regulation	Thursday 20 th March	8.45 am
Willow Class visiting Willowhale Library	Thursday 20 th March	9.30 am

Oak Class visiting Willowhale Library	Friday 21 st March	9.30 am
Sycamore Class visiting Willowhale Library	Friday 21 st March	10.30 am
Red Nose Day (non-uniform)	Friday 21 st March	
Dee from Henry Adams to judge winning entries for Year 1 dream castle competition (parents welcome)	Thursday 27 th March	2.30 pm
Non-uniform day for Easter egg donations	Friday 28 th March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd April	2.30 pm
Sponsored Bunny Bounce and Easter egg hunt	Thursday 3 rd April	am
Easter holidays	7 th - 21 st April	
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April	
Class Photos	Thursday 24 th April	
Chartwells 5 senses workshop for Year 1	Wednesday 30 th April	am
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 th May	
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 9 th June	
Chartwells Healthy Eating workshop for Year 2	Wednesday 11 th June	am
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
'Amazing Animals' to visit Year 1	Thursday 26 th June	am
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	



Easter Family Craft & Hot Cross Bun Extravaganza

Our 2024 craft event was popular with people of all ages in our community and so we have decided to run another event in 2025 (details below). We would love to see whole families (as last year) across the generations booking in and having a wonderful afternoon together. Please note that in view of space available **you must book your places**. Although the event is free, we would like to invite financial donations that can be forwarded to the Bognor Food Bank as many in our area are struggling to cope with the cost of living. We would also like to invite you to join with us on Sunday 30th March for a morning service on Mothers' Day and on 20th April for our Easter Sunday morning service - both start at 10.30 a.m. and you don't need to book for those!

EASTER FAMILY CRAFT & HOT CROSS BUN EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday 29th March 2025 from 2-4 pm

ALL AGES (PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN) – ADMISSION FREE

Please book your place by e-mail: contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk or on 01243 930756

Give in Lent

Help support your food bank this Lent

In the six weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT/powdered)
Cereals
Fruit Juice (UHT)
Tinned Puddings
Jam
Instant mashed potato

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You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary routes.