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## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### Miss School, Miss Out!

We are continuing this year to try to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. Your child needs to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time**. The children not only need to be at school every day but also ready for learning and on time. On an almost daily basis I receive forms from parents/carers requesting leave / holiday in term time and would like you all to consider your child's progress in their learning, both academically and socially, when deciding when to take your children out of school. Our attendance and absence policy, which reflects the DfE guidance on attendance from 1 September 2022, can be found on our website, in the [policies section](#), for your information.



Please note that school **STARTS** at 8.45am and so children should be here before that time. I have so far been quite generous with the time I shut the gates, but I shall now be more prompt. If you arrive after 8.45am you should go to the School Office as your child will need to be signed in and taken to their classroom through the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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 letter are in **red**.



### Children due to start school in September 2024 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters will shortly be sent out via ParentMail to all children in Year 2. Please do look out for them.

This year, the West Sussex County Council is not sending individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2024 but is advertising the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for applications for

both starting school and transfer to Junior School is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. The online system is now open.

Families without internet access at home will be able to apply on-line at libraries and Children & Family Centres for free. If you need any help, or know anyone who may need help, please let us know.

### Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child should have come home with their beautiful artwork. Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order, this must be done online using the unique code located at the top of the order form. **The order form and artwork will then need to be returned to the school by no later than Friday 6th October.** If the artwork is not sent back to us, the order cannot be processed but you may still be charged. Please remember to tick the box on the order form to confirm that you have placed the order online.

### Star Badges

For the benefit of our new families, every week we select two children from each class to be awarded a 'star badge'. This is awarded for several reasons such as good behaviour, a special piece of work, helping others in class, to name just a few. The star badges are collected in on Friday morning, ready to be given to the next child at an assembly in the afternoon. It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. Thank you.



### School Meals

Please can we remind parents to cancel any pre-ordered meals on ParentPay if your child no longer would like a hot meal in school. This avoids unnecessary food waste and cost to the school as we will still be charged for these meals. Thank you.

### Wellies!

As the weather starts to get wetter, we would still like to continue using our fantastic school field for as long as possible. Therefore, can we please ask that if at all possible, you bring a pair of wellington boots (both named please) into school, which will stay here (until they become too small or we no longer need to use them).



### Numbots in School

Your child will be bringing home their login details for Numbots which is an on-line maths

game which will help your child develop their recall and understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction facts. We hope your child has fun!

### PE Kit in School

Unfortunately, we have been notified that School Trends are having difficulty in sourcing our green PE shorts. In view of this, and as they are challenging to find in other outlets, we have decided to move to black shorts in school. We do not expect anyone to replace their child's green shorts they already have - we are happy with either colour - but if anyone does buy new going forward, please could they buy black.

Just a reminder that the Reception children will need a PE kit in school after the October half term. School Trends are currently offering a special PE kit bundle for £12.02 consisting of a red t-shirt and a PE bag. You will just need to purchase some black shorts from elsewhere. Please visit their website [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) A small amount of stock is also available to purchase from the school office.

Please can we ask that all children have a pair of leggings or joggers in their PE kit every day, especially now as the weather is getting colder and please could you check that their plimsolls or trainers still fit!

### Community Food Hubs

Did you know that UK Harvest, a Sussex based food rescue and redistribution charity, run Community Food Hubs across West Sussex? Community food hubs are open to all residents, you do not need a referral (that some food banks require) and are designed to help rescue food from suppliers that would otherwise have gone to waste. With the support of West Sussex County Council these hubs are available across the County. Everyone is welcome; simply bring a shopping bag and fill it from a selection of fresh, mixed groceries for a small donation if you are able to. Many local services are also available at the food hubs including health, financial and wellbeing support.

Attached is the latest food hub schedule and for more information, including the hub locations and

dates, please visit

[www.ukharvest.org.uk/community](http://www.ukharvest.org.uk/community)

### Harvest

A letter will be going out soon regarding a harvest food collection.

### Makaton in School

At Rose Green Infant School, we believe all children have the right to feel happy and safe in their learning environment. One way we encourage this is by talking with and listening to them every day. For some children, talking is not always easy so for the past few years we have been using visual resources and actions to support them by way of Makaton.



'**Makaton** is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. ... With **Makaton**, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.' ([www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org))

We will be learning a new sign every week so please look out for our 'Makaton Magic' in the newsletter each month and have fun signing and talking with your children! We also use video clips from CBeebies 'Something Special'. Use the link below to explore some Makaton Magic with your family and friends!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs>

And finally ....

1. As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a (named) warm waterproof coat in school every day as we are going out in all weathers.
2. Please can your child still bring their book bag into school on Forest School days.

Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
PTA AGM - Everyone welcome	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	7 - 8:00 pm
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> October (more details to follow) and w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30 pm
<b>Individual school photos (revised date)</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>am</b>
Half term	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> October	
Inset Day	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	
Junior School Open Evening (for Year 2 parents)	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00 pm
Science Week	w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	5.00 -7.00 pm
Christmas Shop	tbc	
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm

Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 pm
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am
Christmas holidays	18 <sup>th</sup> December - 1 <sup>st</sup> January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> February and 19 <sup>th</sup> February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30 pm
Inset Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half Term	12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
Maths Week	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	29 <sup>th</sup> March - 12 <sup>th</sup> April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	
Class Photos (re-arranged date from 15 <sup>th</sup> May)	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	am
Creative Week	w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30 pm
Walk to School Week	w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Reception Sports Morning	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am
Year 2 Sports Morning	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Half Term	27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
Inset Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Week	w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reserve Reception Sports Morning	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June followed by picnic lunch	10.30 am
Reserve Year 1 Sports Morning	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Reserve Year 2 Sports Morning	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June followed by picnic lunch	10.45 am
Transition Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All day
Summer Fair	tbc	
School Reports to go home	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	



## Community Food Hub Schedule

<b>MON</b>	Midhurst	3:00 - 4:00pm	(every Monday)
The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, Bepton Road, Midhurst GU29 9HD			
<b>TUES</b>	Oving	10:00 - 11:00am	(every other Tuesday)
	Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving PO20 2DQ		
	Tangmere	10:00 - 11:00am	(every other Tuesday)
The Village Centre, Malcolm Road, Tangmere PO20 2HS			
<b>TUES</b>	Selsey	2:00 - 3:00pm	(every Tuesday)
	Beacon Church, Marisfield Place, Selsey PO20 0PD		
	Bognor Regis	10:00 - 11:00am	(first Wednesday)
Youth and Community Centre, Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis PO21 5JZ			
<b>WEDS</b>	Southwick	10:00 - 11:00am	(second Wednesday)
	Southwick Community Centre, 24 Southwick Street, Brighton BN42 4TE		
	Crawley	10:00 - 11:00am	(third Wednesday)
	Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley RH11 9BA		
	Storrington	10:00 - 11:00am	(fourth Wednesday)
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, Storrington RH20 4BG			
<b>WEDS</b>	Parklands	3:00 - 4:00pm	(every Wednesday)
	12th Chichester Scout Group, Sherborne Road, Chichester PO19 3AB		
	Petworth	10:00 - 11:00am	(every four weeks)
	Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst Road, Petworth GU28 0ET		
	Worthing	10:00 - 11:00am	(every four weeks)
Sidney Walter Centre, Sussex Road, Worthing BN11 1DS			
<b>THURS</b>	Portfield	11:00am - 12:00pm	(every other Thursday)
	Chichester Family Hub, St James Road, Chichester PO19 7HR		
	East Wittering	3:00 - 4:00pm	(every other Thursday)
United Reform Church, 2 Oakfield Avenue, East Wittering PO20 8BU			
<b>FRI</b>	Whyke	10:00 - 11:00am	(every other Friday)
	St George's Centenary Centre, Cleveland Road, Chichester PO19 7AD		
	Haywards Heath	10:00 - 11:00am	(every four weeks)
Ashenground Community Centre, Southdown Close, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JR			
<b>FRI</b>	Graylingwell	3:30 - 4:30pm	(every Friday)
	Graylingwell Chapel, Graylingwell Drive, Park, Chichester PO19 6BZ		



## Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities(SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.



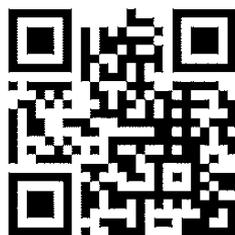
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