

12 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The summer term is always a busy time in school and this year has been no exception. The last few weeks have seen numerous events, trips and celebrations, and we wanted to take this opportunity to share these successes and the staff, children and adults who have made them happen.

Our Poems, Pictures and Prayers book to raise money for Leukaemia Care has gone to print and we look forward to sharing more information about how this can be purchased shortly. is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song J praise him.

Psalm 28:7

We continue to keep Mrs Jee firmly in our prayers and we are pleased to be able to inform you that her new regime of treatment has been more manageable for her. She has been able to spend a greater amount of time with her family. We ask that you continue to pray for her recovery and we know she is incredibly grateful for your love and kindness.

Leadership Team – September 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the structure of the school's leadership team for the start of the next academic year. Unfortunately, Mrs Jee will not be back in school with us in September, so until her return, the following structure will be in place:

Mr Ireland – Acting Headteacher Mrs Whittaker – Assistant Headteacher Mrs Maple – Assistant Headteacher Mrs Senior – Inclusion Lead

Having familiar faces in these roles will provide the children with consistency and we are excited for the continued development of the school over the next academic year.

Mr Ireland and I have worked together very closely over the last term and will continue to do so, to ensure our school community is safe, happy and flourishing.

Parking Reminder

It has been reported to us that there has been an increasing number of times where cars are parked partially, or fully on pedestrian footways surrounding the school. We would like to take this opportunity to remind anyone who brings their car for drop offs and collections that the footway is vital for our children to walk to school safely. It is also required for vulnerable users and other members of our local community. The Highways act 1980 section 184 states You MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property. We appreciate your support with this.

Return of Reading Books

We would like to remind you that all school reading books should have been brought in and should now remain at school in order to us to carry out our annual audit. Please search diligently at home for any that may have fallen down the side of beds or sofas and bring back any that you find!

What has been happening?



Children in Reception visited the woods at Dappers Lane this week, and had great fun hunting for signs of the elusive Gruffalo!

Year 4 children recently carried out some geography fieldwork in the local area. They designed their own questionnaires and were polite and confident in asking

members of the public about their views on whether West Sussex really is the best county to live.

In addition, Year 4 children took part in The Big Sing at West Park school last week, where they joined with

children from two other schools to sing "Dreams Across the Ocean" and "Touch the Sky", as well as reprising one of their songs from "Superstan", which they performed on their own. The Singing Leader for both The Big



Sing and Year 2's recent Little Big Sing is the talented conductor and composer Emily Barden. She was impressed by the musicality and passion our children displayed, and we have invited her to visit our school next term and work with groups of children to create a Goring School Song – a very exciting prospect!

Sporting Successes

As well as two very successful sports days, we have been able to celebrate the achievements of our Year 5 children after 12 weeks of swimming classes at Splashpoint. The encouragement and positivity shown by the whole year group, particularly to those children who started the course as non-swimmers, was commented on by all the adults working with the groups.



Key Stage 2 children's performance in this year's Legacy Games saw us placed as the third strongest school for sport in our locality, only narrowly beaten by two much larger schools, West Park and Thomas A Becket.

Summer Fayre

Despite inclement weather both before and afterwards, our prayers were answered and the skies cleared for our recent Summer Fayre. This was a well-attended and incredibly successful event, with lots of money raised to go towards enhancing our children's learning. Our thanks go to all who attended, and for our lovely PSA for making it happen (although possibly not to the person who thought selling whistles to children was a good idea!)



Opportunities for Music

Chris Eaton is an associate teacher for West Sussex Music Service, visiting 10 schools per week.

Ukulele or guitar lessons are available for Y3 and above.

Email - ceguitar@outlook.com www.chriseatonguitar.com

Lesson prices; from Sept 2024... £93 (11x 30min group, per term) £148 (11x 20min individual, per term) £225 (11x 30min individual, per term) Funding might be available to pay for lessons, if you meet the criteria.



School Values in Action



Rae in Woodpecker class is planning to celebrate her 6th birthday in style, by doing something to help others. She has signed up to donate 13 inches of her hair to the 'Little Princess Trust'. This charity provides real hair wigs to children and young people, who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions. They also fund vital, innovative research leading to better treatments for childhood cancers that affect patient outcomes.

If you would like to know more about what Rae is doing and the wonderful cause that inspired her, please see her Just Giving link below. Well done, Rae! We couldn't be prouder of you.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/rae-roberts-hairing-is-caring?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Frae-roberts-hairing-is-caring&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Community Page

We are fortunate to be in a position where there is so much for our children to engage with in the wider community. Previously, information about clubs, community events and other opportunities has been emailed out to you. In an effort to ensure that no essential information is missed, and also to prevent your inbox being inundated, we have taken the decision to upload all external communication to our school's website on the 'Community Page', which can be found under the Parents section. Please check this regularly, as it will contain information about opportunities for holiday clubs, community events and competitions.

With one week remaining of our school term, end of year reports out today, and an exciting weekend ahead for our national football team, we would like to offer you this Bible verse to contemplate: "Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Whittaker Acting Head Teacher

Headteacher Mrs C Jee

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UNIFORM POLICY

Reviewed 2024

Reception Children

Winter:

Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes

*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White polo shirt

White socks or navy tights

Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes)

Boys

Grey trousers

*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White polo shirt

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or boots)

<u>Summer:</u>

Girls

Red and white check summer dress

White socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey shorts

*Red polo shirt with school logo

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers/fabric shoes)

Years 1 - 6

Winter:

Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes

*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White blouse

*School tie

White socks or navy tights

Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey trousers

*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)

White shirt

*School tie

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or boots)

Summer:

Girls

Y1&2 Red and white check summer dress

Y3-6 Red and white check summer dress or navy skirt/culottes and a *red polo shirt with school logo

White socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes please)

Bovs

Grey shorts

*Red polo shirt with school logo

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (not trainers/fabric shoes)

* Purchased from the school supplies

All children will require a PE t-shirt in their house colours and a pair of navy shorts. Plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy fleece may also be worn in winter months.

Hair which is longer than shoulder length must be tied back. No extreme hair styles, these include unnatural colour, shaved lines or patterns, distinct changes in length in the hair (changes should be graduated) No 'holiday' hair accessories/styles e.g. beaded hair-wraps.

No makeup or jewelry will be worn, other than a single set of ear studs which will be covered with tape during PE lessons.

All nails will be free from nail varnish Parents should contact the Headteacher in writing should they wish consideration to be given to adaptations based on need.

Good quality second hand uniform is available via the Parent Support Association.

Diary Dates 2023-24

SUMMER TERM	
Friday 12 July	Reports out to parents
Thursday 18 July	6pm Leavers service and party
Monday 22 July	INSET day
Tuesday 23 July	INSET day
Wednesday 24 July –	SUMMER HOLIDAY
Monday 2 September	
Tuesday 3 September	Start of Autumn term

Dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified if changes are necessary.