



Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of the academic year and it was so lovely to see so many of you at our Prize Giving and Celebration Assembly this week. It always amazes me how much we cram into a year! Thank you for your kind words about the end of year assembly and the thanks and praise for the Staff team for their hard work and dedication towards the children.

BOOK ROUND UP!

Calling all school reading books that may still be deposited around your house somewhere! We are collecting in all of the children's reading books before the holidays and would ask your children to please to check for any you may have at home.

NEW CLASSROOMS

We are very excited about having the Buzzard mobile replaced in the summer holidays. WSCC are replacing the mobile with a double classroom as it has come to the end of its life. It will be slightly longer than the current footprint. Fox and Buzzard classes will both be in the new building in brand new classrooms. The old Fox classroom is being renamed 'The Drey' and will be used for booster groups and meetings.

OPEN EVENING

It was lovely to see so many Parents touring the school, with their children at Open Evening last week. I know that the children were excited to show their Parents the work they have completed during the year and were keen to

participate in the various activities that were in all the classrooms.

STAFFING

In September Mrs Smith will be increasing her days in Hedgehog Class to 2 days per week and Mrs Donovan will be reducing hers to 3 days per week.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Dunn at the end of this term and wish him well in his new job. We would like to thank him for everything he has done in the two terms he has been with us.

CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Please find below class teachers and teaching assistants for September 2017

Hedgehogs:

Teacher: Mrs L Donovan

Teacher: Mrs H Smith

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Francis

Owls

Teacher: Mr Shaw

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Scott

Mrs Valentine

Foxes

Teacher: Mrs A Porter

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Jury

Mrs Scott

Buzzards:

Teacher: Mr R Christmas

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Jury

Mrs Scott

READING CHALLENGE 2017

The children have had an assembly about the Summer



Reading challenge that is being run in West Sussex libraries. I would like as many children as possible to participate in this during the holidays. Please bring in certificates for the completed reading challenge into the first celebration assembly.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We will be promoting this in school - please do support us at home.

DATES

Please find attached a list of provisional dates for the Autumn term and a copy of the WSCC school dates for 2017-2018.

GATE

The new gate is now fully operational. I would just like to clarify that the timings for the school day have not altered. The school day starts promptly at 8.40am with a member of staff being on duty from 8.30am. The gate automatically unlocks at set times, therefore please try and push the gate before pressing the call button as it may already be open!

INSET DAYS - 2017- 2018

- Monday 30th October 2017
- Wednesday 20th December 2017
- Monday 5th March 2018

Monday 18th June 2018
 Tuesday 24th July 2018

TEACHER AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



We will be holding 'Meet The Teacher' sessions again in the Autumn term. Sessions will be in the classrooms from 2.30 until 3.00pm. The class teacher will talk about the curriculum, expectations for the year, how to help your child with Literacy and Numeracy and planned trips. For Years 2 and 6 it will also include information about National Curriculum tests. It will also give you an opportunity to meet the team who work with your child and to ask questions

The sessions will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 12th Sept - Hedgehog class
- Wednesday 13th Sept - Owl class
- Thursday 14th Sept - Buzzard class
- Friday 15th Sept - Fox class

I appreciate that some Parents will not be able to attend the session so a hand-out covering all the points discussed will be sent home.

'THE FRIENDS'

I would like to thank the Friends for all of their continued hard work, often behind the scenes, for what they have achieved again this year. The Friends raise a substantial amount of money to enhance the work we undertake at school including subsidising trips, paying for special events and visitors. They



also provide the 'man power' at school events. Thank you for your continued support.

AND FINALLY...YEAR 6

We say
goodbye to our
Year 6



children, who
will move on to their new stage of
learning at Secondary School. We have
watched you grow in confidence during
your time with us and have been very
proud of your achievements. All the
staff, Governors and I wish you all good
luck for the next stage of your learning.
I would also like to say thank you to
their parents for the support that they
have given our school over the last
seven years.

May I take this opportunity to
emphasise that if you have any concerns
about your child's progress, or any
aspect of their school life, please
contact firstly the class teacher, then
Mr Christmas/myself or pop into see
Mrs Crews who will be more than happy
to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher



Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn

Friday 1st September

INSET

Monday 4th September

Children return to School

Tuesday 12th September

Hedgehog class – Meet the teacher 2.30 – 3.00

Wednesday 13th September

Owl class - Meet the teacher 2.30 – 3.00

Thursday 14th September

Buzzard class - Meet the teacher 2.30 – 3.00

Friday 15th September

Fox class - Meet the teacher 2.30 – 3.00

Wednesday 11th October

Harvest Festival 9.15am

Monday 23rd October

Half term week

Monday 30th October

INSET

Tuesday 31st October

Children return to School

Wednesday 1st November

Numeracy day

Tuesday 7th November

Parents' evening

Thursday 9th November

Open Morning for Prospective parents
9 -11.30

Friday 10th November

Remembrance day

Monday 13th November

Buzzard Parents meeting Re: Cobnor 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th November

Parents' evening

Wednesday 29th November

Staff meeting – Christmas displays

Monday 4th December

Christmas post box

Friday 1st December

Christingle service 2pm

Tuesday 5th December

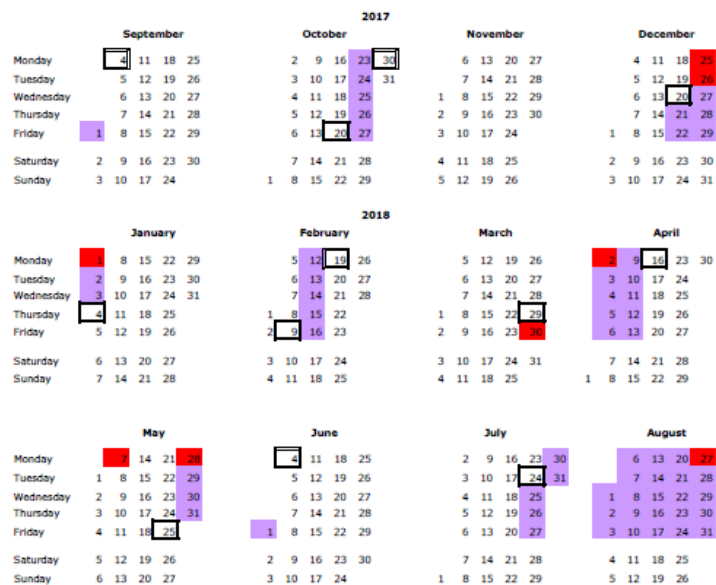
Nativity dress rehearsal (Pre School)



- Wednesday 6th December Nativity performance (pm)
- Thursday 7th December Nativity performance (am)
- Friday 8th December Christmas jumper day
- Friday 15th December Last day of Christmas post
- Thursday 14th December KS1 party
- Friday 15th December KS2 party
- Tuesday 19th December Last day of term/ End of term service

Wednesday 20th Dec

INSET



Bank and Public Holidays 2017/2018

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2017	May Day	7th May 2018
Boxing Day	26th December 2017	Spring Bank Holiday	28th May 2018
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2018	Summer Bank Holiday	27th August 2018
Good Friday	30th March 2018		
Easter Monday	2nd April 2018		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		4 Sept - 20 Oct	35 days
		30 Oct - 20 Dec	38 days
Bank holidays and national holidays		4 Jan - 9 Feb	27 days
		19 Feb - 29 Mar	29 days
Start of Term		16 Apr - 25 May	29 days
		4 Jun - 24 Jul	37 days
End of Term			Total 195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2018 will not be determined until the 2018/19 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.