

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of a very busy term and the better weather has enabled the children to get out and use the fields and grounds more to help with their learning.

SCHOOL EXPANSION

I have received a letter from Mr Jeremy Hunt MP to inform me that they are confirming the Government's request that we are to expand from 15 pupils in Reception to 20 pupils in Reception from September 2017. This means (subject to planning permission) we will be getting a new double modular classroom to replace Buzzard's current classroom. Fox and Buzzard classes will be situated in the new building. The expansion will not affect our current class organisation for the 2017-2018 academic year, it means that the new Year R intake can take up to 20 pupils as opposed to the published figure of 15 currently. In Spring 2018 we will review class size and numbers and when we have the number of new Year R for September 2018, we will look if we need to restructure year groups and Parents will be kept informed. If you have concerns or wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact **Graham Olway**, Principal Manager, Capital Planning and Projects or **Tracey Dunn**, School Planning

Officer for our area, on telephone number 0330 222 3048, or email tracey.dunn@westsussex.gov.uk.

HEDGEHOG TRIP

I would like to thank all the adults who accompanied us on a *very*



wet trip to Birdworld. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I think the highlight was puddle jumping! Thank you as well to Mr Lewis for providing and driving the minibus.

RED NOSE DAY



Thank you to everyone who supported 'Red Nose Day' on Friday and

donated cakes for the cake sale. Thank you to the Friends for organising the bake sale after school. This is always a popular event.

BRONZE LEVEL MODESHIFT STARS



I am thrilled that after a lot of hardwork by a number of people the School has been awarded the Bronze level of the Modeshift STARS.

Modeshift STARS is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.

The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people.

As of January 2017, 61 organisations representing around 12,000 schools in England are signed up to Modeshift STARS.

NEW FOOTPATH

As part of the travel improvements, the School supported by the Governors and Friends have managed to secure funding for a pathway between the recreation ground and the School. A number of people have worked incredibly hard on this project which has been unique in West Sussex and extremely complex! I would like to thank Zoe Standing, Ellie Hughes, Helen Ison and Tracey Hodkin, from the Friends, Mrs Martin from School and Mrs Tassell from the board of Governors, as well as the landowner Mr Bray. I would also like to thank WSCC, the Parish Council and the Diocese of Chichester for all of the time given to this project.

A new gate was installed on the School grounds last week and will be manned and unlocked between 8.30 and 8.40 when the whistle is blown and will be open again between 3.10 and 3.20pm. At present only a small number of Parents will be accessing the land until the

pathway has been laid. This is a condition of the landowner that the permission granted to access his land was in use by 1st April. When the environmentally friendly path has been laid, the contract has been signed and the path is fully operational, we will have a grand opening and then open the path for all members of our School Community to access! Watch this space.

As part of these improvements WSCC has committed funding and specific actions to ensure that parking and access to the School are made safer.

EASYFUNDRAISING



Thank you to everyone, who is using

Easyfundraising to support the School via their online purchases. We are on www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you go to their website, click on 'Find a Cause to Support', search for 'Friends of Compton and Up Marden CE School' and join, you can raise money for the Friends every time you shop online (including Amazon!). A percentage of every online purchase is donated straight into the Friends bank account. You can also download the easy fundraising app on the app store so you can easily make purchases online through the app.



SEVERE NUT ALLERGY - REMINDER

We have a child in School with a severe nut allergy.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic

reaction. As a school we are very aware of the dangers nut exposure can cause. Therefore, we need you to work with us to be "Nut Aware" and help this pupil to stay safe.

We would like to ask that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child that will be eaten either at break or lunchtime.

We greatly appreciate your support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Please find attached the diary dates for the Summer term.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE...

- Year 5/6 Cobnor final balance due Monday 22 May.
- Fox Class Swimming - 15th June - 20th July weeks £30.00 letter will go out in May.
- Please name all items
- Please return Rowlands Castle Front Cover competition sheet
- Club letters went home on Friday, please complete and return to school asap.
- Pupil and Parent taster of hot meals Wednesday 29th March at 2.30pm

FOREST SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM

Children are required to bring a change of clothes and footwear for their classed based Forest Schools sessions - please bring clothes that you don't mind getting dirty outside! Summer first half term will be Fox Class and Summer

second half term will be Hedgehog Class.

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING

Following on from our successful internet safety day, please see below a link from WSCC regarding keeping your children safe online.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/8735/online-safety-completed.pdf>

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

Diary Dates - Spring 2017

New dates this newsletter added in italics

Thursday 6 th April	Gaston Farm (Y1/2/5/6)
Friday 7 th April	Easter Service at 9.15am
Friday 7 th April (invitation)	Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)
Friday 7 th April	Last day of term

Summer term

Tuesday 18 th April	YR (Sept 2017) places offered
Wednesday 26 th April	Locality football and netball tournament (Selected KS2 teams)
Thursday 27 th April	NSPCC Workshop - Y5/6 plus Assembly
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
w/b Tuesday 2 nd May (For one month)	KS1 National Curriculum Tests
Wednesday 3 rd May	BEN 401 Assembly
Monday 8 th May	British Values Workshop - Fox Class
Monday 8 th May - Friday 12 th May	Year 6 National Curriculum Test week
Friday 12 th May	Children's Film Night
Thursday 18 th May	Class photos
Mon 22 nd - Fri 26 th May	Healthy week
Tuesday 23 rd May	Science day
Tuesday 23 rd May	'The Friends' Meeting - Time/Venue TBC
Wednesday 24 th May	Headteacher's Tea Party
Thursday 25 th May	Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)
Friday 26 th May	Sports' day
w/b Monday 29th May	Half term
Monday 5 th June	New Parents meeting - New YR
Tuesday 6 th June	Whole School Falconry day
Wed 7 th June - Fri 9 th June	Year 5/6 Residential at Cobnor
Monday 12 - Friday 16 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 13 th June	'Friends Fete' Bring a bottle day (details to follow)
Wednesday 14th June	INSET
Thursday 15 th June (six week)	Fox Class Swimming - see separate letter
Thursday 15 th June	New Year R in
Monday 19 th June	Tree Walk with Paul Ulson & Arundel Court Primary School
Tuesday 20 th June	Reserve Sports' day
Wednesday 21 st June	Save the Children - Den building day
Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral (Year 6 Parents invited)
Saturday 24 th June	Summer Fete
Tuesday 27 th June	New Year R in
Thursday 29 th June	FGB Meeting
Wednesday 5 th July	Moving up morning
Thursday 6 th July	Area Sports at Southbourne Juniors (Selected teams)
Friday 7 th July	Reports sent home
Monday 10 th July	Summer production - Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th July	Summer Reading Challenge - WSCC Library Service
Tuesday 11 th July	Summer production at 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Summer production at 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Headteacher's Tea Party
Thursday 13 th July	Open Evening 4-6pm
Friday 14 th July	Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)
Wednesday 19 th July	Prize Giving Assembly 1.30pm
Monday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly (All invited)
Monday 24 th July	Last day of term for Children
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 4 th September 2017	First day back for Children
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