

Dear Parents,

The autumnal weather appears to be upon us now so please make sure your children have a named coat every day as they will be outside at breaktimes (even if it is damp).

WET MORNINGS



If it is raining in the morning, all teachers will be in their classrooms from 8.30am. Please take your child directly to their classroom door.

APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2018

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school



place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Monday 15th January 2018**. The online system will opened on Monday 2nd October. Please read the 'Information for Parents' booklet on the WSCC website before you begin your application. The booklet contains a checklist of actions parents will find useful before submitting their preferences.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be at 9.15am on **Wednesday**



11th October at St Mary's Church, Compton. Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us. As in previous years we will be collecting items for Stonepillow (who help local homeless people). They have a request list which is shown below however any donations will be gratefully received. The children will need to bring in their contributions and carry them over to the Church ready for placing around the Altar.


Helping homeless people

We need your support!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

WISH LIST

Coffee	Custard
Sugar	Rice Pudding
Cheese	Instant noodles/rice
Fresh Meat	Pasta
Squash/Cordial	Cooking sauces
Fruit Juice	Ketchup/Mayo/Salad Cream
Longlife Milk	Eggs
Jams/Peanut Butter/Marmite	Gravy granules
Tinned meat	Batter mix
Tinned fish	Vegetable oil
Tinned pies	Biscuits
Tinned fruit	Small packets of crisps

THANK YOU



OPEN MORNING

We would like to invite prospective parents of children for Year R for the academic year 2018-19 to our Open Morning on Thursday 9th November between 9 and 12. We will be conducting regular tours of the School. We find that the majority of our pupils find out about us by word of mouth from existing parents. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising this event and we would be grateful if you could pass on it to someone who you know is interested or if you could display it in your local Pre School, Shop, Library or any other suitable location.

PUPIL VOICE

The classes have voted for their representatives for our various Pupil Voice

Groups. Over the next few weeks, the various groups are going to talk in assembly about their roles and ideas for the coming year.

Elected members are:

SCHOOL COUNCIL (Mrs Porter)

Owls -Jude and Amber
Foxes - Terri-Jayne and Hannah
Buzzards -Lulu and Thalia

ETHOS (Mr Christmas)

Owls -Summer and Oliver
Foxes - Dylan and Ben F
Buzzards - Evie and Ferghus

YOUNG FRIENDS (Mrs Donovan)

Owls - George and Tabitha
Foxes - Cecily D and Leo
Buzzards - Phoebe and Georgia

ECO COMMITTEE (Mr Shaw)

Owls - Arlo and Sam
Foxes - Clemmie and Faye
Buzzards - Jessamine, Sophie and Tilly

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

(Mrs Inskip)

Owls - Reuben and Jyden
Foxes - Amelia and Gabby
Buzzards - Mady and Harry

Well done to all those who stood and congratulations to those who were elected.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding the meet the teacher sessions.

We plan to hold a '6 weeks in' drop in session for Owl, Fox and Buzzard class from 2.30 - 3.00 on **WEDNESDAY 18th October**. The teachers will not be doing a presentation this time and will not be discussing individual pupil's work but will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the class organisation, routine or curriculum that you may have. It will also allow you some time to look at the work already on display.

Hedgehogs' ' 6 week drop in' will take a slightly different format. Hedgehog Parents have already been given this information.

MORNING DROP OFF

A gentle reminder about the routine for when the whistle is blown. More parents have taken to lining up with their children or walking them to the line and standing with them. When the



whistle is blown in the morning it is the time to say goodbye to your child and let them walk, with the rest of the School, to their class line. A number of children do find it hard to leave their parents in the morning; we try to foster a routine to help the children become more resilient and independent. Of course if your child is upset for any reason, Mrs Francis and myself are usually on the playground to assist with this; it is better that we come over to you on the playground rather than you standing in line with a distressed child, as this quite often has a knock-on effect to other children in the line, who were fine! Thank you for your support in this matter.

NEW FOREST SCHOOL AREA



We are very thrilled to have been selected by the

University of Chichester to be apart of their 'Making Change Happen' project. Four third year Primary Education students will be undertaking a complete redesign of the Forest School Area at the school. This will include a Mud Kitchen, Music Wall, Storytelling Circle and Fire Pit. A letter from the Students explaining more will be sent next week. Watch this space!

PANTS

We keep a supply of boys and girls pants and tights/trousers in School for any 'accidents' that happen. Our supply of pants are running very low. If you have any pants or tights that your child has grown out of, we would love to give them a home!

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The School recently held 'House Captain' elections. Part of learning about British values is understanding how a democracy works.



Year 6 were invited to stand for election after being given a job description. They then prepared a speech, no longer than 3 minutes, which they presented to the school. All house members were then given a voting slip with all the candidates listed. The votes were then totalled up and the House Captains elected.

Well done to all the Year 6 Children who put themselves forward for nomination and congratulations to the following, who have been voted in by their house.

Winchester

House Captain: Lulu Edden

Durham

House Captain: Jessmine Shillingford-Crawford

Canterbury

House Captain: Ferghus Stilwell-Thompson

York

House Captain: Mady Merrett

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to Phoebe Edden whose Apple Label won a Prize at the Emsworth Food Festival. A photo of Phoebe was in the Chichester Observer.

GOLD AWARDS

The children enjoy hearing the reason for their nomination during our celebration



assembly on a Monday. Just to remind you that any member of the school community can nominate a child for this award eg, a member of the school staff, a parent or a governor. Gold awards could be given for children being particularly helpful, thinking of others, persevering, being honest, etc. By involving the whole school community, the children can see how we all value ways of behaving and attitude to others. Nominated children will receive a special sticker and certificate. A gold box is situated in the school reception area, where nominations can be placed.

BOOK AMNESTY

Do you have any School Library books that belong to the school hiding at home? If so



we would be grateful if they could be returned to the school and deposited in the returned book box in the library. Thank you for taking the time to look.

Finally, 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.

With best wishes

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher



Do you have a child starting school in September 2018?

Set in idyllic surroundings, Compton and Up Marden CE Primary School offers a caring atmosphere where children become self-motivated, independent and confident. Children come from a wide catchment area with free, door to door, transport being available to the school for eligible children.



The School has a distinctive Christian ethos and works closely with the local church and Chichester Cathedral to foster spiritual awareness and understanding. In May 2015, the school was graded **OUTSTANDING** in all areas of its Church School inspection (SIAMS).

This small, rural school offers every child the opportunity to feel valued and important.

To book a tour of the school, please telephone the school office on 02392 631900 or visit the school during our open morning on Thursday 9th November 2017.

Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn

New dates in italics

Wednesday 11 th October	Harvest Festival 9.15am
Monday 23rd October	Half term week
Monday 30th October	INSET
Tuesday 31st October	Children return to School
Wednesday 1 st November	Numeracy day
Tuesday 7th November	Parents' evening
Thursday 9 th November	Open Morning for Prospective parents 9 -11.30
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance day
Monday 13th November	Buzzard Parents meeting Re: Cobnor 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Parents' evening
Wednesday 29 th 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 invited)
Wednesday 6 th December	Nativity performance (pm)
Thursday 7th December	Nativity performance (am)
Friday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 15 th December	Last day of Christmas post
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 party
Friday 15 th December	KS2 party
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term/ End of term service
Wednesday 20th Dec	INSET