

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

As you may have heard from the children, Sharon our School cook, received a surprise proposal from her partner Joe during lunch on Thursday. Joe proposed on bended knee in front of all the children. Sharon said yes and was congratulated by the Staff and Children. We wish both Joe and Sharon every happiness in the future.



RETIREMENT

Mr Schindler will be retiring as Site Manager at the end of December.

He joined the staff fifteen years ago and will be greatly missed by the School. We will be arranging for a

SEVERE NUT ALLERGY - REMINDER

We have a child in School with a severe nut allergy. Any exposure to peanuts/nuts/peas or mustard seeds 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2017

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 **Sunday 15 January 2017**. The online system will open on Monday 3rd October at 9.00 am. 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 9.30am on **Wednesday**



12th 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, and the Chichester foodbank. They have requested in particular this year: Sugar, baked beans, tinned pies and toiletries, i.e. Shower gel, deodorant, razors, socks, underwear 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. Lindy Shillingford has kindly offered to deliver the Harvest items straight after the service. If anyone is able to stay and help myself and Lindy to load her car, it would be greatly appreciated.

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 - Dylan and Amber
Foxes - Sophie and Harry
Buzzards - Owen and Erin

ETHOS (Mr Christmas)

Owls - Joseph and Amy
Foxes - Freya and Tedi
Buzzards - Will and Jess

YOUNG FRIENDS (Mrs Donovan)

Owls - Tirah and Rosie
Foxes - Jess and Phoebe
Buzzards - Emma and Tovi

ECO COMMITTEE (Mrs Phillips and Mr Shaw)

Owls - Cecily and Madeleine
Foxes - Thaila and Georgina
Buzzards - Lulu and George

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 19th October**. The teachers will not be doing a presentation this time and will not be discussing individual pupils 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.

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 Captain and Vice House Captains were announced.

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: Erin

Vice House Captain: Harvey

Durham

House Captain: Owen

Vice House Captain: Emma

Canterbury

House Captain: Tovi

Vice House Captain: Harvey

York

House Captain: York

Vice House Captain: Emma

ASSEMBLIES - YOUNG ETHOS

The 'Young Ethos Group' asked before the Summer holidays if we could extend our range of visitors to undertake

school assemblies. If you belong to a charity or organisation that run school assemblies please let the school office know.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be taking part in the 'Art Projects For Schools' Christmas card project. All of the children will be bringing home a piece of Christmas art they have produced as part of an Art lesson which you can then have transformed into professionally printed Christmas cards. Each pack of cards sold raises funds for the school. The artwork and ordering information will be sent home on **MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER.**



SAL'S SHOES



Thank you to everyone who donated to the appeal. We sent 65 pairs of shoes, which is fantastic. We will run the appeal again next term.

GOLD AWARDS



The children enjoy hearing the reason for their nomination during our celebration assembly on a Friday. 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.

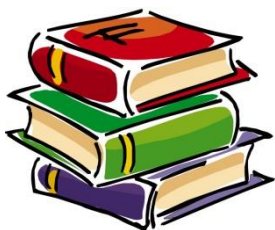
E-MAIL DETAILS

Please ensure we have the correct e-mail address for you as a lot of our correspondence is sent electronically. If you wish to receive paper copies of correspondence rather than electronic please let Mrs Crews in the office know.

VOLUNTEER READERS

Are you able to spare some time to come into school and help listen to children_read? If you would like to be a volunteer reader, please come into the school office for more information on how to apply. Owing to the importance of ensuring all our children's safety, all parents who help in school must be police checked. Please do not let this put you off volunteering to help in school, as we really do value your help.

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

Diary dates

Autumn Term 2016

<i>Wednesday 12th October</i>	<i>Harvest Festival 9.30am (ALL INVITED)</i>
<i>Monday 24th October</i>	<i>Half term week</i>
<i>Tuesday 8th November</i>	<i>Parents' evening</i>
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	<i>Numeracy day (ALL INVITED)</i>
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	<i>Open Morning for Prospective parents 9 -11.30</i>
<i>Friday 11th November</i>	<i>Remembrance day</i>
<i>Monday 14th November</i>	<i>Buzzard Parents meeting Re: Cobnor 3.30pm (Y5/6)</i>
<i>Tuesday 15th November</i>	<i>Individual photos</i>
<i>Wednesday 16th November</i>	<i>Parents' evening</i>
<i>Monday 5th December</i>	<i>Christmas post box</i>
<i>Friday 2nd December</i>	<i>Christingle service 2pm (ALL INVITED)</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th December</i>	<i>Nativity dress rehearsal (Pre School)</i>
<i>Wednesday 7th December</i>	<i>Nativity performance (pm) (YR/1/2)</i>
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	<i>Nativity performance (am) (YR/1/2)</i>
<i>Friday 9th December</i>	<i>Christmas jumper day</i>
<i>Tuesday 13th December</i>	<i>KS2 party (pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 14th December</i>	<i>KS1 party (pm) & Last day of Christmas post</i>
<i>Thursday 15th December</i>	<i>Last day of term/ End of term service</i>
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	<i>INSET</i>