



Dear Parents,



We are almost at the end of a very busy term and the change to more Spring like weather has enabled the

children to get out and use the fields and grounds more to help with their learning. Thank you for all of your patience and understanding during our snow closures and early closing to ensure the safety of all the children and staff as well as some parents who I understand had to make some quite lengthy trips due to the road conditions to collect their children.

### NEW WILLOW DOME

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Coe for the donation to the School of a Willow dome. Thank you as well to Mr Smith for transporting and planting it for us. It has already been used during our snow days and a new tunnel to link the two domes together has already been started.

### NEW INTERACTIVE TVS

We are very excited to have had two more interactive TVs installed in two more classrooms



thanks to the very kind generosity of The Friends who paid for the TVs and the installation costs. Please do come and have a look at them.

### EASTER

Please join us for our Easter Service at St Mary's Church



on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15.

Straight after the Easter Service, The Friends are holding the annual children's **egg rolling competition** in the school grounds (or the hall if it is wet). Tea, coffee and hot cross buns are available for a small donation for parents.

### SUPERVISION OF YOUNGER PRE-SCHOOL SIBLINGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

We had two quite nasty 'collisions' in the playground last week involving pupils and younger non school siblings who were playing on the playground before School. Please may I remind Parents that the playground is for use by the pupils before School and that younger siblings/pre schoolers should be under immediate supervision of their parents to ensure no one gets hurts.

## SUMMER UNIFORM



A reminder that children can wear their Summer uniform after the Easter break. Please can girls wear white socks with

Summer dresses and not tights.

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone,



who is using Easyfundrasing to support the School via their online purchases. We are on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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.

## OFSTED

Thank you to everyone for the kind letters, cards and emails we received during and after our Ofsted. Thank you to those Parents who attended the Ofsted evening where we talked about the Ofsted process and what steps we have already put in place to address the areas for improvement. Another meeting to update Parents/ Carers will be held during the Summer term.

## NEW BIRD TABLE

A big thank you to Mrs Roxburgh for her kind donation of a new bird table and bird food. This has been put in the grounds already.

## MORNING ROUTINE

When the whistle is blown in the morning it is time to say goodbye to your child and let them walk, with the rest of the School to their class line. Please can I ask Parents to say goodbye to the children *before* they line up and that Parents help us to foster a routine to help the children become more resilient and independent, of course if you child is upset for any reason, Mrs Francis and myself are usually on the playground to assist with this and 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!

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the whistle signalling the start of the school day is blown at 8:40am. We expect all children to be in their lines ready at this time to ensure that our children have a smooth and successful start to the school day.

Thank you to all families who have been making a real effort to ensure that their children are in school on time at 8:40am. Any children who are still arriving at school at this time will need to go, with the adult dropping them off, straight to the School Office and sign in the late book.

### INSET AND TERM DATES

A reminder that School will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June for Staff INSET.

Please find attached a copy of the School holiday dates for 2018-2019

INSET dates for the next academic year will be sent in the Summer term.

### HALL HIRE

Just to remind you that you can hire the School hall for parties, etc. Booking forms and prices are available in the office. This academic year has seen the hall booked for a number of weekends for camps for Cubs and Scouts. Please help spread the word of its availability. All hiring charges directly benefit the School.

### HEDGEHOG TRIP

I would like to thank all the adults who accompanied us on the trip to Pizza Express. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I think the highlight was spinning the dough in the air. Thank you as well to Mr Lewis for providing and driving the minibus.

### SHEDS

The School has finally been given the go ahead to replace the



wooden sheds that were behind the old Buzzard class. We are looking to purchase two metal sheds. If anyone can help with the sourcing of replacement metal sheds please inform the School office.

### CHANGE OF ROUTINE

There have been several occasions this term already where a child's collection

arrangements have changed and the school has not been informed. Please ensure you let either the class teacher or the office know if a different person is collecting your child. It puts the School in a very awkward position when an adult is insisting they are collecting a child and the School has not been informed!

### BOOKBAGS/RUCKSACKS



Please may I remind Parents that children should have a School book bag. Some children have started to bring in rucksacks and we do not have the capacity to store these in the book bag boxes.

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Please could you check at home for any stray 'Star of the Week' metal badges. We are currently missing approximately 30.

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 - Summer Term 2018**

Monday 16th April	YR (Sept 2018) places offered
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Paul Ulson - The History Man - Buzzards -The Reformation workshop
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	The Friends Fete donation day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Locality football and netball tournament (Selected KS2 teams)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Friends Cake Sale
w/b Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May (For one month)	KS1 National Curriculum Tests
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Paul Ulson - The History Man - Fox Class The Stoneage
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Film Night
<b>Monday 7th May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 National Curriculum Test week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor learning day (Whole School)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	The Friends Fete donation day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Science day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class photos
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Headteacher's Tea Party
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports' day
<b>w/b Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents meeting - New YR
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Fox Class weekly Swimming lessons
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	The Friends Fete donation day
Monday 11 - Friday 15 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday 11 - Friday 15 June	Healthy week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Paul Ulson - The History Man - Fox Class The Bronze and Iron age
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Year R in

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports' day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral (Year 6 Parents invited)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	New Year R in
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	FGB Meeting
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Moving up morning
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential at Cobnor
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer production - Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer production at 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer production at 6.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Headteacher's Tea Party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Headteacher's Award assembly 2.30pm (Parents by invitation)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Prize Giving Assembly 1.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers assembly (All invited)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term for Children
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET</b>

#### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back for Children