

Dear Parents,

We are about to embark on perhaps THE busiest and most exciting half-term in the run up to Christmas. There are so many additional activities happening. Please add them into your diaries, so that you don't miss a thing!

As the weather is beginning to become a bit chillier now, can we ask that children are sent to school with coats every day? Even if they come to school in a warm car, they will still spend significant amounts of time outside during the day and we want them to be comfortable.

HARVEST



Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest celebrations. It

was so lovely to see so many of you supporting the children. Thank you for all of your kind donations for the homeless charity Stonepillow and the Foodbank. Thank you to Lindy Shillingford for delivering the items and her willing team of helpers who loaded the car after the service.

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding an Open Morning for Prospective Year R 2017 Parents on Thursday 10th November from 9am to 11.30am. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let them know.

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.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE...

- Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please return the medical forms and the Data consent forms, via class teacher.
- No change is held in school, please always try and pay the correct amount for trips, uniforms, water bottles, etc.



Thank you

DISCO

Thank you to The Friends, especially Mrs Dicken for arranging the disco at the end of term. A great time was had by all and we hope to have another one soon.



EMERGENCY CLOSURE



With the change in weather recently it seems an appropriate time to remind parents of our procedure for closing the school in an emergency. In the case of extreme weather, any decision whether or not to close the school will be taken before 7am of the morning of the closure.

Emergency Closures outside the school day (e.g. snow closures)

Once a decision has been made to close the school, the following actions will take place.

- 1) We will inform West Sussex County Council. You can register to receive alerts from county by clicking on the link below:
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/schools_ages_4-16/emergency_school_closures.aspx
- 2) Local radio stations will be contacted in order that they can broadcast the closure. (Please be aware that there can be a delay between informing the radio station and them broadcasting the information.)
- 3) We will publicise the closure via the school's website.
- 4) A message will be sent via ParentMail.

Emergency Closures within the school day

If the school has to be closed during the school day, the school will begin a procedure for contacting parents as soon as possible, to inform them that the school is being closed. If the school needs to be evacuated, then the collection point and muster station is St Mary's Church, Compton.

Decisions to close the school

The decision to close the school is a serious one. Our main consideration will always be the health and safety of our children and staff. In the case of bad weather, please be aware that all schools are different and can be affected by such situations in different ways, depending on whether children come to school by bus or whether staff live a long way away etc.

Hopefully, it will not be necessary to close the school this winter but it is always best to prepare for the eventuality just in case!

GOVERNORS

We would like to welcome Miss Sarah Baldry (Mum to Ted and Sukie) to the Governing body as a Parent Governor.

THE FRIENDS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends AGM on the 18th October.

The venue was packed! The post holders for this year are: Mrs Helen Ison as Chair. Mrs Tracey Hodkin as Vice Chair. Mrs Emma



Milne as Secretary and Mrs Zoe Standing as Treasurer.

The School would like to thank the outgoing post holders, especially Tracey Dunn for all of their hardwork on behalf of the School during the last academic year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by Staff and Children.

PARKING

Please do not park near the flint wall opposite the School as this space is needed for the buses to turn at the start and end of day. We also need access to the School for emergency vehicles. There is parking for approximately 8-10 cars on the lane leading up to the church next to the Village Shop. Parents can then use the footpath through the churchyard to access the School. Please remember that as adults we need to role model safe behaviour at all times. Thank you.

PUPIL PREMIUM

As a school, we receive additional funding from the Government for parents who claim free school meals, whose parents are in the Armed Forces, children who are adopted from care and those who have legal guardianship. Our school uses this money in a wide variety of ways to support children with their learning, social and emotional needs, and we are accountable for how effective we use this money.

In order for us to claim this money for your child, it is important that you let us know if you are eligible:

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you can register your child for Free School Meals:

□ Income Support

□ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
□ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

□ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

□ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

□ Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

□ Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
A form can be collected from the school office.

A parent who serves in the Armed Forces

This is designed to support children whose parents are designated as personal category 1 or 2 which are shown on the www.gov.uk website. However all parents will be aware of their personnel category. Please refer to the website for further information.

Adopted from Care/Legal Guardianship

If your child/ren is/are adopted, we would be grateful if you could contact us, where we would need supporting evidence such as The Adoption (Court) Order. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Parents may choose not to divulge this information, as it is your prerogative; however, children not identified will not be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Mrs Claire Inskip
Headteacher

Diary dates

Autumn Term 2016

<i>Tuesday 8th November</i>	<i>Parents' evening</i>
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	<i>Numeracy day (ALL INVITED - See separate letter)</i>
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	<i>Open Morning for Prospective parents 9 -11.30</i>
<i>Friday 11th November</i>	<i>Remembrance day (Information only)</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) ALL INVITED</i>
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	<i>Nativity performance (am) (YR/1/2) ALL INVITED</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>

