



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!

### COATS AND HATS

As the weather is beginning to become a bit chillier now, 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. Also a reminder that if Children wish to wear a winter hat they need to be a School logoed one which are available to order from the office. No other winter hats please.

### 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

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> November between 9 and 11.30am. 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. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let them know.

### 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](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Monday 15th January 2018**. The online system 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.

### 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



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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](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!

### **UNIFORM**

We are very proud of our school and our uniform. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We have attached a copy of our uniform policy as a reminder.

### **NUMERACY DAY**

It was lovely to see so many Parents and Governors attend Numeracy day. The feedback from Parents was that they valued the opportunity to see the way in which the children can learn and still have fun!

### **THE FRIENDS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.



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.

### **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](http://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



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## Dates Autumn 2017 -2018

### *New dates in italics*

Tuesday 7th November	Parents' evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for Prospective parents 9 -11.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance day
Monday 13th November	Buzzard Parents meeting Re: Cobnor 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photos (Non School siblings at 8.30am)
<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Children in Need Day (see separate letter)</i>
<i>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Flu Vaccines for YR,1,2,3,4 (see separate letter)</i>
Friday 1st December	Christingle service St Mary's Compton 2pm (All invited)
Monday 4th December	Christmas post box
Tuesday 5th December	Nativity dress rehearsal (Babies/toddlers and preschool invited)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance (pm)
Thursday 7th December	Nativity performance (am)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day/Jolly jam day (More information to follow)
<i>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>'The Friends' Christmas shopping day</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Christmas post
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 party
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas service in Church 9.15am (all invited)
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>