

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! A warm welcome to all our new children and parents. I hope you all had a good Summer break and enjoyed spending time with your children.

It was with a heavy heart, at the end of term, we informed you of the passing of our much loved TA, Mrs Etherington. The collection after the Leavers' Assembly raised £289.47, which will be going to The Rowans Hospice. Mrs Etherington loved working at the School and her enthusiasm for learning and fun was infectious. Taking a lead from Mrs Etherington, we are going to arrange a number of activities to raise money and awareness of the Rowans Hospice. If you have any ideas, please let your class buddy know or pop in to see Mrs Crews in the Office.

SEVERE NUT ALLERGY



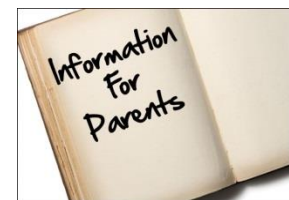
We have a child in School with a severe nut allergy. Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction. As a school we are very aware of the dangers nut exposure can cause. Therefore, we need you to work with us to be "Nut Aware" and help this pupil to stay safe.

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.

TEACHER AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions will be in the classrooms from 2.30 until 3.00pm. The class teacher will



talk about the curriculum, expectations for the year, how to help your child with Literacy and Numeracy and planned trips. For Years 2 and 6 it will also include information about National Tests. It will also give you an opportunity to meet the team who work with your child and to ask questions.

The sessions will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 13th Sept - Hedgehog class
- Wednesday 14th Sept - Owl class
- Thursday 15th Sept - Buzzard class
- Friday 16th Sept - Fox class

I appreciate that some Parents will not be able to attend the session so a hand-out covering all the points discussed will be sent home.

QUEUING AT THE OFFICE

All forms and money regarding trips, parents evenings, clubs, tokens, vouchers, reply slips etc. should be sent to the class teacher to be put into the class 'Office Zippy Bag', which comes over in the morning with the registers and goes back in the afternoon with any class post. This saves Parents queuing at the office, helps keep everything together for Mrs Crews and also helps our children to develop their independence. If you would like a replacement letter please ask your child to get one from their class teacher.

EARRINGS

May I remind you that earrings should be plain studs only.

Please note that children **must not** wear earrings during P.E sessions. This is a requirement of all West Sussex schools. If children are able to take their own earrings out, they will need a bag or envelope to put them in. Or, even better, please send the children to school without them on their P.E. days. Find out when these are from the teacher. We can allow up to six weeks for ears to heal after piercing, during which time the child will need to cover them with plaster tape, but after that earrings must be removed. Any child who cannot remove their earrings for PE **MUST** have completed an indemnity form available from the office.

MONEY IN SCHOOL

If you need to send cash into school, **PLEASE** ensure it is the correct amount and that it is in an envelope that clearly states the child's name, what the payment is for and send it in with your

child to put in the class post bag, which then is taken to the Office.

SUPERVISION

Please may I politely remind Parents that Children **should not** be left on the playground, unsupervised, **before**

8.30am. A member of

Staff is on duty in the playground from 8.30am.

Scooters are not to be

used on the School premises either before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep all our pupils safe.



CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Just to remind you that Michelle Miles is our dedicated Child and Family Support worker, who can chat to you on the phone, over coffee, as a one-off, as a series of sessions, at home or at school. Michelle works in and out of School with some of our pupils and families.



Michelle can give advice and support on a number of common parenting issues such as: diet and nutrition, routines, toileting, bedtime, mealtimes, sleeping, play, praise, self-esteem, communication and behaviour.

If you feel you would like to gain advice or support then please contact the School Office who will put you in touch with Michelle.

HOT AND PACKED LUNCHES

Please may I remind you that packed lunch children must bring a drink (non-fizzy) as part of their packed lunch. Chartwell meals do not provide drinks

for children who are not using their service.

If your child has a hot school meal, please note that any dietary needs or queries about the menu or ingredients in the food need to be directed to Chartwells who will be happy to help you.

UNIFORM



Our school uniform of royal blue and grey gives our children a sense of belonging and pride in themselves and the school.

Our uniform is as follows:

BOYS

- Charcoal grey trousers or grey shorts.
- Grey socks.
- Plain white polo shirt - short sleeved with plain, straight collar
- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo (order through school)
- Flat black or navy shoes - lace-up, velcro or buckled shoes. No trainers, no boots, no open-toe sandals, no slip ons.

GIRLS

- Charcoal grey trousers, grey skirt or grey pinafore.
- Grey /white socks or **blue/grey tights**.
- Plain white polo shirt - short sleeved with plain, straight collar
- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo or royal blue cardigan with school logo (order through school)

- Flat black or navy shoes - lace-up, velcro or buckled shoes. No coloured trainers, no boots, no open-toe sandals, no slip ons.
- Hair slides, hairbands and scrunchies should be plain and either royal blue or blue gingham.
- Summer - royal/white gingham dress in the summer with white socks.

**If girls are performing handstands whilst wearing skirts or dresses, they will need to wear black shorts underneath, which should not be visible below the dress or skirt line.*

Hats:

A school logoed summer hat is needed by all children, available from the school office. A knitted, logoed winter hat is optional and is available from the office. No other hats.

Compulsory PE Kit - All available to order

- White PE T-shirt with School logo
- Royal blue PE shorts
- White socks
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Royal blue jogging bottoms
- PE bag

Please note that boots may only be worn for medical reasons and must be backed up with documentation from a Health care professional.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

I hope the children have continued and enjoyed reading during the summer break. Please bring all completed Library reading challenge certificates in to share in assembly.



PARKING



Thank you to all the parents who 'park and stride' to school. We have had several incidents recently where vehicles have been parked next to the flint wall directly opposite the double school gates making access to the school difficult. The need for clear access to School grounds has been highlighted again with the devastating Secondary School fire at The Academy in Selsey. Please avoid parking here, as the buses and deliveries lorries need the space to turn round and on several occasions staff and visitors to the school have not been able to access the car park as the lane has been blocked. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

FOOD AT COMPTON AND UP MARDEN

At Compton and Up Marden School, we promote a healthy lifestyle - good habits which are formed when young, will last a lifetime! I would therefore like to confirm our school policy for items of food that are eaten in school:

Fruit and Vegetable Scheme for Key Stage One

We are pleased to confirm that the Government's School Fruit and

Vegetable Scheme will continue this year. Under this scheme, each child in KS1 is entitled to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day. The items will be fresh and of good quality and the aim is for the children to have a positive and enjoyable experience of fruit and vegetables. KS1 may bring in their own healthy snacks from home to eat at morning play, but please ensure that it either a piece of fruit or vegetable. No cereal bars or fruit bars please.

KS2 Healthy Snacks

Children may bring a healthy snack from home, ie fresh fruit (NOT fruit winders, cereal or fruit bars please), a box of raisins, a carrot etc.

WATER BOTTLES



Even during the winter months, it is important that children have a regular intake of water. This keeps them refreshed and active both inside and outside the classroom. Please ensure all new school water bottles are CLEARLY named. We have water bottles available to purchase, from the office, for 30p.

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS

Please may I politely request that parents do not 'catch' teachers when they are on morning duty as they are supervising the children. If you would like to see a teacher before or after school, please come to the school office in the first instance to make an appointment.

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.

ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS FOR ABSENCE

Punctuality and attendance are vital for a child's education. Please make sure you contact the office by 9am at the latest if your child is going to be absent. If we do not receive a call, we will phone you to enquire why your child is absent.

Holidays: Your child will bring home today a guide from WSCC regarding fixed penalty notices that we have been asked to give to all Parents.

HAIR

Please can children with long hair make sure that their hair is tied back; not only does this look smart but it can help to prevent any headlice problems. Hair slides, hairbands in school colours please and to be functional rather than a distraction!

INSET DAYS - 2016 -2017

Monday 5 September 2016

Friday 16 December 2016

Monday 27 February 2017

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure we have the correct home/work numbers for you and your emergency contacts. Correct telephone and mobile numbers are vital should we need to contact you in an emergency.

DIARY DATES

See attached.

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

Tuesday 13 th September	<i>Hedgehog class - Meet the teacher 2.30 - 3.00</i>
Wednesday 14 th September	<i>Owl class - Meet the teacher 2.30 - 3.00</i>
Thursday 15 th September	<i>Buzzard class - Meet the teacher 2.30 - 3.00</i>
Friday 16 th September	<i>Fox class - Meet the teacher 2.30 - 3.00</i>
Wednesday 12 th October	<i>Harvest Festival 9.30am</i>
Monday 24th October	<i>Half term week</i>
Tuesday 8 th November	<i>Parents' evening</i>
Thursday 10 th November	<i>Numeracy day</i>
Thursday 10 th November	<i>Open Morning for Prospective parents 9 -11.30</i>
Friday 11 th November	<i>Remembrance day</i>
Monday 14 th November	<i>Buzzard Parents meeting Re: Cobnor 3.30pm</i>
Tuesday 15 th November	<i>Individual photos</i>
Wednesday 16 th November	<i>Parents' evening</i>
Monday 5 th December	<i>Christmas post box</i>
Friday 2 nd December	<i>Christingle service 2pm</i>
Tuesday 6 th December	<i>Nativity dress rehearsal (Pre School)</i>
Wednesday 7 th December	<i>Nativity performance (pm)</i>
Thursday 8 th December	<i>Nativity performance (am)</i>
Friday 9 th December	<i>Christmas jumper day</i>
Tuesday 13 th December	<i>KS2 party (pm)</i>

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2016

Tuesday 13th December

KS2 party (pm)

Wednesday 14th December

KS1 party (pm) & Last day of Christmas post

Thursday 15th December

Last day of term/ End of term service

Friday 16th December

INSET

Standard School Year 2016/2017

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2016/2017 for West Sussex

The School Year

	Autumn Term 2016			
	September	October	November	December
Monday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
	Spring Term 2017			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
	Summer Term 2017			
	May	June	July	August
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

Bank and Public Holidays 2016/2017

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2016	May Day	1st May 2017
Boxing Day	26th December 2016	Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2017
New Year Day Holiday	2nd January 2017	Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2017
Good Friday	14th April 2017		
Easter Monday	17th April 2017		

Useful Information

School holidays	☐	September to October half term	Days
		November to December	35
Bank holidays and national holidays	☐	January to February half term	35
		February to April	34
Start of Term	☐	April to May half term	30
		June to July	24
End of Term	☐		37
		Total	195

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2017 will not be determined until the 2017/18 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.