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Dear Families

At last, the weather looks like it is getting better. The children have been out all week for their playtimes and I am hoping that it will not be too long before the children can go on the field. Fingers crossed!

Our PTA meeting, with our new committee, took place this week and was very positive with good attendance. They will now be focusing on the preparations and planning for Summer Revels and a number of key events have been agreed and added to the school diary, so please keep an eye on the newsletter for these dates. Once again, I would like to say thank you to our PTA and parents for all of their support.

What a success we had with World Book Day. Our children and staff looked amazing and we had a great day with lots of activities taking place.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jane Sharrock

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day yesterday. The children looked amazing in their outfits, whether it be pyjamas or dressed as a character from their favourite book. Everybody embraced the day wholeheartedly. The children had a variety of activities to promote Reading for Pleasure, starting with our assembly which looked at why children do not always read. The children came up with some wonderful ideas to encourage those who find read challenging. We had several whole school tasks, including an animal themed book hunt, in which children had various riddles that needed matching up with books found around the school. We finished the day with a reading of the whole school story, that every class contributed towards. It was fun to read how our brave and adventurous princess ended up as a hippo who faced a stream of skeletons and terrifying tarantulas. And if that wasn't enough, she ended up fending off five front-flipping psychotic spy penguins - it is so refreshing to see how creative and imaginative our children are. Finally, the day had to come to an end, but it was incredibly satisfying to see how much pleasure the children got from the range of activities they accessed throughout the day.

Please check out our Facebook page for lots of photos. Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092232716999> .



EASTER BONNET PARADE – TUESDAY 1ST APRIL (9AM)



The Easter Bonnet parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly offered to donate. We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- ❖ A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- ❖ Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- ❖ Papier mâché balloon to make an egg.
- ❖ Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



RECORDER CLUB

As Mrs Wellby has an appointment on Thursday, 20th March, Recorder Club will not take place on this date.



Chartwells will be offering the Easter Lemon Cupcake again this year on Thursday 3rd April. Please see the attached poster.

DONNA HOSFORD

Area Manager Shoreham & Pulborough

DATES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

MARCH 2025

Tues 11 March	Y1 & Y2 Football Tournament at Angmering
Thurs 13 March	KS2 Trip to the Theatre Royal, Brighton NO ART CLUB
Tues 18 March	Y5 & Y6 High Five Netball Tournament
Thurs 20 March	NO ART CLUB NO RECORDER CLUB
Fri 21 March	NO ART CLUB
Fri 28 March	PTA second hand uniform sale (before and after school) Last Art Club
Mon 31 March	Y4 -Y6 Girls Basketball at Angmering – details to follow

APRIL 2025

Tues 1 April	Easter Bonnet Parade
Wed 2 April	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm)
Thurs 3 April	Easter Service led by Rowan Class at school (9am) Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football at Angmering – details to follow Last Art Club
Fri 4 April	PTA non-uniform day – please bring in prizes for tombola stalls at the Revels – details to follow
7 – 21 April	Easter Break
Tues 22 April	INSET Day
Wed 23 April	Back to School

MAY 2025

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 19 May	Oak Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Fri 23 May	RNLI visiting Year 3 to Year 6 – details to follow
26 – 30 May	Half-term break

JUNE 2025

Mon 2 June	INSET Day
Tues 3 June	Back to school
w/c 9 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Fri 13 June	PTA non-uniform day – please bring in cakes for Summer Revels – info to follow

Sat 14 June SUMMER REVELS
Mon 16 June Rainbow Theatre Company visiting Ash & Willow – details to follow
Wed 25 June Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)

JULY 2025

Tues 8 July Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Wed 9 July Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm)

**Fri 18 July Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Leavers' Service at school (9am)**

Mon 21 July Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)

Tues 22 July Last day of term