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Dear Families

I have the privilege of writing the newsletter this week, as Mrs Sharrock is attending the annual Headteachers' Conference. I cannot believe how quickly this week has flown by. With only two more weeks before half term, the children continue to work hard and produce lovely work.

Ash children have been working towards their assembly, which takes place on Wednesday 12th February. Having been in Ash class recently, you are in for a treat!



Before Christmas, the PTA gave each class some money to go towards some 'fun' items for the class. The children were presented with these gifts during our assembly this afternoon. A big thank you to the PTA for this generous gift to each class.

Splash were in school on Tuesday talking about what geese can teach us about teamwork. Each bird in the 'V' flies a little higher than the bird in front of them. This reduces wind resistance and conserves energy for every bird in the formation except the lead bird so when the leader tires, it will fall back and another bird will take the lead. This is teamwork in action.



The PTA is holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 3.30pm. Mrs Griffiths is kindly offering an after-school facility for children at the school, allowing parents to attend the meeting. As the current PTA board steps down, we are looking for dedicated and passionate parents to step up and continue this important work. As a team, our PTA has organised a variety of fundraising events to provide financial support for school improvements, educational programs, and extracurricular activities. **This meeting is crucial to ensure the continued success of our PTA.** Without a PTA, we may struggle to raise extra funds for essential resources. The PTA will be sending out leaflets about the meeting, so please support them. No matter how much or little time you can give, **every effort counts!** Whether you want to lead a committee, volunteer occasionally, or just stay informed, they welcome your involvement.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely weekend – fingers crossed for better weather!

Kind regards
Corrine Wellby

REMINDER - CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

As our school is on a Holiday Return Menu on Monday, 24th February, after the half-term break, ParentPay have updated the meal ordering system and all orders have been cancelled. Please can parents reorder for Monday 24th February if you wish to select the following meal for your child.

*Jacket Potato with tuna mayonnaise or baked beans
& sweetcorn as the side vegetable
Pudding is custard and/or peaches
Medical diets will be offered jelly pot*

MESSY CHURCH



The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, 4th February, 3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall. All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

WORLD THINKING DAY

On Monday 24th February, children who are members of the Girl Guiding and Scouting organisation can wear their uniforms to school to celebrate 'World Thinking Day', which is Saturday 22nd February. This includes children who are in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. World Thinking Day is an annual event, celebrated worldwide.

LOCALITY NETBALL AND FOOTBALL MATCHES

Our Year 5 and Year 6 netball and football teams were in action yesterday afternoon, playing against Ferring and St Wilfrid's. The netballers had two challenging games, but everyone played well and worked hard. The footballers were very excited to beat Ferring, and although they didn't get the result they wanted against St Wilfrid's, it was an exciting game to watch with some great teamwork. Thank you to all our supporters.



RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Y3 & Y4 Girls' Mini Football Tournament at Angmering (6.2.25)
- Y3 & Y4 Boys' Mini Football Tournament at Angmering (13.2.25)
- Y1-Y6 Parent Consultations

We are always happy to supply paper copies of any correspondence.

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.

FEBRUARY 2025

Tues 4 February	Messy Church in Findon Village Hall (3.30pm – 5.30pm) Deanery Celebration Service
Thurs 6 February	Y3 & Y4 Girls' Football Tournament at Angmering
Tues 11 February	Safer Internet Day PTA EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AT 3.30PM
Wed 12 February	Reception assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 13 February	Hawking About visiting school – Ash & Willow (am) Please return slips & payment. Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football Tournament at Angmering NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING
17-21 February	Half-term break
Mon 24 February	Back to school World Thinking Day
Tues 25 February	Parents evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm) No Instrumental or Boys' Vocal Clubs today.
Wed 26 February	Reception Health Screening Parents evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

MARCH 2025

Sun 2 March	Choir will be singing at St John Baptist Church service (10am) – info to follow
Mon 3 March	Y3 & Y4 Netball event at Angmering School – details to follow
Thurs 6 March	World Book Day – details to follow Y5 & Y6 Rugby Tournament at Angmering – details to follow NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING
Tues 11 March	Y1 & Y2 Football Tournament at Angmering – details to follow
Thurs 13 March	KS2 Trip to the Theatre Royal, Brighton NO ART CLUB
Tues 18 March	Y5 & Y6 High Five Netball Tournament – details to follow
Thurs 20 March	NO ART CLUB
Fri 21 March	NO ART CLUB
Fri 28 March	Last Art Club

Mon 31 March Y4 -Y6 Basketball at Angmering – details to follow

APRIL 2025

Tues 1 April Easter Bonnet Parade – details to follow

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

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)

26 – 30 May Half-term break

JUNE 2025

Mon 2 June INSET Day

Tues 3 June Back to school

Sat 14 June SUMMER REVELS

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)
Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Tues 22 July Last day of term