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Dear Families,

What a busy first full week we have had in school! Our children have settled into their new classes, new routines and general systems around school. I had the opportunity to show a prospective parent around on Thursday morning and they were extremely impressed with the learning that they saw, the behaviour of the children, our extensive grounds and the ethos of the school. So much so, their two children will be starting with us after half term. Our clubs have got off to a flying start with rehearsals for the O2, boys' vocal and the biggest recorder club yet! The next few weeks will see the start of the KS1 instrumental club, Sing and Sign and Construction clubs.

Have a great weekend,
Jane Sharrock

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Every Friday in our Celebration Assembly, children have the opportunity to share their achievements out of school. They can bring in trophies, certificates, photographs, medals and share their success with the whole school.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are free for all state school pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 of primary school. These are known as 'universal infant free school meals'.

However, if your family are living on a low income and claiming certain benefits, your child may be able to get a free lunch regardless of their school year (known as 'benefit-related free school meals'). If your child qualifies for benefit-related free school meals, you should apply for this as they will not **only qualify for a free hot meal, but other subsidies including a free school sweatshirt, polo shirt and free milk.** For more information and to see if you are eligible, please follow this link: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

If you are not sure if this applies to you, then please come and talk to Mrs Baird or Mrs Johnson in the school office, who will respond in confidence.

YEAR 6 – WSSC BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Information from West Sussex Bikeability, including a consent form, has now been emailed to all Year 6 parents. As explained previously, Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability training course at our school during week commencing 21st October. The course will be run by West Sussex County Council Cycle training staff. Please return consent forms to school as soon as possible. We



can also provide paper copies of the information, if necessary.

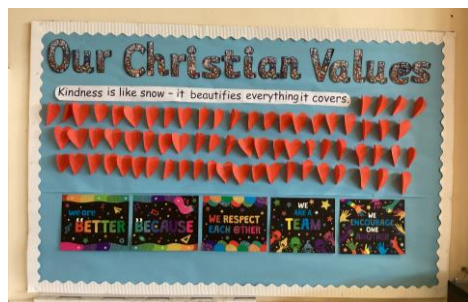
BABY GRAND PIANO



A local resident has been in contact offering a Yamaha baby grand piano belonging to her late husband. She would like to give it away to a passionate instrument lover and someone who will care for it. If you are interested, please contact the office.

KS1 INSTRUMENTAL CLUB

This will start next week with Mrs Wellby on Tuesday from 12:15pm. She will collect children from the main hall at lunchtime to take back to Holly class.



CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our first assembly of the new academic year was a reflection of our autumn school value on 'Respect'. The whole school was given a heart upon which they had to write what respect looked like to them, with a focus on being kind. These are now all on display in the Main Hall.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



This month's 'Author' is Gary Northfield as chosen by Mrs Wellby. Gary has written a series of comical books centring around a group of animals, led by Julius Zebra, who venture to Rome and become gladiators in the Coliseum and go to Ancient Egypt and become 'gods'. This hilarious set of books not only entertain but also teach children lots of facts about the Romans, the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Britons. Definitely a fun read!

Recent correspondence:

- **Y6 parents – email regarding WSCC Bikeability Training Course**
- **KS2 parents – Wakehurst Place school trip letter**
- **Y1 & Y2 parents – Information from Chelsea FC regarding after school club**
- **Whole school email – Nasal flu vaccination programme**
- **Y6 parents – Worthing High School open morning**

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

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.

Mon 9 September	O2 rehearsal club – (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 10 September	Y1-Y6 Boys' Vocal Club starts (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Wed 11 September	KS2 Premier Education Netball Club (3.20pm- 4.20pm)
Thurs 12 September	Y1-Y2 Premier Education Gymnastics Club (3.15pm- 4.15pm)
Friday 13 September	Chelsea FC After-school Club starts Y1 & Y2 to Y3 & Y4
Wed 18 September	PTA meeting in the school hall (6pm)
Thurs 19 September	KS2 Angmering Mile
Tues 1 October	Y1-Y2 trip to Arundel Castle
Friday 4 October	Astracolour photos
Mon 7 October	KS2 trip to Wakehurst Place
Wed 9 October	Y4 & Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (information to follow)
Tues 15 October	Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 16 October	Harvest Festival Service led by Holly Class (9am) Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
w/c 21 October	Year 6 Bikeability Training Course
Tues 22 October	Nasal Flu vaccinations