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Dear Families

We have had quite a week in school but we have had lots going on behind the scenes. The School Council, Ms Lyle and I have now finalised the school Prayer. Helena, our vicar, will have her input into this if any of our parents want to offer any input, that would be great. Contact the school office if you are interested.

The O2 music trip is imminent and the children have been busy with their final rehearsals in preparation for this special event. I attended the event last year and they are in for a spectacular day.

I have also had a meeting this week with Chris Gilbert, a member of the Findon Parish Council. We are looking to work with them on a joint community project developing Nephote Green pond. How exciting for some of our children to be involved with the re-development of the pond and conservation. Watch this space.

We are in for a more settled weekend of weather.

Best wishes

Mrs Sharrock

'DEAR ZOO'

Our imaginative reception children embarked on a wild adventure in our nature area, creating their very own zoo inspired by Rod Campbell's well known story, 'Dear Zoo'. They thought about the perfect habitats for the animals, carefully deciding which furry friends could coexist together. Their zoo was in deed a roaring success of creativity and teamwork!



NEWS FROM THE PTA

Thank you so much for the contributions to the tombola stalls for our Summer Revels event and we hope the children enjoyed wearing their own clothes today!

Don't forget it's our 'social evening' on Wednesday 31st January at the Black Horse from 7pm. Please do come along if you are interested in finding out more about the PTA - we are not asking you to sign your life away if you come... we promise!

Any questions please email Findonpta@gmail.com

ART CLUB

Last week, our talented artists had a blast diving into the world of vibrant pop and cubist art with the legendary Romero Britto! Inspired by his bold style, they unleashed their creativity to create wonderful pictures filled with bright colours and unique marks.



YOU'RE INVITED...

SOCIAL EVENING

Grab a drink and come and meet your new PTA!

Wednesday 31st Jan, 7pm onwards.
The Black Horse (skittle alley room)

St John the Baptist
PTA

CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

With half-term approaching in 2 weeks, please remember to order meals in time for the children's return to school on Monday 19th February. Chartwells will be serving a 'return to school' menu on this date.



O2 TRIP

We are all looking forward to our trip to the O2 Arena on Tuesday. Here are a few reminders in preparation for the big day:

- Children will require a packed lunch AND tea for the day. No bars of chocolate or fizzy drinks please. There is a water fountain for children to refill their bottles throughout the day.
- Children should come to school in their Young Voices or plain white t-shirts and school bottoms (trousers, skirts). They should also wear their school jumpers.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat as it will be cold, particularly when we leave the arena.
- There will be a short meeting at 10:40 in the main hall before we set off in the coaches.
- Any parents who are collecting their children at the end of the evening should meet at the coach. Please do not attempt to collect at the entrance to the O2.
- On leaving the arena, we will phone through an eta back at school, which will be communicated via Facebook and email.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

Mrs Wellby

MMR VACCINATION

WSCC Public Health are working to encourage MMR vaccination uptake. Please see the information they have asked us to communicate:

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles. Please use this link for further resources:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations>

If anyone has any concerns about symptoms, please signpost to NHS 111 - [Get help for your symptoms - NHS 111](#)

Recent Correspondence

- **Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre visiting school – REMINDER, please return £8 voluntary contribution towards the cost.**
- **Rowan Class – school trip letter**
- **Y1-Y6 parents evening letter**
- **Holly Class – school trip letter**
- **KS1 football tournament letter**
- **Y3 & Y4 Girls football tournament letter**

DATES FOR 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.

Tues 30 January	Year R - West Sussex child programme health screening O2 trip
Wed 31 January	PTA Social at The Black Horse (7pm)
Mon 5 February	KS1 Football tournament (3.45pm) Rainbow Theatre Company workshop – Y1 & Y2 (1pm) Y2-Y6 Choir Club starts (3.20pm) – letter to follow
Tues 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 February	Reception Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	Half-term break
Mon 19 February	Back to school
Tues 20 February	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 21 February	Rowan & Holly trip to Chichester (letter to follow) Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5pm)
Thurs 22 February	World Thinking Day
Tues 27 February	PTA meeting (6pm)
Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at morning service (St John's Church 10am)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser No Book Club/last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Fri 17 May	PTA non-uniform day
Sat 18 May	SUMMER REVELS
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited

