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Dear Families

Another busy week in school with lots going on. I had the opportunity to go out on a trip to Arundel Castle with our Year 1 and Year 2 children earlier this week. They were excellent ambassadors for the school had a great time learning about the parts of a castle, type of castle and vocabulary associated with castles. It was lovely to spend the day with the children and see first hand the benefit of taking our children out for trips and to see our local heritage. The trip started off their topic on 'Castles' and what a great resource we have on our doorstep.

We had our first fire drill of the year this week and the children did an amazing job and we were out and accounted for in under three minutes – 2 minutes 42 seconds. The fire drill is part of keeping our children safe and it enabled our new Reception children to practise exiting the building and lining up at the designated fire points.

We had 'Dan Jenner' from Angmering School in this week training our Year 6 children to become 'Play Leaders'. They did a great job working with all the year groups to develop their play leading skills. We can now draw up a timetable so they can run a variety of play leading activities during our break times.

Next week is another busy week in school and we have our first 'Open Day' for 2025 for prospective parents. I have met with our School Captains who will join me as advocates for our school during these events.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

IMPORTANT - O2 REMINDER

A number of parents have still not linked with our school account on the Young Voices website to allow their child to access the materials. It is important that children can use the Music Room in order to learn the songs for the concert in January. The link is <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=MTMxNy8xNzI3OTg2ODk4>. If you experience any problems logging on, please contact the office as soon as possible and I will look into it.

Any parent who has not made payment for tickets and t-shirts (optional) should do so as soon as possible. Tickets are selling quickly and if we are to secure these for parents, we need to send payment quickly. It is vital that we know how many coach seats parents will require so that we can determine the cost of the coach.

Mrs Wellby

SPORTS AMBASSADORS

We are delighted to announce that Delilah F and Max in Year 6 have been selected as our Sports Ambassadors for the year. They will be representing our school at Locality sporting meetings, and will sometimes help to support younger children at sports events.

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 LEGACY GAMES

Thank you to the parents who have offered to drop off and collect their children from The Angmering School on Wednesday, 9th October. We are still looking for 3 more children to be dropped off/collected, please. This will really help with the number of mini-bus journeys that will be needed on the day.

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2025

Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so, they are eligible to start school in September 2025. You can apply online from Monday 7th October and the deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025. Apply online at westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.



For our future planning, please advise the school office if you have a child who is due to start in September.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 16th October, at 9.15am, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children and you are all welcome to join us. Holly Class will be leading this year's service. We have chosen to support Worthing Foodbank again who would greatly appreciate any donations. We ask that children bring in donations which can be presented at the Harvest Service on Wednesday 16th October. Parents are welcome to wait in the school hall after drop off.

Here are some suggestions from Worthing Foodbank:

Tins - fruit, puddings, meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables

Packets – biscuits, cereals

Drinks – Milk (UHT), fruit juice (long life), tea bags

Cleaning – washing up liquid, toiletries

Thank you for your support.



SING AND SIGN CLUB

Don't forget that 'Sing and Sign' is not running on Monday, 7th October as Miss Cove has a meeting to attend.

BOYS' VOCAL CLUB



Just a reminder that Boys' Vocal Club will not be taking place on Tuesday, 8th October (Mrs Wellby has an appointment) and Tuesday 15th October (Parent Consultations). The club will resume on Tuesday, 22nd October.

CHARTWELLS HOLIDAY RETURN MENU

On 5th and 6th November, there is a change to the lunch menu due to our INSET day and delivery of the food. The menu has been added to ParentPay, so you may wish to reorder for these days. We have attached a copy of the menu for your information.



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- ✓ Ages 18 months - 4 years
- ✓ Refreshments

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Recent correspondence:

- **Parent Consultation letter Y1-Y6 – slips to be returned by 9th October.**
- **DHS Open Morning – Year 6**
- **Nasal Flu vaccination reminder**

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.

OCTOBER

Mon 7 October	KS2 trip to Wakehurst Place Y1/Y2 Multi-skills event at Angmering (3.45pm) Sing and Sign Club cancelled
Tues 8 October	Reception Parents meeting with Miss Cove (2.45pm) Boys' Vocal Club cancelled
Wed 9 October	Y4 & Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering
Tues 15 October	Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm) Boys' Vocal Club cancelled
Wed 16 October	Harvest Festival Service led by Holly Class (9.15am)- All welcome! Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Thurs 17 October	Y6 Heights and Weights (National Child Measurement Programme)
w/c 21 October	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Tues 22 October	Nasal Flu vaccinations PTA meeting (6pm)
Wed 23 October	Six Weeks In meeting for our Reception parents (9am) – details to follow
Half-term break	28 Oct – 1 Nov

NOVEMBER

Mon 4 November	INSET DAY
Sat 9 November	PTA Fireworks Fantasia
Thurs 14 November	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)

DECEMBER

Tues 10 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Wed 11 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Thurs 12 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow
Mon 16 December	Open Afternoon (3.30pm)
Wed 18 December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
Fri 20 December	Christmas party lunch (Chartwells lunches will not be served) – information to follow Last day of term