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Dear Families

A very busy week in school, using our creative talents. Our Reception children have been exploring the tastes of different fruits. Year 2 children and some children in Year 3 have been making fruit crumble, using the apples, plums and pears from our school grounds. I managed to take a spare one home for my pudding, it was scrumptious.

Oak Class are currently having their weekly guitar lessons as part of the music curriculum. From my office, I can hear that they are all doing really well. We will arrange a date for you to enjoy an end of term performance.

We have now completed Meet The Teacher sessions and copies of the PowerPoint Presentations are available on the school website, <https://www.stjbps.co.uk/childrens-zone/>

Best wishes
Mrs Sharrock

HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 5th October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children at school and Reverend Helena Buquè will be joining us.

We have chosen to support a local foodbank and would greatly appreciate any food donations. We would ask that children bring in items on Wednesday morning please. Here are some suggestions:



Tins - corned beef, ham/spam, custard, rice pudding, soup, baked beans, etc

Drinks – small cartons of juice, squash, coffee, tea

Cleaning – washing up liquid, cleaning wipes, washing powder

Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Jon Brunton of Old Barn Nursery, Dial Post, who has kindly donated plants to brighten up the pots at the front of the school. Yesterday, Jon planted Coprosma Lemon and Lime, Tequila Sunrise and Pittosporum. We hope you will enjoy the display at the start and the end of the day.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The month of October is Black History Month in the UK and the teachers and I will plan a series of activities and assemblies to take place in October designed to explore this area of the curriculum.

Black History Month is marked annually, where we recognise and value the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped the black generation. We remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today.

REMINDER - ASH AND WILLOW CLASSES

We are looking forward to the Hobgoblin Theatre Company visiting the children on Monday 3rd October. Please can we remind parents to send in the £7 voluntary contribution towards this event. Many thanks.

ACCELERATED READER WORKSHOPS

The 'free reader' scheme that we currently have in school is Accelerated Reader. Our KS2 children are already using the scheme and our Year 2 children will start on the scheme after completing their phonics programme.

Mrs Sharrock will be running two workshops on Accelerated Reader so parents can get a deeper understanding of how the programme works and the philosophy behind it.

The workshops for Year 2 and KS2 parents will run at 9 am and 6 pm on Tuesday 18th October.

Following on from the workshops, parents will have an opportunity to access their child's account and look at reading progress.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

Hopefully, you have received a letter about parent consultation meetings on Tuesday, 11th and Wednesday 12th October. Please return slips by Wednesday 5th October. Attached is a copy of the letter, just in case it hasn't made its way home!

CLUBS

Reception and KS1 Construction Club starts today, after school at 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm.

On Monday, 3rd October Sing, Sign and Story Club begins at 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm.

O2 Young Voices - There will be two rehearsals run by Mrs Wellby and Mrs Stoner. Mrs Wellby will run a lunch time club on Wednesdays from 12pm – 12:30pm and Mrs Stoner will start a club, after-school on Mondays from 3.20 pm – 4.15 pm, starting next week. Children are not required to attend both rehearsals, but are welcome to, if they would like extra input in learning the material.



STARTING SCHOOL 2023



Was your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, if so they are eligible to start school in September 2023. You can apply online now at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions, the deadline is Sunday 15 January 2023. If you would like further advice or information, contact 03330 142 903.

It is also useful for our future planning, if you can let us know if your child is due to start school in September 2023. We have an **OPEN MORNING** on 12th October at 9.15 am for parents and carers of children starting school in September.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council are the pupil voice in the school, as well as helping to organise fundraising activities throughout the year. We always have two representatives from each year group, from Year 1 to Year 6 and it's the time of year when we vote in the new School Council.

Applicants will need to be confident to speak in front of their class and in meetings to represent the views of their classmates.

We would like to invite anyone interested to fill in an application form, which will be available in class from today, and return it to Ms Lyle by Friday 7th October. Younger children may require a bit of help filling in the form.

We look forward to working together.

Ms Lyle

PTA AGM

We hope you and your children are getting along well during these first few weeks of term. Have you remembered it's our PTA AGM next week, Tuesday 4th October at 6pm in the school hall.

We would love to see you there, old and new members, everyone is welcome! Please come along and join us for our relaxed and friendly summary of the Previous year, along with the election of the PTA Committee for this academic year. Refreshments will be provided too.



Dates for Autumn Term 2022

1-31 st October	Black History Month
Mon 3 rd Oct	KS1 visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company
Tues 4 th Oct	PTA AGM – ALL WELCOME (6.00 pm School Hall)
Wed 5 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Tue 11 th Oct	Parents Evening (4.00 to 7.00 pm)
Wed 12 th Oct	Open Morning for parents of children starting in 2023 (9.15 am)
Wed 12 th Oct	Parents Evening (3.30 – 5.30 pm)
Thu 13 th Oct	Nasal Flu Spray Vaccinations (Rec-Y6)
Mon 17 th Oct – Fri 21 st Oct	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING
Mon 17 th Oct	School Photographs
Tue 18 th Oct	Accelerated Reader Workshop (9am & 6pm)
Thu 20 th Oct	Six Weeks in Meeting (9am)
Mon 24th Oct – Fri 28th Oct	HALF TERM
Thurs 3 rd Nov	Year 6 Magistrates Activity
Sat 5 th Nov	PTA Bonfire and Fireworks
Wed 9 th Nov	KS2 WOW DAY (visit from the Rainbow Theatre)
Mon 14 th Nov – Fri 18 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Fri 18 th Nov	Children in Need
Tue 13 th Dec	Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (2pm)
Wed 14 th Dec	Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (6pm)
Thu 15 th Dec	Christmas Service (Venue TBC)
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Party / Father Christmas visit