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Dear Families

School is becoming a very busy place as we are planning for events, trips and visitors to school. Please keep an eye out for the dates in the diary page of our newsletter.

As we approach the coronation of our King, we will be having a celebration in school on Friday afternoon. We also have the children from Findon Pre-School joining us. We are all very excited.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Lorne who is expecting her second child in the summer. Mrs Lorne will be leaving at the end of the summer term to start her maternity leave.

We will be interviewing at the end of this half-term for a temporary teacher to cover Mrs Lorne's maternity period.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday.
Jane Sharrock

NEWS FROM OUR PTA

The Revels are just around the corner! We are getting excited and we hope you are too. We have just secured some more entertainment that we think you will enjoy.... Get your cowboy hats at the ready for the Wild West Danger Show!

Don't forget, the next non-uniform day is Friday 5th May, whereby in exchange for wearing red, white and blue clothes for the school coronation party, we will be collecting unwanted gifts, bottles of drink- alcoholic and non-alcoholic, candles, toiletries, toys and games, sweets, food items etc (no soft toys please) for our very popular tombola stall. Also, we would love it if you could bring in on Friday 12th May any cake donations (homemade or shop bought) for the Revels refreshments stall.

The stall volunteer board has been created and will be appearing at school at various times. We can't do this without you! There are many slots to fill and some stalls are suitable for children to help with too. Please email findonpta@gmail.com if you don't manage to see the us or the board. We also need help after school on Friday 12th May and the morning of Saturday 13th May for Revels set up. We would really appreciate the support, thank you.

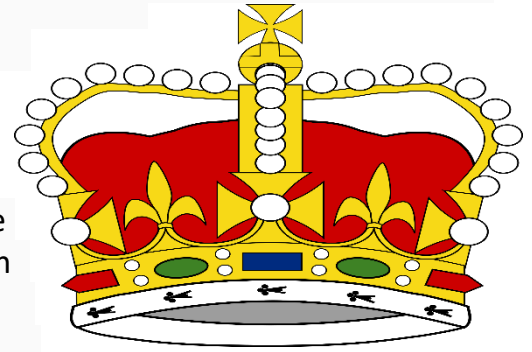
'Go Unlimited Inflatables' wristbands will be going on sale soon, along with raffle tickets - a letter home to follow shortly.

Many thanks. The PTA Team



KING'S CORONATION

On Friday, 5th May we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and would like the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothes. This will run alongside the PTA non-uniform day. During the afternoon, classes will be making flags and at 2 pm the school will go on the field for an ice lolly or choc ice, kindly donated by the PTA. Children can bring in a picnic blanket on Friday (please make sure that it is clearly named).



DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

It is Deaf Awareness Week next week (1-7 May) and Nero in Willow Class has worked extremely hard to produce a poster, full of his top tips for communicating with Deaf friends. In our Collective Worship, we have been learning about what it means to be Deaf, exploring issues faced by Deaf people and ways we can support them.

Mrs Mac has set a whole school challenge! Together, we are going to try and learn the **British Sign Language Alphabet** and sign our name by the end of the week. It has been wonderful to see so many children signing around the school already! Why not have a look at the BSL leaflet attached and have a go at home? Good luck!

NSPCC

On Tuesday 16th May, the NSPCC will be coming into school to deliver a safeguarding workshop to all our Year 5&6 children on the theme 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. In addition to this, they have provided materials that we will deliver to the other classes.

The programme helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the Childline service

We will start the morning with a KS1 and KS2 assembly, featuring Ant and Dec, who will empower children in knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. These materials are an effective way to support our safeguarding duties and link directly to our E4S curriculum as well as help reinforce key messages about abuse and neglect as part of our school's teaching on relationships.

With the help of their mascot, Buddy the speech bubble, children will know they have the right to:

- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

REMINDER – RAIN COATS



The children are outside both for learning and play so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day even when it is sunny, as the weather can be very changeable!

KS1 FOOTBALL

Wow, our Year 1 and 2 children had such fun at the Angmering School yesterday afternoon. They participated in some football skills activities, and then played some mini matches against each other.



Recent Correspondence

- Summer Revels flyer
- Online Safety email to all parents/carers
- Letters to Year 6 parents - Top Up swimming and SATS Breakfast Club – please reply
- Email to Y3-Y6 Parents – Reading Support Booklets
- Email to all parents – Termly class letter and topic overview
- Email to Ash and Willow parents – Reading stickers
- Letter to Reception parents – Forest School morning at Windlesham House School

Paper copies are available from the school office

DATES FOR 2023 - We have added **extra dates in red** to the list below, so please make sure that you regularly check the dates and update your diaries.

Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 2 May	Messy Church
	No Dance Club
Thurs 4 May	Worthing Museum visiting Ash & Willow – please return £2 contribution
Fri 5 May	Red, White & Blue Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Revels Coronation Celebrations (pm)
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
May	Year 2 Assessments will be carried out during May
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
	Y6 SATS Breakfast Club – please return consent slips
Fri 12 May	Please bring in cakes for the Revels Cake Stall – thank you!
Sat 13 May	Summer Revels
Tues 16 May	NSPCC visit
Fri 19 May	Reception visit to Windlesham Forest School (9am – 1pm)
	Year 1 Phonics meeting (2.45 pm) – letter to follow
Mon 22 May	New 2023 - 2024 Reception Parents meeting (6.30pm)
Thurs 25 May	Reception - hearing retests (9.30am)
w/c 29 May	Half- term holiday
Mon 5 June	INSET Day
Tues 6 June	Back to school
w/c 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri 16 June	Rowan, Holly & Oak visiting Butser Ancient Farm – details to follow
Thurs 22 June	Sports Day – more details to follow
Mon 26 June	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm)
Fri 30 June	Class Photos
Mon 3 July	Year 6 Online Safety lesson with Sussex police
	Ash & Willow trip to Arundel Wildfowl Trust
Wed 5 July	Secondary Transition Day for Year 6
Thurs 6 July	PTA Summer Disco
Fri 7 July	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Bingo evening – info to follow
Wed 12 July	Year 5 & Year 6 Summer Production (6 pm) – details to follow
Thurs 13 July	Year 5 & Year 6 Summer Production (6 pm) – details to follow
Fri 14 July	PTA Event - Summer Bingo!
Wed 19 July	Y6 Cheesy Chips (12 noon)
	Open Afternoon for parents – info to follow
Thurs 20 July	Leavers’ Service at church
Fri 21 July	Last day of term
Fri 1 Sept	INSET DAY

