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Dear Families

Thank you to all of you who attended your parents' evening appointments this week. It felt so fantastic to return to our usual style of parents' evening, and for you to actually come in, see your child's classroom and talk face-to-face with your child's class teacher. I hope you found the opportunity useful. If you were unable to make an appointment this week, please do contact your child's teacher via the school office to arrange a time to meet with the teacher.

It has been wonderful to welcome prospective parents to our Open Morning this week. Our children really did us proud as they clearly explained what learning was taking place in each of our classrooms.

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock

MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

We are proud to announce that we are now a Music Mark school. We were nominated by the West Sussex Music Service because we have recognised the value of music education as part of a broad, balanced and creative school curriculum and as a result, demonstrating a willingness to improve music provision for all children within our school community.

In a bid to raise standards in music, we also successfully applied for a grant to purchase more instruments, which the children are now using in their music lessons.

Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people.



REMINDER – ACCELERATED READER WORKSHOPS, YEAR 2 AND KS2 PARENTS

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER AT 9 AM AND 6 PM

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022 – 2023 REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to the 34 children who applied for the School Council. I was overwhelmed by the response and narrowing it down was very tricky.

During Friday's assembly, I had the pleasure of appointing the School Council for 2022/23. They will have their first meeting with Mrs Sharrock and myself next week, as we have lots to do, so watch this space.

Ms Lyle

❖ Year 1	Rhys and Hollie
❖ Year 2	Finley and Iona
❖ Year 3	Ivy and Nancy
❖ Year 4	Lucas and Delilah F
❖ Year 5	Ryan and Amber
❖ Year 6	William and Henry



YEAR 2 WALK AROUND FINDON VILLAGE

Yesterday, the Year 2 children went on a walk around Findon Village as part of the geography work this half term. We talked about both the human and physical features that we could see. Next week, the children will use what they saw on our walk to create their own map of Findon Village.

The children all behaved impeccably on the walk and were fantastic representatives of our school.



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

Wow, our footballers played really well against East Preston Junior School, and after an exciting first half, there were no goals. The second half was just as 'nail biting', but unfortunately for us, East Preston scored twice. The final score was 2-0 to our guests.

We would like to thank Ben Harrex for his support and encouragement, whilst coaching the boys before and during the games, and refereeing some of the matches.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Good attendance at school is strongly linked to educational achievement. It is important in order for children to:

- Achieve their potential
- Develop positive attitudes towards school and maintain good habits of punctuality and attendance
- See themselves as an important part of the school community and to value and respect school life

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? _____



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Booking forms are now available for the second half of the autumn term.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION



Please remember to let us know if your child is going to be collected by somebody else. You can leave a message with the staff on the door, in the morning, email or telephone during the day, before 2.30 pm. We are unable to send children home with other adults, unless we have your prior permission.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Astracolour will be at school on Monday, 17th October to take individual school photos, so please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Our sickness policy is that any child who has been sick or had an upset tummy needs to stay at home for 48hrs from the last bout of being unwell.

MONARCH'S WAY SINGERS INVITATION TO SCHOOL PARENTS

My name is Carole Thomas and I run the Findon Village Community Choir called The Monarch's Way Singers. It started with a small group of 8 villagers. We now have over 30 people on our register and we are a happy group of people. We would love to have some younger singers in the choir, so if you like to sing, do come along and join us. There is no need for previous singing experience and there is no audition.

We sing all kinds of music, from rounds and gospel songs to folk and pop. It is the village's choir and the members have a say in what we sing.

We rehearse in your school hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Email: Carole@carolemusic.co.uk for more information.





Dates for Autumn Term 2022

(New dates in red)

1-31st October

Mon 17th Oct – Thurs 20th Oct

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Tue 18th Oct

Tues 18th Oct

Thu 20th Oct

Mon 24th Oct – Fri 28th Oct

Thurs 3rd Nov

Sat 5th Nov

Tues 8th Nov – Mon 14th Nov

Wed 9th Nov

Thurs 10th Nov

Mon 14th Nov – Fri 18th Nov

Tues 15th Nov

Fri 18th Nov

Sun 4th Dec

Mon 5th Dec

Thurs 8th Dec

Fri 9th Dec

Tue 13th Dec

Wed 14th Dec

Thu 15th Dec

Fri 16th Dec

Black History Month

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING

School Photographs (9 am)

Accelerated Reader Workshop (9am & 6pm)

PTA meeting at The Gun (6 pm)

Six Weeks in Meeting (9am)

HALF TERM

Year 6 Magistrates Activity

PTA Bonfire and Fireworks

Book Fair – details to follow

KS2 WOW DAY (visit from the Rainbow Theatre)

Year 6 Health Screening

Anti-Bullying Week & Road Safety Week

Bag 2 School

Children in Need

Findon Village Light up the Square – Choir (5.30 pm)

PTA Event – Elfridges (details to follow)

Oak Class Guitar Concert- parents welcome (11 am)

Christmas Disco – info to follow

Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (2pm)

Ash / Willow Nativity to parents (6pm)

Christmas Service (Venue TBC)

Christmas Party / Father Christmas visit