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Dear Families

We have welcomed all of our children back this week and they look really happy to be back in school and their learning has been very productive showing focus and engagement. The children have also enjoyed catching up with all of their friends during play times and lunchtimes. We are hoping to have the children on the field from next week as it should be dry enough as long as we do not get any more heavy rainfall! Fingers crossed! On Monday, we will have a short assembly with our children to explain how we will be zoning off the field into three areas so we can have three activities running during breaks and lunchtimes.

Our value this term is 'Resilience' and Mrs Wellby launched this during our Values Assembly on Tuesday morning. We will be focusing on strategies to help us to persevere and be more resilient especially towards the end of the term when changes are happening and some of our children will be moving on.

Year 6 will be involved in some transitional work and I am in the process of organising some visitors to come into school to do some of this.

We would like to welcome Mrs Moss to our staff, who will be working as a teaching assistant in Rowan Class and two second year student teachers, Miss Crowhurst-Cripps and Miss Watson.

We would like to wish Rose, in Holly Class, all the very best with her preparations for the Dance World Cup Finals in Prague this year.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Sharrock

SCHOOL HILL PARKING

Before the Easter break, we received an email from a resident who lives on School Hill, bringing to our attention the problems he and members of his family are experiencing accessing their property during school drop off and pick up times.

Please can we ask that you do not park across gates and steps in front of houses as this prevents the owners accessing their properties and causes them great inconvenience. We would appreciate your courtesy and support in this matter.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Please see the attached article about the Sponsored Bounce.

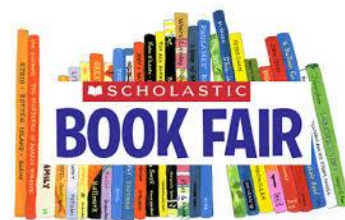
BOOK FAIR

We are holding a Scholastic Children's Book Fair in school from Monday 29th April to Thursday 2nd May 2024. Please find attached additional information about the Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be open daily at 3.25pm – 4pm.

The commission from the sales allows us to buy books for the classrooms and library, so every book you buy helps us to get new books for the school.

There are lots of exciting books to choose from. Reading unlocks new worlds for all, so thank you for your support.



WSSC COMMUNICATION: GET HELP TO STAY AWAY FROM SCAMMERS

Our Digital Safety Team's free online and in-person 'Are you scam savvy?' sessions are back by popular demand to help residents stay safe against online scams.

The sessions are available to anyone who wants to keep themselves from falling victim to different types of scams, including telephone, courier and romance fraud, which are all a concern in West Sussex.

The dates available for the online only sessions are:

[Wednesday 22 May: 1pm to 2.30pm](#)

[Friday 5 July: 11am to 12.30pm](#)

In-person sessions are also taking place in two West Sussex libraries:

[Monday 20 May at Bognor Library: 10am to 11.30am](#)

[Monday 17 June at Shoreham Library: 10am to 11.30am](#)

If you can't attend the library events in person, there is also the opportunity to view these online.

Booking is essential to attend any of the sessions.

Please see the West Sussex link below for further advice on how to keep safe online:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/crime-prevention/staying-safe-online/>

Be tick aware

Spring is a great time to be outside, but don't forget to #BeTickAware. [Read this blog for more information on protecting yourself](#) from tick borne infections like Lyme Disease, what to do if you are bitten by a tick and how to safely remove it.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter for Year 1 parents – Phonics meeting
- Ash and Willow Welcome Back letter

DATES FOR THE SUMMER 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.

Mon 22 April	Premier Education Summer Sports Club- Ash & Willow Choir Club with Mrs Stoner (3.20pm)
Wed 24 April	KS2 Premier Education Summer Sports Club
Thurs 25 April	Year 6 SATS parent meeting (3pm) Y5&Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents and children (3.30pm)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Wed 8 May	Year 1 phonics meeting for parents (2.40pm)
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 23 May	New Reception intake 2024 parent meeting (6pm)
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Thurs 6 June	PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels
Fri 7 June	Class & Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!
Sat 8 June	SUMMER REVELS
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
Mon 8 July	KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks
Tues 23 July	Last day of term

