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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Miss School, Miss Out!

We are continuing this year to try to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. Your child needs to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time**. The children not only need to be at school every day but also ready for learning and on time. I have already received a number of forms from parents requesting holiday in term time and would like you all to consider your child's progress in their learning, both academically and socially, when deciding when to take your children out of school.



Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary for the Autumn Term. Any new dates added since the last letter are in **red**.



Children due to start school in September 2021 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters have recently been sent out via parentmail to all children in Year 2. Please contact the office if you have not received one.

This year, the West Sussex County Council is not sending individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2021 but is advertising the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for applications for both starting school and transfer to Junior School is Friday 15th January 2021.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications

must be submitted by the **national closing date of Friday 15th January 2021**. The online system is now open.

Families without internet access at home will be able to apply on-line at libraries and Children & Family Centres for free. If you need any help, or know anyone who may need help, please let us know.

Harvest

It is that time of year when we usually ask for donations of food or items for Christmas boxes. Unfortunately, this year we are not able to receive any donations for obvious reasons. We know that local foodbanks are in need of support so instead of asking for donations at school, we would like to ask that, if you can, please could you put an extra tin of beans, packet of pasta etc. in your shopping basket and donate it to the many collection points situated in supermarkets around Bognor. We know that any donations would be gratefully received and we appreciate these gestures in these very uncertain times. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the school nurses are coming into school on Tuesday 10th November to administer the flu vaccination to all the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you have not already done so, please could you return the consent form to the office asap. **Please could you return this form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.** Thank you.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child should have come home with their beautiful artwork. Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order, this must be done online using the unique code located at the top of the order form. The order form and artwork will then need to be returned to the school by no later than **Monday 12th October**. If the artwork is not sent back to us, the order cannot be processed but you may still be charged. Please remember to tick the box on the order form to confirm that you have placed the order online.

Individual Photos

Your child has recently come home with their school photo. The deadline for placing an order either online or by returning it to the school office is Tuesday 20th October.

Reading in School

We have noticed that several of the school's reading books have been damaged due to water bottles leaking in children's book bags. Please could you ensure that all water bottle lids are securely fastened. Thank you. Could we also ask that even though we are not sending home reading records at the moment, you still continue reading regularly with your child whether it be our own school books or other books as well. Don't forget that if you wish to make a comment about your child's reading or ask a question, you can email the class teacher.

Star Badges

For the benefit of our new families, every week we select two children from each class to be awarded a 'star badge'. This is awarded for several reasons



such as good behaviour, a special piece of work, helping others in class, to name just a few. The star badges are collected in on Thursday lunchtime, ready to be given to the next child on Friday (after being suitably sanitised of course!). It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. Thank you.



Wellies!

As the weather starts to get wetter, we would still like to continue using our fantastic school field for as long as possible. Therefore, can we please ask that if at all possible, you bring a pair of wellington boots (both named please) into school, which will stay here (until they become too small or we no longer need to use them).

Parking

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about parents parking in Hawkins Close and more worryingly a child was nearly hit by a car reversing out of Hawkins Close at drop off time the other day. We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close if at all possible and to park sensibly in neighbouring streets.

Makaton in School

At Rose Green Infant School, we believe all children have the right to feel happy and safe in their learning environment. One way we encourage this is by talking with and listening to them every day. For some children, talking is not always easy so for the past year we have been using visual resources and actions to support them by way of Makaton.

'**Makaton** is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. ... With **Makaton**, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.' (www.makaton.org)



We will be learning a new sign every week so please look out for our 'Makaton Magic' in the newsletter each month and have fun signing and talking with your children! The signs we have been learning during September are attached. We also use video clips from CBeebies 'Something Special'. Use the link below to explore some Makaton Magic with your family and friends!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs>

PTA Wish List

With fundraising more difficult this year due to the current circumstances, the PTA have produced

an Amazon wish list with some resources on there that our classrooms need. Please do take a look and see if you are able to make any contributions. These will be so gratefully received.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/21DAQ1LRM17NW?ref=wl_share

And finally

As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a (named) warm waterproof coat in school every day as we are going out in all weathers. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

Event	Date	Time
Parent Consultations	12 th - 23 rd October	
Half term	26 th October - 30 th October	
Anti-bullying week	16 th - 20 th November	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 10 th November	All morning
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 th November	all day
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 th December	
Christmas holidays	21st December - 1st January	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Tuesday 5 th January	

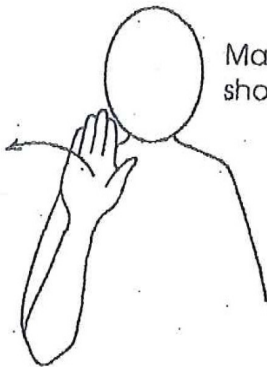


Makaton

We have been learning the following signs this month



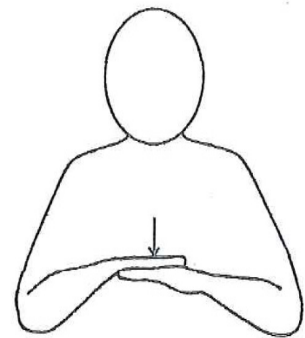
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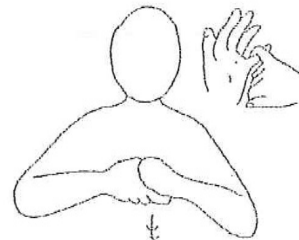
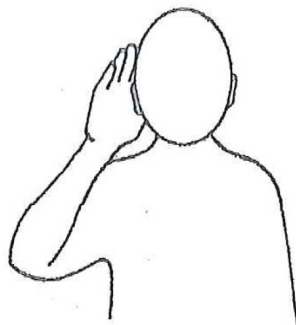
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shoulder height.



To Sit



To Listen



Friends



Help