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NEWSLETTER – May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week commencing 9th May is Mental Health Awareness Week. Historically, mental health was not something people felt they could talk about, so it is fantastic that we have weeks like this to remind us that it is not only OK, but actively encouraged. As a nation we are gradually removing the stigma attached to the words 'mental health', and realising that talking about it is no different to discussing our physical health; some days our mental health is good, other days, not so much.

The theme of this year is Loneliness. Loneliness is affecting more and more of us in the UK and has had a huge impact on our physical and mental health, especially during the pandemic. The connection we have to our community and other people is essential to protect our mental health and so we need to find ways to tackle the epidemic of loneliness. Why not make this the time to catch up with a friend you've not spoken to in a while or strike up a conversation with someone you don't know? Even when we are surrounded by people we can feel lonely and that human contact might make all the difference in an otherwise isolated day.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Mental Health Awareness Week, please follow this link: https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week

With regards Mrs Sally Dreckmann

'Children on the Edge'

Many thanks to everyone who donated towards our joint non-uniform day with the Junior School on Friday 1st April. Our school raised an amazing £252.81, which we have sent to the charity 'Children on the Edge'

Class Photos

Just a reminder that the photographer is coming on Wednesday 11th May to take class photos. Please can you ensure that your child has a school jumper/cardigan with them on this day. Thank you.

Walk to School Week

'Walk to school week' is taking place between the 16th - 20th May this year. We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution outside the



school gates. We hope you can take part in this initiative.

<u>Jubilee Tea Party - Friday 27th May</u>

We thought it would be a nice idea to celebrate the



Queen's Jubilee by holding a tea party for the whole school during the afternoon of Friday 27th May. We would welcome a voluntary contribution of £1.50 towards the

cost of the food. Please can any money be handed to your child's teacher in a named envelope marked 'Tea Party'. The children may come to school in nonuniform on this day if they wish and wear something red, white and blue or come dressed as a King or Queen.

PTA News

The children had great fun coming to school on the last day of term with 'crazy hair'. Please do look on the school's website to see some of their fantastic 'creations'. The PTA raised £153.80 which will go towards the refurbishment of the school's library.



The PTA's next planned event is a school disco



on Friday 13th May (see attached flyer). As the Reception disco is being held straight after school, children in Reception may come to school in their party clothes

with sensible shoes please. Please can you return the slip/money if you have not already done so, by Friday at the latest. Thank you.

The PTA are busy starting to plan for our Summer Fair which will be held on Saturday 9th July - more details to follow. In the meantime, they are looking for



parents who are happy to volunteer to have a 'For Sale' style sign put into their garden temporarily to advertise the fair. The boards will be provided and installed via Farndell Estates Agents, who are kindly sponsoring the fair, at no cost at all to you. The signs will only contain information about the fair and Farndell- it won't state that your house is up for sale! If you are happy to have a sign in your garden, these would be installed (by a competent and fully insured contractor) between the 6th-10th June and will be taken down the Monday after the fair. They are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls on the day.

Thank you in advance for your support, please contact the PTA if you need any further information



Year 2 African Drumming
Workshops
We have arranged for the Year 2
children to take part in African

drumming workshops on Monday 20th June. Year 2 parents are welcome to attend a special performance to share what they have been learning, at 2.30 pm in the school hall. Unfortunately, due to health and safety requirements, we are only able to invite one parent per child to this performance. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause.

PE Lessons

Please may we remind parents that for health and safety reasons, earnings must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please could parents provide a reel of micropore tape which can be kept in your child's drawer. Thank you.

Inset Days

Please find below the Inset dates for the next academic year 2022/23:

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022 Friday 21st October 2022 Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Monday 5th June 2023

This means that the children in Years 1 and 2 will return to school on Monday 5th September 2022. There will be different arrangements for children joining us in Reception, which will be communicated separately.

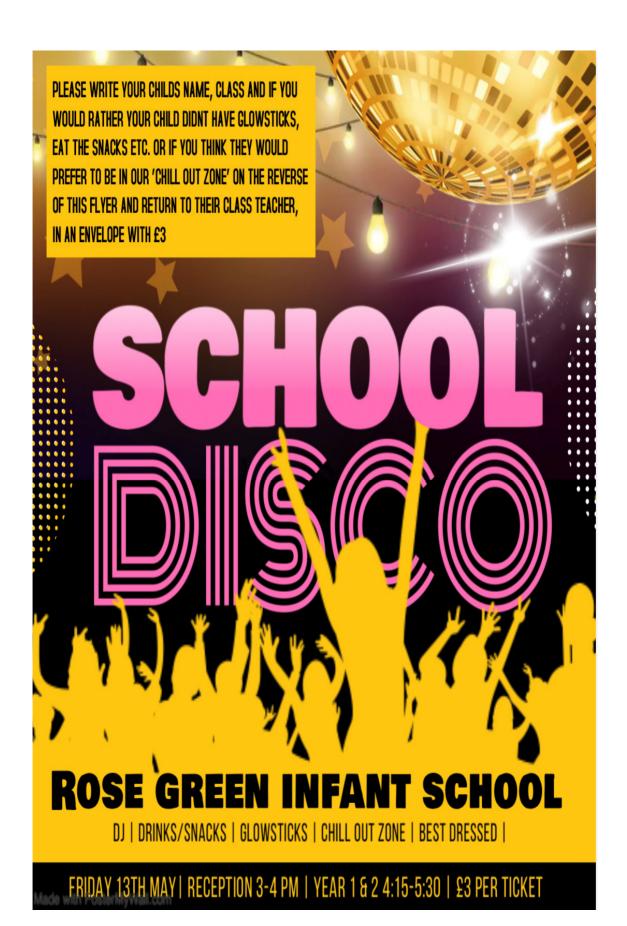
Summer's Coming!

When summer finally arrives:

- Please make sure your child has a named hat at school - ideally a sunhat rather than a baseball cap as sunhats have an all-round brim, offering protection on the back of the neck. However, any hat is better than none.
- Please apply sun cream before school when the forecast is sunny.
- May we remind you, for health and safety reasons, children must wear sensible summer shoes - no open-toed sandals and no heels, platforms, Crocs or jelly shoes please. Socks should also be worn.
- We have lots of second-hand summer uniform for sale red gingham dresses for £1.00.

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

Event	Date	Time
Oak Class to 'The Big Sing' at the Arena	Wednesday 4 th May	
Class Photographs	Wednesday 11 th May	
PTA School Disco	Friday 13 th May 3.00 - 4.00 pm Reception 4.15 - 5.30 pm Years 1 & 2	
Walk to school week	Monday 16 th – 20 th May	
Jubilee Tea Party for children	Friday 27 th May	
May Half Term	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June	
Phonics testing week	w/c Monday 6 th June	
Reception visiting Willowhale Library followed by picnic lunch	Wednesday 8 th June	
Year 1 visit to Amberley Museum	Thursday 16 th June	
Year 2 African drumming workshops	Monday 20 th June	Performance for Year 2 parents at 2.30 pm
Sports Week	Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th June	
Sports Mornings	Wednesday 22 nd June - Year 2 Thursday 23 rd June - Reception Friday 24 th June - Year 1	
Reserve Sports Mornings	Wednesday 29 th June - Year 2 Thursday 30 th June - Reception Friday 1 st July - Year 1	
New Reception Parents meeting	Tuesday 21st June	7.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 6 th July	
School Reports to be sent home	Friday 8 th July	
PTA School Summer Fair	Saturday 9 th July	12 - 3 pm
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 12 th July	2.15 pm
Reception Pirate Day	Thursday 14 th July	
Outside Play Day	Friday 15 th July	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 21 st July	





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We have been learning the following signs this month



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Use both hands for 'Very Good'

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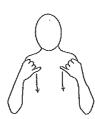


Good (2)

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