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#### **NEWSLETTER – April 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter April, it is almost the end of the term, and what a term it has been! We started the term battling against high numbers of COVID cases in January and end the term with chickenpox! Please keep a look out for spots if your child has not yet had chickenpox as there have been many cases, mostly in Reception.

Despite the various health issues we continue to face, things feel a little bit more normal again. We had parents in school again this week for the Year 1 Shoebox Room assembly and next week it is the Year 1 production which I am very much looking forward to. Last Friday I spent a pleasant evening at school, attending the PTA quiz and the children had an Easter Egg hunt organised by the PTA. Plans have also started for a summer fair - the first since I joined the school in 2019, so please hold the date - Saturday 9 July - as it promises to be a fantastic event.

Have a restful Easter break and we will see you back on Monday 25th April.

With regards Mrs Sally Dreckmann

#### Ramadan

We wish our Muslim families a blessed Ramadan.

#### Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Thank you so much for your support. We raised an amazing £239.80 for Red Nose Day this year and the children had great fun coming to school in their super hero outfits and non-uniform.



#### <u>Class Photos</u>

The photographer is coming on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May to take class photos. Please can you let the office know by the end of April if you do not wish your child to be included. Thank you.

#### Year 1 Grand Designs Project

Well done to all the Year 1 children for their lovely work in creating a 'shoebox room'. A special assembly was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March where Dee from Henry Adams, had the very tough task of choosing the following winning entries: Butterfly: Reuben, Chase & Imani (runners up: Albie,

Imogen & Joey)

Hedgehog: Isabella, Isaac & Ella (runners up: Theo,

Alfie & Sebastian)

Ladybird: Chloe, Lilly, Louie (runners up: Evie,

Charlotte & Tobias)



#### Forest School

With the weather getting warmer, please can we remind parents of the need for children to still wear long sleeved tops and full length trousers during their Forest school sessions to ensure that arms and legs are fully protected. As we move into the summer months, a sun hat and sun cream will also be essential.

#### Sun Safe Information

Now that the summer will shortly be upon us, we wanted to remind you about our sun safe policy. We have developed this to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we: -

- Spend time learning about sun protection.
- Provide shade in the playground.
- Encourage pupils to wear sun hats (not baseball caps) when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 25 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other sun protection plans can be found in our sun safe policy, which can be found on our website.

You can help by: -

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a widebrimmed sun hat (not a baseball cap, which offers little protection).
- Putting sunscreen on your child before they come to school each day during the summer months.

#### Before/After School Clubs

With the exception of Year 2 Fencing, all our clubs finished this week. They will be starting again after Easter during the week commencing  $25^{th}$  April. A list of the clubs on offer and booking forms are available from the school office.

#### Chartwells School Meal Survey

You still have until 12<sup>th</sup> April to comment on Chartwells' annual school meal survey. Please click on the following link:

## https://servicemonitortabs.co.uk/chartwells/primarv

#### Milk in School

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, Cool Milk will be increasing the price of children's milk from 24p to 25p per day. Children under the age of 5 will still receive milk free-of-charge. If you would like your child to receive milk in school, please apply online at <a href="https://www.coolmilk.com">www.coolmilk.com</a>

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Funding Eligibility
Just a reminder that families who receive certain
benefits or who are on a low income may be eligible
to free school meals funding which the school
receives an allocated amount for. We use this
additional funding to subsidise school trips and
after school clubs for the eligible pupils. Even
though your child is already entitled to receive an
infant universal free school meal, if you think your
child may be eligible, please go to the following link
from the West Sussex County Council:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/educationchildren-and-families/schools-andcolleges/free-school-meals/

A paper copy of the form is also available from the school office.

#### Thank you!

We would like to thank Don and Ben for helping us put the Forest School canopy back up following storm Eunice last month.

We would also like to thank Binsted Nurseries for donating over 60 herbs for our sensory garden, ranging from chocolate mint to cola plants! We have some students from the University of Chichester coming in this week to help plant them in our Sensory Garden.



#### PTA News

The PTA received loads of lovely entries for the design a cake competition and raised £48.17.

Congratulations to the following winning entries:-

Willow - Alfie; Sycamore - Elijah; Oak - Isaac Ladybird - Reuben; Butterfly - Koby; Hedgehog - Imogen

Sunflower - Charlie; Poppy - Aurora; Bluebell - Lucy



A fun evening was had by all at the PTA quiz night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to Aimee and her team for coming first and winning a £100 and bottle of wine voucher that had kindly been donated from the Lion Pub in Pagham.

The children had a lovely morning on Friday searching for Easter eggs within the school grounds. Prices were awarded to the most creative Easter egg basket, bonnet or bunny ears.



Just a reminder that the children may come to school with 'crazy hair' on the last day of term, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to seeing the children's 'creations'!

#### Absence from School

Please can we remind parents to let us know if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. You can report absences on ParentMail or leave a message on our answerphone. Please make sure you give a reason for absence as we have to record it on our records. Please get in touch again if your child is off for longer than two days. Thank you.

#### Dropping off in the morning

Please could we remind Year 2 parents to drop your child off at the gates in the morning and not to walk round to the classrooms. There are staff on the playground to ensure the children walk round safely.

#### **Makaton Magic**

Please see the attached sheet showing the signs the children have been learning during March.



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

Event	Date	Time
Non Uniform day for Children on the	Friday 1st April	
Edge		
PTA Easter egg hunt during the school	Friday 1st April	
day		
Year 1 Concert	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00 pm
Year 1 Concert (no babies or pre-	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 am
school children)		
PTA 'crazy hair' day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Start of the Summer Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
Oak Class to 'The Big Sing' at the	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Arena		

Class Photographs	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	
PTA School Disco	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 3.00 - 4.00 pm Reception 4.15 - 5.30 pm Years 1 & 2	
Walk to school week	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Jubilee Tea Party for children	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	
May Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Inset Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Phonics testing week	w/c Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 1 visit to Amberley Museum	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Week	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Mornings	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – year groups to be confirmed for each date	
Reserve Sports Mornings	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – year groups to be confirmed for each date	
New Reception Parents meeting	Tuesday 21st June	7.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
School Reports to be sent home	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
PTA School Summer Fair	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	12 - 3 pm
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 pm
Outside Play Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	



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# We have been learning the following signs this month









