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NEWSLETTER – May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is a busy time for us at school. We were thrilled to find out recently that we have had all 90 of our Reception places for September offered to parents / carers. We now need to work out which classes to put them all in! We are also currently looking at our staffing structure for September. Just before transition day on 5^{th} July, I will be able to share with current Reception and Year 1 parents / carers which class your children will be in from September and which staff will be working in there. I can confirm now that we will not be mixing any classes up this year. As always, we will ensure that those children who may need some extra support with transitioning to a new class get this, tailored to meet their individual needs.

With regards
Mrs Sally Dreckmann

King's Coronation

We shall be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III in school on Friday 5th May by having a small tea party during the afternoon (we will provide the refreshments

provide the refreshments for this). Children may come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothes if they wish, or simply in nonuniform.



Class Photos

Just a reminder that the photographer is coming on Wednesday 10th 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

National 'Walk to school week' is taking place



between the 15th - 19th 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. The classes will be recording how each child travels to school during that week.

PTA News

The PTA are busily starting to plan for our Summer Fair, which will be held this year on Saturday 15th July between 12.00 - 3.00



pm - more details to follow. In the meantime, they are looking for parents/carers who are happy to volunteer to have a 'For Sale' style sign put into their garden temporarily to advertise the fair. They are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls on the day (please look out for the 'sign up' sheets which will shortly be put outside your child's classroom).

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

We have been advised that £2415.00 was raised following the sponsored bunny bounce which was held before Easter. This is an amazing amount of money and we can't thank you enough. We are hoping to spend some of the money towards new phonics books which are much needed by the school

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 <u>website</u>.

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.

Link Worker

It is not too late to book an appointment to see Chloe Watkins, a Link Worker with the Dedicated Schools Team. Chloe can offer information, advice and guidance on a wide range of issues including behaviour, child wellbeing, difficulties with going to school, worries around finances, or advice for implementing boundaries and routines. We still have one slot available on Monday 15th May; if not Chloe will next be in on Monday 10th July. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Lunchtime Awards

As reported in the March newsletter, a new monthly reward chart has been introduced for good behaviour at lunchtimes. During April the 'Lunchtime Award' trophies were awarded to:-

> Reception – Bluebell Class Year 1 – Ladybird Class Year 2 – Sycamore & Willow Classes

Staffing News

We would like to say a fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs Lorraine Legg, TA in Poppy Class, who will be leaving us at May Half Term. We are currently advertising for a new TA to start in September, but in the meantime the class will be covered by Mrs May (on a Tuesday to Friday) and Mrs Smith (on a Monday).

Summer's Coming!

When summer finally arrives:

- 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.

Makaton Magic

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



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

Event	Date	Time
Start of the Summer Term	Monday 17 th April	
Coronation Tea Party (non-uniform or	Friday 5 th May	pm
wear red, white and blue)		
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 ^{s†} May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May	
Class Photographs	Wednesday 10 th May	
Year 1 visiting St Richard's Church	Wednesday 10 th May	1.00 pm
Walk to school week	Monday 15 th - 19 th May	
Reception visit to WWT, Arundel	Wednesday 17 th May	
May Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	
Inset Day	Monday 5 th June	
Phonics testing week	w/c Monday 12 th June	
Year 2 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, Portsmouth	Monday 12 th June	
Year 2 to Junior School for 'book buddy' visit	Wednesday 14 th June	9.30 am
Sports Week	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd June	
Sports Mornings	Monday 19 th June - Year 2 Wednesday 21 st June - Reception Friday 23 rd June - Year 1	
Reserve Sports Mornings	Monday 26 th June - Year 2 Wednesday 28 th June - Reception Friday 30 th June - Year 1	
Reception and Year 2 to the Arena for Huff n Puff and KS1 FAB event	Tuesday 20 th June	9.30 - 11.45 am
New Reception Parents meeting	Tuesday 20 th June	7.00 pm
Year 2 to Junior School for sports afternoon	Monday 26 th June (reserve date: Wednesday 28 th June)	1.15 pm
Junior School Teachers to meet Year 2 children	Tuesday 4 th July	pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 5 th July	
School Reports to be sent home	Friday 7 th July	
Outside Play Day	Friday 14 th July	
PTA School Summer Fair	Saturday 15 th July	12 - 3 pm
Open afternoon	Tuesday 18 th July	2.15 pm
Last day of term for children	Friday 21 st July	





WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
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SUSSEX

16TH MAY

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- > Anxiety
 - > Sleep
- Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
 - Autism and challenging behaviourEating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on 16^{TH} MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM

Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)



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EACH ATTENDEE



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NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk

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We have been learning the following signs this month

