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# **NEWSLETTER – July 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that I am writing for the last newsletter of the academic year! Yet again, this has been an unusual and somewhat challenging year, but all of you have been supportive and understanding, which has made things like managing bubbles and staggered starts and finishes so much easier to do - thank you. All being well, the plan is to go back to 'normal' from September, although few of us actually remember what that was, so we will do a reminder of timings and how things will run just before the end of term. There are a couple of changes that we want to make - some things have come out of this situation which we want to keep as we think they will make things run better for everyone in September.

I hope the last three weeks of term are fun and exciting for your children. They have been very busy the last two weeks with Sports and then Science weeks, and there are still more things to come.

With regards Mrs Sally Dreckmann

## Sports Week (Monday 21st - 25th June)



Thank you so much to everyone who came in to help with Sports Week. The children had a fantastic time and really got into the spirit of taking part in the various sporting

challenges. Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsorship money. You never cease to amaze us quite how generous you are. Please could we ask that any outstanding sponsorship money is returned to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. We will let you know by parentmail how much we have raised. Please do look at our website where we have put some photos of the children taking part in their sporting events.

#### PTA Cake Sale

Our thanks to Max in Hedgehog Class and Rachel and Theo in Poppy Class who raised an amazing £126.75 by holding cake sales for family and friends. This money will go towards the leaver's books for Year 2 and improvements to the playground adventure trail.



# Calling all Volunteers!

As previously mentioned, the PTA Committee currently comprises of two members of staff. They will both be standing down at the October AGM. If any parent/carer/grandparent is able or willing to take over the reins, please do let us know. The PTA provide such a valuable service in raising much needed funding for the school and it will be such a shame if we have to fold the Committee. A full briefing will be given to anyone willing to take over.

# Forest School

Just a reminder that during the weeks beginning 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July, the children will be having a small BBQ and taking part in a bit of water fun during their Forest School sessions. Please can you

remember to bring in a towel, a change of clothes and some sun cream if the weather is sunny.

#### Bognor Regis Community Help Box

We have been advised that a few of the residents in North Bersted have created a 'Community Help Box'. Similar to a food bank, its purpose is to help



individuals and families in need by stocking food and essential toiletries and baby items.

There are no requirements for food vouchers or registration and all items are free. It is based at the Bersted Park Community Centre on Lakeland Avenue, PO21 5FF and will be open every Wednesday 9.30-11am and every third Saturday of the month 9.30-11am. They have asked we share this information with our school community to help with their tag line: 'Give what you can, take what you need.' If you are in need of a little help, they urge you to come down. If you aren't in need of their support and are in the position to help, all donations are gratefully received. If you are a local business and would like to support the cause, please do get in touch. More information about donation drop off points and change in opening hours etc. can be found on their Facebook page 'Bognor Regis Community Help Box.'

# Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Funding

Have your circumstances changed? Families who receive certain benefits 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 and pay for milk for the eligible pupil. Even though your child is already entitled to receive an infant universal free school, if you think your child may be eligible, please go to the following link from the West Sussex County Council:

<u>https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-</u> and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-schoolmeals/

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

## <u>Year 2 leavers</u>

We have been waiting to see what happened with Government guidance before making a decision about events for Year 2. With the 'Freedom Day' being put back from 21 June to 19 July, this made our initial plans for class leavers' assemblies impossible. After much discussion about alternative scenarios and their viability, we have decided that we will have leavers assemblies without parents - they will be filmed and the link sent to you. We will not be having a year group disco either, but they will celebrate in style within their own classes!

# Dates for your Diary

Dates added since the last newsletter are in red

Event	Date	Time
Fire Service visit for Reception	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July and Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	
Reception Pirate and Mermaid Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
School reports to be sent home	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	
Oak Class transition visit to the Junior	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	am
School		
Willow Class transition visit to the Junior	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	am
School		
Sycamore Class transition visit to the	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	am
Junior School		
Last day of term for children	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	
Inset Day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	



# Wild World Heroes – Summer Reading Challenge 2021

As the summer holidays are fast approaching now is the ideal time to register for <u>Wild</u> <u>World Heroes</u>, the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

This year children can join the heroes of Wilderville, and their trusted animal companions, in saving the natural world. It's fun and free to take part - keep an eye out for a special bookmark invitation with more information coming home with your child soon.

Get ahead of the game and sign up today online at <u>www.westsussex.gov.uk/src</u> then head to your local library from **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July** to collect a special goody bag. Inside you will find everything you need to take part in the challenge, including the everpopular scratch & sniff smelly stickers, plus rewards and activities to help keep children amused over the holidays. Don't forget to borrow some library books and start reading!

Children have all summer to read their chosen books but once completed come back to the library from **Monday 2 August** to collect a gold medal and certificate.

Want to learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge? Watch our <u>Summer Reading</u> <u>Challenge assembly video</u> (we had great fun making this!!)

For reading inspiration why not explore the official Wild World Heroes <u>book list?</u> Children can choose to read any library books and there are books of all kinds to choose from at their local library. Don't forget, <u>eBooks</u>, <u>eAudiobooks and eMagazines</u> all count too!

We have more fun resources and information on reading and the environment on our own <u>Wild World Heroes</u> webpage, where we'll be sharing more activities to join in with at home throughout the summer.

# ROSE GREEN INFANT SCHOOL: PTA SILENT AUCTION: BIDS TO BE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 1:30 pm



**Recommended Retail Price £1,000** 

Rose Green Infant School PTA have 2 sets of this wonderful Garden Furniture available to bid for:

I would like to bid £	for a cost of the
Garden Furniture	for a set of the
Name:	
Telephone Number:	

CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July @ 3:30 PM

