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NEWSLETTER - December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we are almost at the end of term - that flew by! As is often true this time of the year, many of the children have been off school unwell. Could I please remind you all that you should notify us before 9.10am on the first day of absence - there is an answerphone if you are ringing out of school hours or you can use Parent Mail. If the absence is extended, we would appreciate it if you could keep us updated. If you don't contact us, we have to ring you to ascertain where your child is, so please do ring back if we leave a message. If we cannot account for a child's whereabouts that is obviously a concern, but if it is for an extended period, this becomes a safeguarding issue and we may have to make a referral to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub if we can't get in contact with you after a few days.

On behalf of the Governors and the staff, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working together in the coming year.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher

BBC Children in Need

Yet again you have shown how generous you are - an amazing £277.06 was raised for Children in Need this year.



Visit to Rose Green

The children in Reception had a lovely time on Tuesday walking to post their letters to Father Christmas. Our thanks to the Reception parents who helped with this trip.



Save the Children

We are supporting the "Save the Children Fund" Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December.



Children may come to school in a festive jumper instead of their school sweatshirt if they wish and bring in a £1 donation for this charity.

We are also planning a whole school Christmas sing-a-long outside, but still in class bubbles and socially distanced, on the last day of term (Friday 18th December). The children may also wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day if they wish (and own clothes on the bottom half).

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed the flu vaccination last month and you wish to book a vaccination, please contact the Chichester vaccination clinic on 01273 696011 Ext 8100.

Uniform in School

As the weather is getting colder, children may wear a hoodie or gillet over their school jumper if they are feeling cold in class. We are trying to keep the classrooms as ventilated as possible at the moment due to the pandemic and we would not wish the children to feel cold.

Forest School

We are very excited that all the classes will be starting Forest School sessions after Christmas. Poppy Class have been having trial sessions this term and have been having a lovely time as you can see in the picture. Just a reminder if you could return the consent/medical form before the end of term. Many thanks to those parents who have been helping out with Poppy Class; if anyone would like to help with any of the sessions after Christmas, please can you let the office know. You will need to complete a DBS check. As the children will be going out in all weathers, they will need appropriate outdoor clothing such as waterproof trousers, rainproof coat and wellington boots.



PTA News

The children have been very busy making either Christmas calendars or tree decorations to help raise funds for the school. These are still available to purchase at £2.00 (for Years 1 & 2) and £1.00 (for Reception). Raffle tickets are also available at 20p each or £1.00 a strip. Winners will be announced during the last week of term. Please can all contributions be sent into school in a clearly named envelope. Thank you.



Our movie night sessions have also begun and have proven to be a big hit with the children, especially the drink and popcorn! If you have not already done so, please can you bring in your £2.50 donation so that we can begin to tally up our totals.

Website

We know some parents are feeling a bit out of touch with the school as you are not able to have such regular contact with the teachers at the moment. Just a reminder that you can always email your child's teacher direct if you have any concerns or questions you wish to ask. Please do also look at our website. We have included a new section on 'Learning from Home' where you will be able to see your child's planning resources each week. We will also be including a brief summary each month on what each year group have been up to and who the Star Badges were!

Holiday Requests

Just a reminder that requests for absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Holiday request forms are available from the school office.

Makaton Magic

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



TERM DATES / INSET DAYS for your information

Remaining Inset Dates (School closed for staff training days)

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

2020/2021

Autumn term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starts: Monday 7 SeptemberHalf term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 OctoberEnds: Friday 18 December
Christmas break	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January
Spring term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starts: Tuesday 5 January (Monday 4 is an Inset Day)Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 FebruaryEnds: Thursday 1 April
Easter break	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April
Summer term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starts: Monday 19 AprilHalf term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 JuneEnds: Thursday 22 July (Friday 23 is an Inset Day)

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

Event	Date	Time
Reception Classes walking to post box	Tuesday 1 st December	
Oak Class movie session	Friday 4 th December	3.00 - 4.30 pm
Butterfly Class movie session	Monday 7 th December	3.00 - 4.30 pm
Hedgehog & Sycamore Classes movie sessions	Tuesday 8 th December	3.00 - 4.30 pm
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 11 th December	
Bluebell Class movie session	Monday 14 th December	2.30 - 3.15 pm
Poppy Class movie session	Tuesday 15 th December	2.30 - 3.15 pm
Ladybird Class movie session	Tuesday 15 th December	3.00 - 4.30 pm
Sunflower Class movie session	Wednesday 16 th December	2.30 - 3.15 pm
Chartwell's Christmas lunch	Wednesday 16 th December	
Last Day of Term (children may wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish)	Friday 18 th December	
Christmas holidays	21 st December - 1 st January	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Tuesday 5 th January	

We will update the diary soon - new dates for the Spring term will be in the January newsletter.



West Sussex SEND Information,
Advice and Support Service

*Providing impartial advice and support to
young people with special educational needs
and/or disabilities, and their parent carers*

Virtual Face to Face Sessions

Up and coming sessions for parent carers:

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020

30 minute sessions available between 9am – 4.40pm

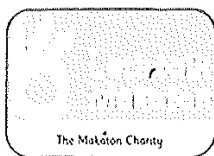
Would you like to attend a virtual face to face session?

We have arranged virtual face to face parent carer support sessions with an Adviser where we can give you free, confidential and impartial information and advice on your individual situation. These virtual sessions will be held using Microsoft Teams (we will send you the link once you have booked your session). Please be aware you will need a phone, tablet or computer with a microphone, speakers and camera and to download the Microsoft Teams software to take part.

To book a session on Eventbrite, please copy the following link
into your web browser: tinyurl.com/y4mqr75t

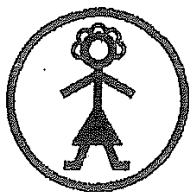
Please make sure that you have chosen the correct time that you wish to book.

If you are unable to book on line, please contact the
West Sussex SEND Information, Advice and Support Service on **0330 222 8555**
or email: SEND.IAS@westsussex.gov.uk

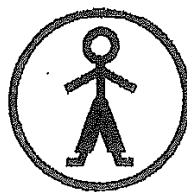
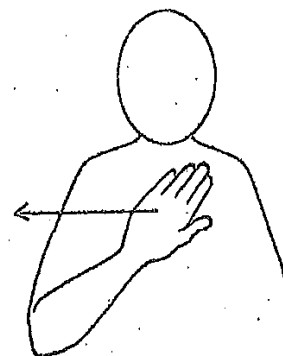
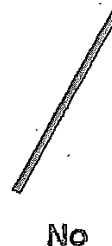
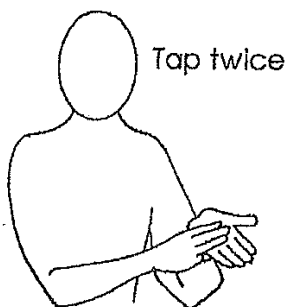


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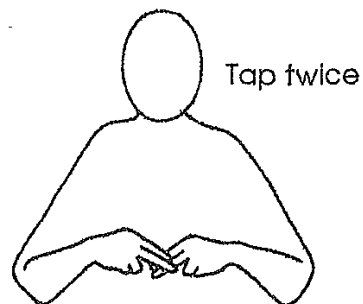
We have been learning the following signs this month



Mummy



Daddy



Good (1)



Good (2)

