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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Miss School, Miss Out! Is your child an Attendance Hero?

We are continuing this year with our initiative to try to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. To be an 'Attendance Hero', your child needs to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time**. The children not only need to be at school every day but also ready for learning and on time. I have already received a number of forms from parents requesting holiday in term time and would like you all to consider your child's progress in their learning, both academically and socially, when deciding when to take your children out of school.



Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary for the Autumn Term. Any new dates added since the last letter are in **red**.



Children due to start school in September 2020 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters will shortly be sent home to all children in Year 2.

This year, the West Sussex County Council is not sending individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2020 but is advertising the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for applications for both starting school and transfer to Junior School is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Wednesday 15 January 2020**. The online system will open on Monday 7th October at 9.00 am.

Families without internet access at home will be able to apply on-line at libraries and Children & Family Centres for free. If you need any help, or know anyone who may need help, please let us know.

NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

The NSPCC will be visiting our school on Thursday to talk about their 'speak out and stay safe programme'. They will also be giving details about a fundraising event we hope to do with them. More details to follow.

Reception 6 Weeks In Meeting for Parents - Thursday 10th October - 2.15 pm

Reception parents are invited to come in and meet the teachers and hear all about school

routines, and the Early Years Foundation curriculum.

Harvest Festival

Linking with our RE theme for this half term "Helping Others", we will be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 15th October.

We are asking the children in Reception and Year 1 to bring in food which we will take to the Regis School, who are the local collection point for the charity UK Harvest. Year 2 children are being asked to contribute items for a family shoebox gift. Letters will shortly be sent out separately about this. Thank you for your anticipated support.



Parent Consultations

The lists for parent consultations will be going up on Friday outside the classrooms. Please sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the school nurses are coming into school on Monday 2nd December to administer the flu vaccination to all the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you have not already done so, please could you return the consent form to the office asap. **Please could you return this form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.** Thank you.

Science Week: 5th - 8th November

We are very much looking forward to school science week. The children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities. As part of our science week we are inviting the children to bring in simple, safe experiments that have a "wow!" factor to demonstrate to their class. Those children will receive a special Science Week Certificate. Please speak to your class teacher to arrange a suitable day to bring in your experiment.

Star Badges

Star badges - please note that we collect the star badges in on Thursday lunchtime, as we need them ready to give out at the star badge assembly on Fridays



at 9.00 a.m. It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. Thank you.

Birthday Treats in School

Thank you to everyone who took part in our online survey about bringing in treats for birthdays. The survey closed today. The outcome was that the majority (75%) of you still wish to keep the option. We were quite surprised at this high percentage and will obviously go along with parents' wishes. However, if you do wish to give a gift (it isn't compulsory!), perhaps you can think of other small items to be given instead of sweets - stickers, rubbers or pencils are always popular.

Parking

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about parents parking in Hawkins Close and on the corner of Greenlea Avenue and Buckland Drive. We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close if at all possible and to park sensibly in neighbouring streets.

PE in School and Lost Property!

Just a reminder that children with ear-rings will need to bring in their own micro pore tape to cover their ears during PE sessions for health and safety reasons.

We also already have a number of items in our 'Lost Property' box situated by the front office. Please could you ensure that all items are clearly named, especially jumpers and PE kit. Thank you.

School Website

We are pleased to announce that we have a new website. This can be found at www.rosegreeninfant.school Please do take a look, particularly under the parents/carers section and our latest news section where we will inform you of all the exciting things your children have done each month. Obviously it will take a little while to transfer all of the information from our old website, so please bear with us while this is being updated.

Working with Others (WWO)

This half term all classes are focussing on 'learning and using names' and using 'eye contact'.

The children have been playing games to develop these WWO skills and have been using them in the classroom and at playtime - maybe you have noticed this at home too.



Citizens Advice in Bognor Regis

The Citizens Advice are currently looking for volunteers to help in their local branch. They plan to hand out leaflets to parents near our school on Wednesday 16th October. Please see the attached flyer giving more details about their work.

West Sussex West School Sport Partnership

Please see the attached letter giving details of free family membership at the Arena Sports Centre.

Spare Underwear

Does anyone have any spare, good quality children's pants/socks they no longer need? Donations gratefully received.

And finally

As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day. Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
Meet the Teacher - Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 18th September	2.30 pm
Individual school photos	Wednesday 2 nd October	all morning
NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Assembly for children	Thursday 3 rd October	
PTA AGM - Everyone welcome	Thursday 3 rd October	7 - 8:30 pm
Reception 6 Weeks in Meeting for parents	Thursday 10 th October	2.15 pm
Harvest Assembly for children	Tuesday 15 th October	
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 22 nd October	2.30 - 5.00 pm
	Wednesday 23 rd October	2.30 - 7.00 pm
	Thursday 24 th October	2.30 - 5.00 pm
Half term	28 th October - 1 st November	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November	
Science week	5 th - 8 th November	
Anti-bullying week	11 th - 15 th November	
Reception Phonics Workshop for parents	Thursday 14 th November	9.00 am
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 15 th November	all day
Year 2 class assemblies for parents	Thursday 17 th October - Willow	2:30 pm
	Thursday 14 th November - Sycamore	
	Thursday 28 th November - Oak	
PTA Christmas Fayre	Friday 29 th November	5.00 -7.00 pm
Christmas Shop	tbc	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Monday 2 nd December	all morning
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Monday 9 th December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Tuesday 10 th December	9.15 am
Year 2 to the Alexandra Theatre to see 'The Wizard of Oz'	Wednesday 11 th December	All morning
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 11 th December	2.15 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 12 th December	9.15 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 th December	
Year 2 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 18th December	2:15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 19 th December	9.15 am
Working With Others Christmas Event	Thursday 19 th December	1.00 pm
Christmas holidays	23rd December - 3 rd January	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 th January	

Volunteering with Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice is the UK's largest advice charity, and they provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities.

One of the things which makes Citizens Advice unique is that it is volunteer-based. So, for example, the volunteer team in the Bognor Regis centre is committed to delivering this vital service in our area.

In order to equip their volunteers to do this, they provide comprehensive and professional training. In return, volunteers find the work immensely satisfying, as well as contributing in a very tangible way to the wellbeing of the local community. Also, this experience is a proven way to build skills and confidence prior to returning to the world of paid employment.

Local representatives of Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice will be available outside Rose Green Infant School, just before and after school hours on *Wednesday, 16th October*. If you'd like more information about what's involved, including the variety of roles on offer, please take this opportunity to talk to the team.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may or may not be aware that your child's school works with the "West Sussex West School Sport Partnership" (WSW SSP). This organisation's main goal is "providing high quality sporting opportunities for all young people". It supports all the local primary schools with a variety of services: running school sport competition and staff PE training to name a few. It also looks at supporting the government initiative of "60 active minutes". The 60 active minutes focuses on all children participating in at least 60 minutes of activity every day. It is schools' responsibility to provide 30 minutes of this. The WSW SSP is looking at every avenue to help schools achieve this. It is for this reason the WSW SSP has collaborated with The Arena Sports Centre to help families- keep active and have fun together!

Your child's school has linked with the WSW SSP to support its PE & school sport and have purchased a package, which allows:

"All families with Reception, Year 1 or 2 children the opportunity to access FREE Arena Family Membership"

The Arena family membership entitles you to:

- Book facilities 7 days in advance
- Pay on the day
- Reduced rates on booking facilities
- Priority and reduced rates on children's courses & taster sessions

The Arena family membership normally costs £60!

To access this opportunity for the academic year 2019-20. Simply bring this letter and complete the slip below to the Arena sports centre with identification and proof of address. It is as easy as that! We hope you see the benefit of this and utilise this fantastic opportunity, and maximise its potential. From booking on a course to hiring a Badminton court with the family for an evening.

For any questions please contact the Arena Team on 01243 870000

For more information about the WSW SSP and how it can support your child, including all the sports competitions available to your child's school- please visit www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Sean O'Connor

WSW School Sport Partnership Manager (SGO)

WEST SUSSEX WEST SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP - FREE ARENA FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Reception, Year 1 or 2 children ONLY

School:
Child Name:
Child Year group:
Adult Name: