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#### **NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that for the first time since 20<sup>th</sup> March, we are all back together as a school community. The last few months have been difficult and while we are by no means back to normal, we can start the new school year off together, albeit in a different way, with 'bubbles' and staggered days. I appreciate that this way of working is not ideal for many of you in terms of your own working commitments, but this is how we must operate for now, until such time as Government guidelines say we can return to normal. I appreciate your support and flexibility as we all pull together to make this work. As a reminder, if any member of your household tests positive for Coronavirus or has symptoms, they should not come to the school and should follow Government guidance on testing, tracing and self-isolation.

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer with the children. I am very impressed that they have returned to school with a positive attitude and they all look smart in their school uniforms. Our immediate focus is to reintegrate and settle everyone back into school so they are ready to start learning again, while we also start to assess where they are academically, so we can begin addressing gaps in learning as soon as possible.

#### A few bullet points for the benefit of our new parents, and as a reminder to all ...

- We send a newsletter home once a month. Letters go home by email to all parents registered on Parentmail. If you do not wish to use this system, you will get a paper copy of letters in your child's book bag. We will put a red flag out at the main gate to let you know a newsletter has gone home, to remind you to check bags and inboxes!
- Parking We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close. Parents are
  not permitted to park in the Residents' parking area or the school's tennis court.
  Spaces are available outside the school for holders of a disabled blue badge please
  speak to the office about this.
- *Milk* is only delivered for children who are registered with Coolmilk. Please ask at the office for a form if you would like your child to have milk.

- Pupil Premium (free school meals) please ask for details at the office if you think you may be entitled. If you are entitled, we will cover the cost of any school trips and also fund one after-school club for your child (once they are running again).
- Sickness If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 9.00 a.m. and leave a message on the answerphone.
   Alternatively, those who have successfully registered on Parentmail can now report absence using this. Any child suffering from sickness or diahorrea must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last incidence of vomiting or diahorrea.
- Lateness Any child arriving after their allocated start time (unless pre-agreed with Mrs Dreckmann due to sibling start time issues) will be marked in the register as late. Arrival 30 minutes or more after their start time will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please try and ensure that your child is ready to come into school at their allocated time; ten or more unauthorised absences within a ten school week period may result in a referral for a fixed penalty notice. Thank you.
- Please name everything! Please can you ensure that everything your child brings to school, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and PE kits are named. We always have a huge pile of lost property which would not happen if we could return everything to its owner!

• Snacks and Lunchboxes The Government provide fruit and vegetable snacks for all the children. If your child brings in their own fruit or vegetable

snack, please put this in a separate container, <u>clearly named</u>, to put in their drawer ready for snack time. If your child is having packed lunches, as a Healthy School we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes.



We are a <u>NUT FREE SCHOOL</u>. This is because one child's

allergy is so significant that they could have a life threatening reaction not just from eating or touching nuts themselves, but if they came into contact with someone else who had been eating or touching nuts. We recognise some parents may be disappointed that they cannot include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes, but I am sure you understand that health and safety always comes first.

- Health and Safety
  - 1. Earrings must be small studs. During PE they must be removed or covered with tape. Please provide a reel of micropore tape to be kept in your child's drawer.
  - 2. Long hair must be tied back for school.
- *Pick-Up Time* Please let the office know by email or phone if someone different to usual will be collecting your child (we usually have boards outside each class to write

this on, but currently we cannot use these). We will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have spoken to you personally to get permission.

- Before and After School This is currently only relevant to parents/carers of Reception pupils but will apply to everyone once we are able to allow everyone back on site: Please do not let your children or toddlers play on or with any equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons, and remind them not to scoot or cycle on the playground or anywhere in the school grounds - all bikes and scooters must be left in the racks as soon as they arrive at school, and should be collected on your way out of the gate. Once on site in the morning, children should come straight into their classroom.
- Requests for Absence from Learning Absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. It is the school's policy to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for children who have unauthorised absence from school where a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions (5 days) off in a 10 school week period. This includes any absence marked in the register as unauthorised, persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken and is recorded as an unauthorised absence or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised. The FPN is issued with an invoice for £120 and 28 days are given for you to settle the penalty. If the FPN is paid within the first 21 days, the amount payable is reduced to £60. We would particularly ask that Year 1 and Year 2 children do not have any time off during May and June as this is when they are preparing for, and sitting, their phonics and SATs tests. A copy of our Attendance and Absence Policy is on our website for your information.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child's learning and to make their early experiences of school something that they will treasure for the rest of their lives.

Mrs Sally Dreckmann Headteacher



#### Term Dates for the 2020 - 2021 Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2020	<b>Starts</b> : Monday 7 September <b>Half term</b> : Monday 26 to Friday 30 October <b>Ends</b> : Friday 18 December
Christmas break 2020	Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January
Spring term 2021	<b>Starts</b> : Tuesday 5 January (Monday 4 January is an INSET day) <b>Half term</b> : Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February <b>Ends</b> : Thursday 1 April
Easter break 2021	Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April
Summer term 2021	<b>Starts</b> : Monday 19 April <b>Half term</b> : Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June <b>Ends</b> : Thursday 22 July (Friday 23 July is an INSET day)

#### Inset Dates (Staff Training Days)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

#### Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary for the Autumn Term - very depleted this term!



#### Hot Dinners

We are asking for your help in supporting the school to order the right number of school meals so that we can avoid overordering and reduce food waste and unnecessary cost to the school. Please let the office know of any changes to the days in which your child currently has a hot dinner or packed lunch. A copy of Chartwell's current menu is attached for your information. This will run until Easter next year.

We are encouraging the children to use a knife and fork to eat their dinner. Please try to get your children to cut up their own food at home - this will help us enormously.

Please do not send in drinks bottles for children having hot dinners - water and milk is provided (but they still need a water bottle for the classroom). Thank you for your support.

#### PE Kit

We are pleased that Mrs Knight is joining us again from the West Sussex Sports Partnership to provide PE lessons in school for Years 1 and 2. The lessons will be held on a Monday morning on the following dates:-

Year 1 - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September until 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 2 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November until 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days which they can stay in for the rest of the day. As the children will be going outside, they will need a full PE kit including joggers, a warm fleece or jumper and also plimsolls or trainers.

Again, please make sure everything is named. (Reception children will not need PE kit until next term). Thank you.

#### <u>Local Paper Photos</u>

Our Reception Teachers will be taking photos of their new classes very soon, to send to the local paper, which is running their annual



feature on children starting school. It is due to appear in the Bognor Regis Post newspaper in

early October. If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let Sharon in the office know as soon as possible.

#### Safeguarding

West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership has launched the 'See Something Say Something' safeguarding campaign in association with Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership.

The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness within all communities and the general public that everyone has a role in keeping children in West Sussex safe. The message is simple - if you see something that raises a concern about a child, please say something by reporting it to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01403 229900. Trained professionals from police, children's services and health are on hand to offer advice and act where needed. If you think a child is at immediate risk, call the police on 999. As a school, we cannot report anything that someone else has reported to us.

#### Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be going out later in the week regarding the arrangements for this term's parent consultations.

#### <u>Individual Photos – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></u> <u>September</u>

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please remember to send them in in their school jumper or cardigan! Unfortunately, we have been advised that they will not be taking sibling photographs this year to avoid the risk of contamination of class 'bubbles'. They are instead offering a family discount which provides a 25% reduction on individual photographs purchased - more details to follow.

#### Introduction to Years 1 & 2 and Reception 6 weeks in meeting for parents

Unfortunately, due to the covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents into school for meetings at the present time. We will therefore be sending letters home about the curriculum your children will be learning this term.

#### Before/After School Clubs

At this time, we are not able to start our before or after school clubs. Once guidance changes and we feel we can safely manage to do so, we will let you know that booking is open. We are however able to offer one-toone music lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement; details as follows: -

# $\checkmark\,$ Instrumental and Vocal lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement $\,\, I \,$

We are so pleased to be back at Rose Green Infant School offering 1:1 instrumental & vocal lessons which are delivered by our qualified, experienced and enthusiastic members of the IMM team. At the moment, we have Guitar lessons running on a Tuesday, followed by Violin and Piano lessons on a Wednesday. Other instruments are available by request. Days may vary but all lessons will take place during the school day during term time. We'd love to support your child(ren) on their musical journey!

#### For more information; email:

imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com website: https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com/ phone: 07578 774639

#### Returning to School during Covid

Please find below a link we have received from the Educational Psychology Service: <u>https://westsussex.local-</u> <u>offer.org/information\_pages/613-returning-to-</u> <u>school-during-covid-19-pandemic</u>

#### <u>Thank you</u>

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Lennie's family in Butterfly Class for making us our fantastic mud kitchen for the Reception Classes. The children have loved using it!



#### Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Campbell as the new class teacher in Poppy Class for this year, following Ms Prosser's appointment to become our new Forest School lead.

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Would you like to come and join the Rose Green Infant School Staff Team?



## We have a Vacancies for:

## Casual Midday Meals Supervisors

£9.18 per hour plus annual leave entitlement

Midday Meals are currently being served in the classrooms within bubbles for Years 1 and 2 or in the hall for Reception Lunch times can vary between 11:30 am - 1.25 pm or 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm depending on school requirements

# Please contact the office for an Application Form

Rose Green Infant School is committed to safeguarding and all applicants must be willing to undergo screening including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)."



### Dates for your Diary - more details to follow

Event	Date	Time
Individual school photos	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	all morning
Parent Consultations	(12 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October) – individual letters will	
	be sent home inviting you to attend an	
	appointment	
Half term	26 <sup>th</sup> October - 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Anti-bullying week	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> November	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	All morning
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Day		
Christmas holidays	21st December - 1st January	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	