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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Miss School, Miss Out!

We are continuing this year to try to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. 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 2022 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters have recently been sent out via ParentMail to all children in Year 2. Please contact the office if you have not received one.

This year, the West Sussex County Council is not sending individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2022 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 Saturday 15th January 2022.

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 Saturday 15th January 2022**. The online system is now open.

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.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that the school nurses are coming into school on Tuesday 23rd November 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 complete the online consent form, the details of which were recently sent out via ParentMail. **Please could you complete this form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination.** If you are having any difficulties, please contact Sharon in the school office. Thank you.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child should have come home with their beautiful artwork. Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order, this must be done online using the unique code located at the top of the order form. **The order form and artwork will then need to be returned to the school by no later than Monday 11th October.** If the artwork is not sent back to us, the order cannot be processed but you may still be charged. Please remember to tick the box on the order form to confirm that you have placed the order online.

Star Badges

For the benefit of our new families, every week we select two children from each class to be awarded a 'star badge'. This is awarded for several reasons such as good behaviour, a special piece of work, helping others in class, to name just a few. The star badges are collected in on Thursday lunchtime, ready to be given to the next child on Friday (after being suitably sanitised of course!). It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. Thank you.



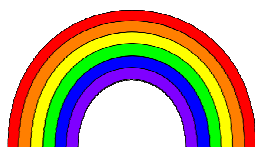
Wellies!



As the weather starts to get wetter, we would still like to continue using our fantastic school field for as long as possible. Therefore, can we please ask that if at all possible, you bring a pair of wellington boots (both named please) into school, which will stay here (until they become too small or we no longer need to use them).

World Mental Health Day

In celebration of this day, we are asking everyone to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 15th October and to wear something colourful if children would like to. We would welcome a donation of £1.00 which will go towards supporting children and



young people's NHS mental health services in West Sussex.

Individual Photos

Your child has recently come home with their school photo. The deadline for placing an order either online or by returning it to the school office is Tuesday 19th October.

Science Week: 1st - 5th 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.



Harvest

A letter will be going out later in the month regarding a harvest food collection.

Morrisons 'Grow Tokens'

If anyone shops in Morrisons, we are taking part in their 'good to grow' token scheme. You can get one token for every £10 spent which can be redeemed towards free gardening equipment in school.

Staffing News

We would like to send our very best wishes to Mrs Jo Pollock, TA in Sunflower Class, who is leaving us today after being an invaluable member of our school community for over 19 years. Ms Waller will be covering the class for the rest of the academic year.

And finally

As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a (named) warm waterproof coat in school every day as we are going out in all weathers. Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
Parent Consultations (weeks commencing 11 th & 18 th October)	Individual letters will be sent home inviting you to attend an appointment	
World Mental Health Day (non-uniform day)	Friday 15 th October	
Inset Day (school closed for staff training)	Friday 22 nd October	
Half term	25 th October - 29 th October	
Science Week	1 st - 5 th November	
Anti-bullying week	15 th - 19 th November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 19 th November	all day
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 23 rd November	All morning
Reception Christmas Concert	Tuesday 7 th December	9.15 am
Reception Christmas Concert	Wednesday 8 th December	9.15 am
Year 2 Trip to the Alexandra Theatre	Wednesday 8 th December	12.30 pm
Year 2 Christmas Concert	Thursday 9 th December	9.15 am
Reception Christmas Concert	Thursday 9 th December	2.15 pm
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December	
Year 2 Christmas Concert	Friday 10 th December	9.15 am
Year 2 Christmas Concert	Friday 10 th December	2.15 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 14 th December	2.15 pm
School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December	
Year 1 Christmas Concert	Wednesday 15 th December	9.15 am
Year 1 Christmas Concert	Wednesday 15 th December	2.15 pm
Christmas holidays	20 th December - 3 rd January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Wednesday 5 th January	

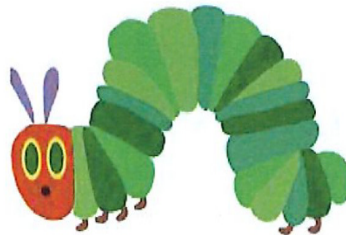
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**FREE INTERACTIVE STORY TIME AND CRAFT
ACTIVITIES AT BOGNOR REGIS LIBRARY**

**on Tuesday 26th October
at 11am, and again at 1pm**

**Please email familylearning@aspire Sussex.org.uk to let us know which time you would
like to book onto - spaces are still limited due to West Sussex guidelines on social
distancing in libraries (Please wear a mask)**

We look forward to seeing you and your children there

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