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NEWSLETTER – February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into the Spring term and the children are enjoying their new topics - please ask them about their learning in school!

I am afraid that I need to do a reminder around parking near the school. It has been brought to the school's attention that a number of people are parking dangerously and inconsiderately on the corners of the road as you enter Hawkins Close (which are yellow zig zag lines and so should not be parked on). This makes it dangerous for people trying to cross the road as they cannot see, and therefore vehicles cannot see them. It also makes it difficult for vehicles to get in and out of the close when other vehicles are parked right on the actual junction. We try to maintain good relationships with our neighbours but thoughtless and dangerous parking does not help. In the two and a half years I have been at the school we have had several near misses and I do not want a serious accident to occur as the result of the actions of our school community. Please think before you park.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Parent Consultations

A letter will shortly be going out with an appointment time to meet your child's class teacher. Please do let the teacher know if the date given is not convenient. There will be a ten-minute slot for each appointment.

PTA Disco - Friday 11th February

Although we are currently seeing a drop in the number of positive covid cases in school, we have decided to err on the side of caution and to cancel the disco arranged for the 11th February. We are very sad to have to do this but health and safety is a priority at this time. The PTA are currently considering alternative events and we will let you know what has been decided in due course.

Non-Uniform Day

We are very fortunate to have some students from the University of Chichester coming in to help tidy our sensory garden. We are planning to hold a non-uniform day on Wednesday 16th February to help raise funds to purchase some lovely plants for this

**Non-uniform
day!**

area. Children may come to school in non-uniform if they wish and bring in a donation of 50p or £1.00. Thank you.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight starts on Monday 21st February until Sunday 6th March. We will be talking to the children about Fairtrade products and how we can support farmers across the world. We would like you to look out for the Fairtrade logo on the food you purchase and to bring in some examples of packaging for a display in school.



The 'Pantosaurus'

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, the children have been taught about the 'pants rule' through the advice from the NSPCC. Please look at the following link to find out more and share the song with your children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/>

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like the children to come to school in their pyjamas on 3rd March and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share with the rest of the class. Children are very welcome to bring in slippers to wear at school but will also need appropriate footwear for outside play (and a warm coat!). A World Book Day book token will be given to each child later in the month.



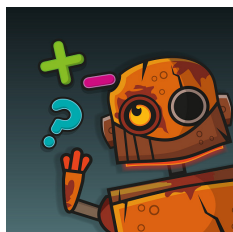
Year 1 Grand Designs Project

Dee and Gale from Henry Adams will be visiting the school on Monday 14th February to launch Year 1's Grand Design project. They will be returning on Wednesday 30th March to present prizes to the winners of the best shoebox rooms. It would be lovely if Year 1 parents could join us at 2.30pm on 30th March for this event.

If you have any shoeboxes, matchboxes, other small boxes, cotton reels, buttons, yoghurt pots, etc. to make furniture, Year 1 would be very grateful!



NumBots



Parents of Year 1 & 2 children may remember NumBots that we started using last year for home learning to support the children's maths education. We are relaunching this online

service again and your child will shortly be coming home with a letter reminding you of your child's log-in details. Further information will be given to the Reception children in a school assembly within the next week or two. They will also receive a letter with their log-in details.

Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Please see the attached sheet about an easy way to raise funds for the school.

PE Kit for Outside PE

Please can you make sure your child has a full PE kit in school every day. This should include leggings or joggers and plimsolls or trainers, as we will be going outside for PE as the weather improves. Please make sure that everything is clearly NAMED!

Wish Lists

For creative week, the year groups are after the following:

Reception: paper plates, sticky googly eyes, small boxes i.e junk modelling.

Year 1: shoeboxes, bottle tops/lids, old wallpaper, felt - brown, white, cream, beige - red pipe cleaners, small (matchbox size) boxes, carpet sections, shiny mirrored paper, blue/green sequins

Year 2: shiny paper, sequins, ribbons, beads, newspapers, boxes (junk modelling), buttons, sharpie pens.

Any donations gratefully received!

Thank You!

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Aldwick Parish Council for giving us a discretionary grant of £1005.74. This money will be used towards refurbishing the library area and for food at Forest School. We have also received £445.50 commission from Cauliflower Cards following the purchase of the children's Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper etc. This money will go towards new reading scheme books.

We would also like to thank Mr Davis from 'Jumping Jacks' for printing a number of banners for the Year 1 outside area. www.jumpingjackuk.com



Pancake Day

Chartwells will be serving pancakes as part of their menu on Tuesday 1st March. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a hot dinner on this day (it is week 2 on the menu), please can you let Mrs Porter in the office know by Friday 11th February as she will need to order extra lunches.

Nuts in School

Please can we remind parents not to include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes i.e Nutella, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
Parent consultations	Week commencing 7 th & 14 th February	
Non uniform day (to raise funds for planting in sensory garden)	Wednesday 16 th February	
Half Term	Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th February	
Fairtrade Fortnight	Monday 21st February - 6th March	
Creative Week	Monday 28 th February - Friday 4 th March	
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March	
Red Nose Day (non-uniform)	Friday 18 th March	
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 25 th March	
Presentation to the winners of the best Year 1 shoebox room	Wednesday 30th March	2.30 pm
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 th - Friday 22 nd April	
Start of the Summer Term	Monday 25 th April	

Message from the West Sussex Parent Carer Forum

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum have various events coming up over the next few months which we are busy planning. We also continue to work in co-production with the local authority including SENAT, Child with Disability team and the NHS, to enable our parent carers' voices to be heard and views to be shared.

We are always happy to come into schools for things like SEN breakfast/coffee mornings to give information on West Sussex Parent Carer Forum and answer questions parent carers may have. We can if demand is there, and resources permit offer Expert Parent Programme workshops to your parent carers. We can also offer these virtually if Covid restrictions prevent face to face.

We wanted to remind you that you or your parent carers can contact us for any information either via this email address, our website (www.wspcf.org.uk) or via Facebook.

Parent carers and professionals are encouraged to sign up as a member by clicking the blue 'sign up' button at the top of our Facebook page so they will then receive all events and information via email.

We wanted to share with you some upcoming events which may be relevant to some of your parent carers.

(This will only be relevant to secondary schools)

Expert Parent Programme - Post 16

10th and 17th February 2022 10:00 to 12:30

This is a two-part workshop suitable to parent carers of children and young people aged 14 and above and will give information and guidance on how to navigate the transition to adulthood.

For Parent Carers to have access to this they will need to sign up to become a member – again free. This way they will be emailed the booking form which has just gone out. It would be great to see some of your parent carers attend.

We will also be planning a Social event in the Spring term for Parent Carers and there is a further Expert Parent Programme workshop on Mental Health coming up in March - Booking forms not yet released.

We are also working in co-production with West Sussex County Council with the Autism in Schools project, we are looking forward to more schools joining when the pilot expands and working them too. I have included the link for the press release around this which gives more details.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/schools-autism-project-to-enhance-support-for-children-and-families/>

We hope you have a brilliant term and do let us know if you need anything from us as a Forum.

Staying Healthy

Illness

Feelings

Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource
for learning about health



Games



Activities

Quizzes

Parents and Carers!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can
get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

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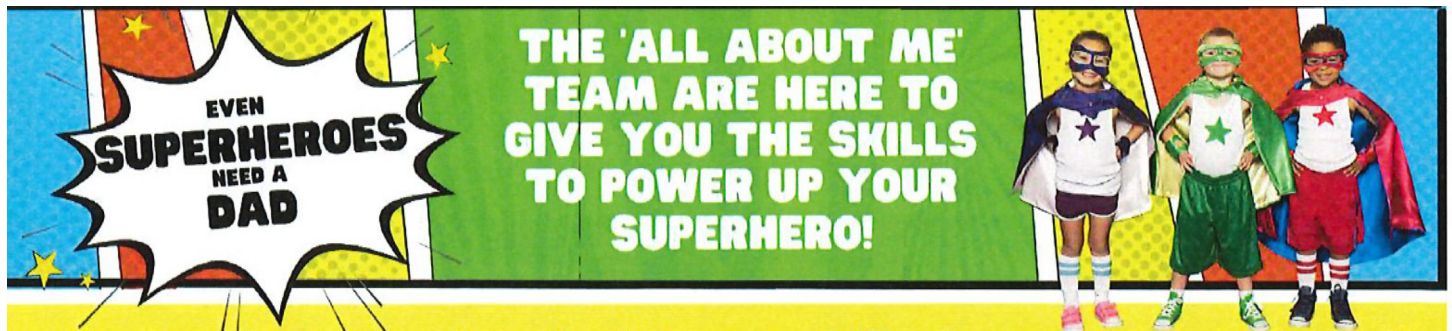


Parentline:

Text a school nurse for
confidential advice and
support

07312 277011

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4.30 pm (excluding bank holidays and weekends). If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



Join 'Dads United' to build your skills for your Superhero!



Come along to 'Dads United'

ARE YOU AN OUT OF WORK DAD?

"I signed up to come to 'Dads United', because I wanted something to help me with my social anxiety etc. It was a hurdle to come but 'Dads United' have been very welcoming. I've been encouraged listening to other's experiences and how they have coped with their situations. It's been so far a calming environment to engage safely and I feel empowered to share my experiences. I truly mean these words"

Chris, Dad of 3 Children

DADS UNITED runs for twelve weeks at two different locations - see fixtures below!

Mondays
10:00am

**DADS
UNITED 1**

**Bognor Regis Town
Football Club**

Nyewood Lane
Bognor Regis

Thursdays
10:00am

**DADS
UNITED 2**

**Littlehampton Town
Football Club**

The Sportsman
St Floras Road
Littlehampton

'Dads United' are informal sessions to meet dads in similar situations, share experiences and discuss your work journey with others.

Inspirational male guest speakers from community groups through to national industries regularly join 'Dads United' to provide advice and support in moving forwards.

'Dads United' provides time for you to focus on your goals towards employment.



All About Me is funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund

To be eligible to join:

You are a dad to an under 18 year old
and you have been out of work for more than
12 months.

Find out about dates and availability:

email: allaboutme@aspresussex.org.uk or
call 01243 850717



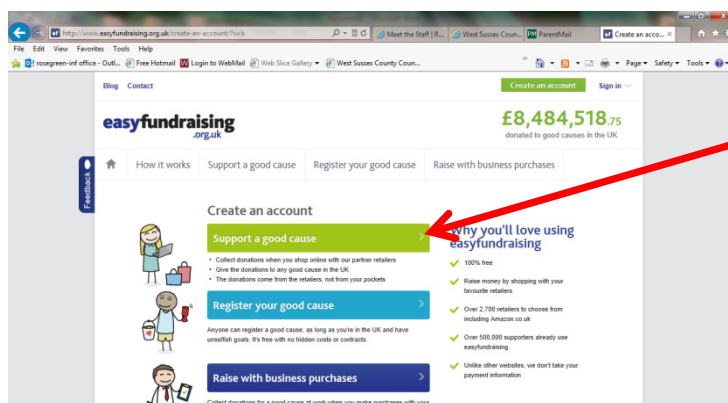
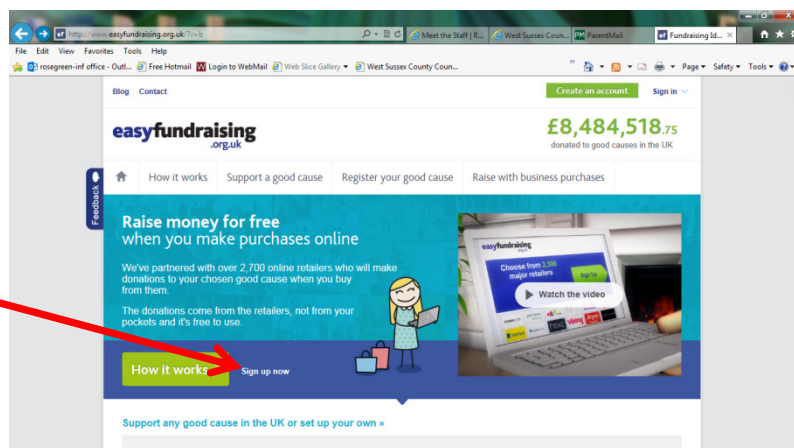
Do you shop online? Yes?

PLEASE HELP. ITS FREE AND WILL HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL !!

Please can you look at the Easyfundraising website as the potential is huge! As an example, if you wanted to buy a book from Amazon for £10, first log onto the Easyfundraising website and then click on the link for Amazon. You will be directed to the usual Amazon website (including all their discounts etc.). **You can then purchase the book as usual.** The benefit for you / the school is that the school gets 2.5% of the purchase value. That only equates to 25p, but if all parents sign up and order items throughout the year it will soon mount up. There are over 2,700 retailers linked from this website including ...



WANT TO HELP? It's so easy.
Simply go to
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
and click on "Sign up now"



Click "Support a good cause" and then type Rose Green Infant School into the search and then click "Support this cause", fill in your details and then shop!

Any commission you earn will automatically be sent to our account every 3 months .

And that's it! Once you have registered you just log on every time you shop online. You can even see how much you have raised and the total raised so far.

Please give it a try – if you need help registering just call into the office. We have put a link to Easyfundraising on the school website too.

Thank you so much!