



10 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is on Friday 12 October at St. Mary's Church. You are welcome to join us. Please note that we have two services as follows:-

9.15am Pioneers (yellow) and Challengers (blue)
10.45am Explorers (purple) and Innovators (green)

The PSA will be serving coffee (for a voluntary contribution) at the back of the church prior to each service. Each service will last approximately 45 minutes.

Please bring harvest donations for Worthing Homeless Project to the school hall on Thursday 11 October 2018. As a reminder, they would be grateful to receive items such as the following:

Biscuits	Coffee	Sugar
Hairbrushes	Juice	Squash
Kitchen towel	Lip Balm	Long Life Milk
Ready Meals	Salt and Pepper	Toilet Cleaner
Spag Bol/Mac Cheese/Pies	Toilet Rolls	

Grounds Day

If you would like to come and help at our Grounds Day on Saturday 13 October 2018 from 9am -12pm there is still time to sign up. Please call into the office and let them know.

Bikeability

Year 6 children worked hard last week to develop important life skills to keep safe on the roads while out and about on their bicycles. Many of these children achieved Level 2 showing confidence and competence to ride independently. Those children who would benefit from further instruction and practice will have an additional opportunity in the Easter break and I will make this information available as soon as it is published. I would recommend that in order to ensure the children's safety, any child riding independently to school on their bicycle should be wearing a helmet and should have achieved their Level 2 Bikeability qualification.

Lodge Hill

Year 4 had an amazing few days at Lodge Hill last week. They participated in many activities including; tunneling, low ropes, orienteering, abseiling, archery and karting. All children were a credit to the school and it was a pleasure to watch them grow in perseverance, resilience and team work. Both classes received a certificate from Chris North, who ran a drama workshop on the Wednesday evening, commending them for their imaginations, thoughtfulness and friendships. Well done Year 4!

Inset Day

May I remind you that we have an inset day on Monday 29 October 2018 for staff training. We will look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 30 October in their winter uniform. Please find below the uniform expectations.

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes
School cardigan or pullover (navy blue with red stripe)
White polo shirt
White socks **or navy tights**
Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes)

Boys

Grey trousers
School pullover (navy blue with red stripe)
White polo shirt
Grey socks
Sensible black shoes (not trainers)

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Girls

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes
School cardigan or pullover (navy blue with red stripe)
White blouse
School tie (not elasticated)
White socks or navy tights
Sensible black shoes (not trainers or high heeled shoes please)

Boys

Grey trousers
School pullover (navy blue with red stripe)
White shirt
School tie (not elasticated)
Grey socks
Sensible black shoes (not trainers)

School Photo

Just a reminder that children will be having individual and sibling photos on Thursday 18 October. We would ask that children wear winter uniform for their photos please.

Poppy Making

During half term we would like each child to make a RED Poppy at home that can be used to form a school display for the school's Remembrance Assembly.

The finished Poppy should be no bigger than about 10cm and can be made of paper, card or fabric; it's up to the children what medium they use. They can be as creative as they wish; collage, paint, sewing, anything!

Finished Poppies should be brought into school on Tuesday 30 October when we return after the half term break. We look forward to seeing the children's creations!!



Payment of Educational trips/Residential visits

We would like to thank all those parents who have been able to sign up to parentcomms:pay+ to pay for the wonderful educational visits the school provides. If you have not be able to sign up please contact Mrs Hayes-Farmer who will be able to help with this. However, since Parentcomms:pay+ has been put in place, we have noticed an increase in the amount of payments outstanding. We would like to point out that although the contribution is voluntary, visits such as these cannot take place unless all parents, who

are able, are willing to contribute. If you do have outstanding payments, please make sure these are paid via parentcomms:pay+ by half term or alternatively call into the office to pay by cash or cheque.

I appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to meet the costs. If you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to contact me for further discussion.

Parking

We have been approached by a number of parents raising concerns about cars being parked illegally. We would like to ask again that you are considerate of our neighbours when parking near the school and when dropping off and collecting your children. Residents need to be able to access their driveways at all times.

In addition, we would like to remind you not to turn your car around round by the school entrance as this poses a serious safety matter for children and adults crossing the road. We have had a number of near misses where cars have been driving too fast down this road and turning around. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Feeling Good Feeling Safe

During the coming weeks your child will be involved in a variety of activities which will help them understand and explore aspects of equality, safety and positive social interactions. You will receive an overview of your child's Feeling Good Feeling Safe Sessions as well as other helpful information to enable you to be actively involved in your child's learning.

Supporting the Environment

As a school, we are conscious of ways in which we can try and help the environment and not waste precious resources. Therefore, we are trying to reduce the amount of paper that the school uses. To help with this, we would like to inform you that more parent communication will happen via Parentcomms, including newsletters and updates. If you have not done so already, please sign up for Parentcomms to ensure that you receive these emails: should you need any help doing this please contact the school office. Please also ensure that you check your emails regularly to keep up to date with forthcoming activities and events.

Yours sincerely

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