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**Newsletter No. 1** - This Newsletter is being sent both as a paper copy and via ParentMail, as it is the first one of the year. All future Newsletters will be sent by ParentMail only. Please note Parentmail is in the process of being updated this week and should be up and running correctly by the end of the week. Thank you for your understanding.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome new families to our school and welcome back all of our families and children. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the super weather we had. We really enjoyed summer club at school and know that the children who came did too. Children have had lots to say about fun activities over the summer. Everyone looks smart and children have already settled into their new classes and to learning.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** school will be closed due to a Bank Holiday for the late Queen's funeral.

**Doors open 8.40 and school starts 8.45** - Please ensure your children are punctual when arriving to school) and as much as we love parents being part of school life we are asking that parents leave the school grounds as soon as they can so we can close the gates. We are happy for parents to leave children from year two upwards at the gate. School ends at 3.15 for YR, Y1 and Y2 and at 3.20 for all juniors (Y3-Y6).

**Priorities** - This year our main focus is to ensure pupils make the really good progress we expect and catch up/fill any gaps following covid as well as enjoy their learning with a good impact on age expected and good attainment. Ofsted expect a broad curriculum to be taught - we have always prided ourselves on this but we have worked hard to make learning even more exciting.

## Topics for September:

- YR All about me
- Y1 What makes me super?
- Y2 Mrs Armitage on wheels
- Y3 Rainforests
- Y4 Healthy bodies
- Y5 Mysterious materials
- Y6 Engineering and trade links

Children may wish to learn or research at home, we also ask parents to hear children read as often as is possible. Children in Y1 to Y6 will have homework each week including spellings and times tables. Please do chat to your child's teacher if there is anything that you are concerned about or not sure about.

**Parents evening** - to give you time "parents evening" will be over a two week period from 17<sup>th</sup> October - 4<sup>th</sup> November (excluding half term) they will be run after school by your child's teacher.

**Uniform** - continues to be available from the office. (We are expecting a delivery this week). We are also happy if children wear dark green jumpers and white polo shirts from supermarkets to save expense. We have some second hand uniform in the office donated by families that we sell for £1 per item. Black school shoes, no heels and in the summer ensure children's toes are covered and no cros.

**PE kit** - Light blue or white cotton t-shirt with dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms. No football shirts as these have often got lost. Suitable trainers.

**Dogs** - whilst we would rather dogs stayed with owners and not tied to the fence we do expect any mess to be cleaned up. Please show up to date public liability insurance/vaccination cards to the office to be able to bring dogs on site.

**Chickens at the weekends** - If anyone is interested in letting them out 8am ish/putting them to bed we would be very grateful. Please call in to the office so that we may put your name on the rota. You only need to open their door in the morning and close in the evening. They are good girls and go to bed themselves at dusk. You also have opportunity to use the school field for a play or picnic.

**School crossing patrol** - we fought to get the school crossing and hope you will use it. Please park away from the front of the school to avoid accidents, congestion or parking fines and use the crossing.

**Parking** - Please do not park in the school car park at any time. It is very important that emergency vehicles and coaches are able to get through at all times. We also ask that you use the one-way at peak times.

**Filming** - Please. No photos or filming children within the school grounds. Thank you.

**Medical - Inhalers/Epipens** - If your child needs to use an inhaler at school please ensure we have two of them, one to be kept in the classroom and one to be kept in the medical room as a spare. Please complete an asthma form, these are available from the office. For Epipens or other medical conditions please complete forms in the office to enable us to help.

**Universal Free School Meals** - children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free hot school meal. These are very tasty meals with choices and menus are available in the office. These children also get a healthy snack at break time. If your child has moved to Y3 you now need to book and pay online with Chartwells (please call in to the office if you need help with this)

**Entitled to free school meals ?** - Please let us know in time for the October Census on 6<sup>th</sup> October, as this affects our school budget considerably. If you are in receipt of benefit related free school meals we can give you a free uniform in reception class and year1 to 6 a Jumper/cardigan every school year, so please speak to us. Application forms for free school meals are available at the school office or you can apply online through West Sussex County Council. Thank you.

We are having a special menu on Census day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the poster in the window at the front of school, if you would like your KS2 child to have the special hot school dinner please order online at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk). The meal must be ordered by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Absence** - Please can you telephone the office on 01243 822885 between 8am and 9.20am or e-mail [office@berstedgreen.school](mailto:office@berstedgreen.school) if your child is unable to attend school that day.

**Flu immunisation** - further details to follow.

**Covid 19** - if you suspect your child has symptoms and tests positive they return to school after 3 days. Children DO NOT need to isolate if a family member or close contact tests positive.

**After school club** - Our after School club is up and running and lots of fun activities are planned. The fees are £6 until 4.30pm and £12 to 5.45pm and include a snack. Fees are paid in advance of sessions - thankyou. Forms are available in the office.

We have, as ever, lots going on this term and we will attach dates regularly:

## Dates

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	All	European Day of Languages
Week of 3 <sup>rs</sup> October	All	Harvest festival week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	All	No pens or pencils day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October - 4 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Parents evening meetings
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October and 8 <sup>th</sup> November		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 - 11.30 for next years Yr R
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Film night - Room on the Broom £1 on the door - collect at 4pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All	Whole School photographs (Sibling photos will be available - more information nearer the time)
14-18 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Road safety week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022		Flu nasal spray session to be held here. This is to help stop children getting flu
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Disco - 3.30-4.30pm Yr R/1/2 (£1 on collection), 5.30 - 7pm for KS2 Y3
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>End of Term</b> Parents invited for mince pies at 2.30pm and raffle at 3pm

**Christmas** - Children will design Christmas cards for you to buy (these are good quality!) We will also have a raffle and will let you know nearer the time about Christmas performances.

**Sussex Day - June 16<sup>th</sup> 2023** - to celebrate we will get children out and about to enjoy our county. Trips and activities are combined with aspects of learning and topics and we will ask for £5.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Jarvis  
Headteacher

## **TERM DATES 2022 - 2023**

WSCC dates are published on line too.

### **Autumn Term 2022**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Inset day 1	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Inset day 2	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>Term starts</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Half term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2023**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Inset day 3	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Term starts</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Half term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March

### **Summer Term 2023**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

Inset Day 4	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term starts</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>Term ends</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Inset day 5	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

## **Notes**

On the following 5 Inset days school will be closed for pupils, but teachers will be required to undertake professional development. School is closed on bank holidays

### **Inset Days 2022-2023**

- 1 - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- 2 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- 3 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- 4 - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 5 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### **Inset Days 2023-2024**

- 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024
- 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024
- 4 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- 5 - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### **Bank Holidays 2022-2023**

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023