



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Happy New year to everyone!!** We all hope for a wonderful 2023.

Staff have looked carefully at the progress the children made over last term and we are really pleased. Children engage with the curriculum and work really hard at school - they are proud of what they do. Where we noticed children have a gap or are not confident with an aspect of learning we are inviting them to a 4 week catch up and be confident club. These will run each half term and children will be invited depending on what is needed.

Our Partners who have supplied us with extra food over the Christmas period for our families are asking for feedback to secure further funding for the future, Please can you give any feedback in writing, by email or dropping a note into the office to say how helpful the food was to your family.

The Christmas club was a success and the feedback was good all the children who attended enjoyed it and had lots of fun with the craft Christmas activities.



## Topics and themes this term: Please talk to children about their learning

	Spring 1	Spring 2 - after half term
YR	Stomp and roar Animals and habitats	Animal stories Traditional tales (animal)
Y1	It's a toy's story - cuddle, move and wiggle	Into the woods- Traditional tales... - maps and plans - local
Y2	The Owl and the Pussy Cat	Great Fire of London. Map - where is London?
Y3	Who were the first builders? Stoneage. achievements	How would you design a world? Town planning 3D model town. Counties. Compass introduced.
Y4	Anglo Saxons and Vikings - Invaders and settlements Europe - maps	Where does chocolate come from? -Mayans, patterns/weaving Protect an egg
Y5	Islamic civilization - food, art, landscape, climate, wildlife The Boy at the Back of the Class The Highwayman on World book day	Who am I? Why do I live here? Bognor and Alaska/NAmerica Earthquakes, Grid reference Watercycle Puberty Lifecycle
Y6	Ancient Greece and impacts Control a monster, Lamp brightness, circuit symbols Chinese New Year -	Where do we come from? Evolution Galapagos Darwin Bird identification, sketching, tone, proportion. Weather. Habitats.

**Staff** - Mrs Mensah has returned from maternity leave - her baby Theo is enjoying standing up. Ms Blogg has started her next chapter and Mrs Baker will now be in the school office. Ms Jarvis has been supporting another school for a couple of days while their Headteacher is off ill.

**Road Crossing** - please park away from the school and use the crossing attendant. Please drop off/collect older children who can be crossed safely over the road. This will help ease congestion at the front of the school.

**Free School Meals** - If you think you may be entitled to free school meals (not universal infant free school meals), please call in the office for a form or go online at West Sussex County Council and complete an application.

**Poppies** - Thank you to everyone, we raised £261.92 and the district £25766

**Dogs on site** - Please come into the office with up to date paperwork to be able to still bring your dogs onsite. If you have a dog you wish to bring onsite and you haven't before then please come into the office to complete a form and bring a copy of liability insurance and evidence of vaccinations.

**A big thank you to staff who run clubs each term** - staff volunteer to run clubs so there is no charge to families. These clubs generally run for a term and we are really fortunate to have these clubs.

**On line learning** - use Numbot, My Maths & X Table Rockstars at least every week as well as reading as often as possible.

**Healthy lunches** - some children recently have not had enough lunch and some a lunch that is not as balanced as it needs to be - we suggest a sandwich, roll or pasta pot with fruit etc.

**Pop up shop** - we do our best to support our families with basics. We are the only school to do this. Let us know if we can help.

**PE kits** - are needed in school every week.

#### **After school club**

After school club is working well. We welcome children on regular days as well as on an occasional day. Sessions are £6 to 4.30pm and £12 to 5.45pm.

#### **Late Pickups**

Please collect your children on time as teachers have meetings and training at the end of the day. We will place your child in the after school club if you are late - there is a £6 charge.

#### **Year 6 Residential**

Please ensure you return your signed consent form with a deposit as soon as possible, this enables us to book the activities for the trip.

#### **Dates:**

January 2023	KS1	<b>Census Day</b> - a lunch will be ordered for all of Ladybirds, Y1 and Y2 to have a try
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	All	<b>Chinese New Year celebration - wear red</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All	<b>DT day across the school</b>
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All	<b>Parents evening 3.30 - 5.00</b> - letter to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All	<b>Film night - Wacky Hen</b> - where a hen overcomes her fears and follows her dreams £1 fir drink and a biscuit. 4.45pm pick up
13 <sup>th</sup> February - 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All	<b>Parents evening 3.30 - 5.00</b> - letter to follow

<b>27<sup>th</sup> February - Story telling week</b>	All	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</b>		<b>World book day</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	All	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	All	<b>Poetry day</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	All	<b>Last day of Spring term</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	All	<b>Inset Day (number 4)</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	All	<b>First day of Summer Term for children</b>
<b>Summer Term swimming</b>		As swimming locally remains a challenge we hope to hire a pool on site and recruit a swimming teacher to meet our curriculum requirements
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	All	<b>Last day of Summer Term for children</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	All	<b>Inset day for staff (number 5)</b>

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