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Welcome back everyone. It has been an amazing first week back. Children obviously enjoyed their break and are now enjoying seeing their friends and the school routine. Everyone is already working hard - please do ask children to show you what they are proud of. Our new children and Ladybirds have quickly settled into school. I can only apologise for the glitches we have had at the start of term including internet problems caused by arson damage to BT box and a roof leak in the new building...

Topics this half term

YR: Ladybirds: Marvellous me and people who help us

Y1: What makes a superhero

Y2: Mrs Armitage on wheels

Y3: Rainforests

Y4: Who were the Romans?

Y5: What is it made of?

Y6: Great engineering feats

School priorities this year are to ensure our children get to age expected levels in their learning and ensuring knowledge 'sticks'.

What would really help:

Please ask your children about their learning - the topic grids may help you to find out more about what they are doing.

Children need to dress themselves after PE -practicing socks, buttons would really help.

Tying back long hair helps keep hair off pages in books and out of eyes; (For safety, children will be asked to remove necklaces, hoop earrings, dangle earrings and any make up).

We ask that children are heard to read as often as possible and are rewarded for this so please do hear children read and share stories with them - particularly at bedtime.

Homework is set each week to reinforce current learning. If not completed, then children will miss breaks. Homework club is Tuesday evening if this helps (until 4.15pm). Topic homework is great fun, and TT Rockstars is online, and teachers have log ins for each child.

Packed lunches - children need to eat a sensible and healthy lunch, Children need carbohydrate for energy (e.g. sandwich, pasta salad), protein for cell growth (e.g. cheese in sandwich), calcium for strong bones and teeth (e.g. yogurt) and fiber for healthy digestion without constipation (e.g. carrot/cucumber sticks, fruit). Sweet treats (e.g. chocolate) should be limited. Staff may add notes to lunchboxes to make suggestions.

Dogs - 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. Please call in to the office so that we may put your name on the rota and collect the details of what to do and the gate code to get in. 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. They may even lay you an egg or two (which you are welcome to take home with you).

School crossing - We do usually have a school crossing patrol person, but due to circumstances beyond our control she will not be there until after half-term. Please take care when crossing the road.

Parking - Please be courteous when parking near the school, please do not park in awkward places and block neighbours' driveways and please make sure you leave enough space for emergency vehicles to get through. Please do not park in the carpark, it is for Staff members only.

Drop offs and pick-ups - Please make sure all children are dropped off at school on time and collected at the end of the day on time.

MCAS app - **My child at school: you really need to sign up to this for all the information and communication with school. This replaces parentmail and you will miss important information if you are not signed up.**

Parent Pay - this is the way to get school meals for your child. Chartwells provide the meals. In reception, Y1 and Y2 'universal' meals are free but you need to select a meal for/with your child else your child just gets a jacket potato and filling.
In Y3,4,5 and 6 you pay for and select the meals.

After school clubs - clubs run for the term but NOT the first or last week.

Paid after school club runs every day until 4.30 (£6) or 5.45 (£12) - what about booking one for you to have 'you time' or for Christmas shopping??

Dates		
Date	Who for?	What?
Thursday 18 th September	All	Book buddies Classes partner for reading activities
Friday 26 th September at 8.50am	YR and Y1 who missed previously	What do we do in phonics? How we teach phonics
Tuesday 23 rd September at 3.30pm	Y6	What does SATs mean and helping your child The Y6 residential Swimming in Y6
Thursday 25 th September	All	European Languages Day - each class looks at a country and shares key information In June we will have a Eurovision competition
Tuesday 30 th September	Y5	Stories and Dust Chichester Festival Theatre Workshop coming to school
Thursday 2 nd October	All	Census day, please see the poster on the front of Office door for the menu and how to If your child is in order (Cut off date 18th September). Reception, year 1 or year 2. Please order a meal for that day so your child can try a hot meal, you are still able to send a pack lunch if you wish, just let your class teacher know.
Friday 3 rd October	Y5	Chichester Festival Theatre Stories and Dust performance - details to follow
Wednesday 15 th October	All	Well-being Wednesday
Friday 17 th October		No pens and pencils day
Tuesday 21 st October	YR	Trip to Goodwood Farm- Letter and message via MCAS sent
20-24 th October	All	Parents evening meetings - please book a slot
Monday 17 th November	All	School photos- Please contact the office if you would like sibling photos organised, only siblings in the school and Little acorns Nursery.

School holidays		
Friday 24 th October	All	Break up for half term Return Monday 3 rd November
Friday 19 th December	All	Break up for Christmas break Return on Tuesday 6 th January (INSET day on 5 th)

Tuesday 13 th January	Y3	Children's Concert - details to follow
Friday 13 th February	All	Break up for half term Return Monday 23 rd February
Monday 9 th March	Dance club	Dance House performance in Worthing - details to follow
Friday 27 th March	All	Break up for Easter break Return Monday 13 th April
Monday 4 th May	All	Bank holiday Monday
11-14 th May	Y6	SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	All	Break up for half term Return on Monday 1 st June
Thursday 18 th June to Friday 19 th June	Y6	Residential
Friday 17 th July	All	Break up for summer