



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER No 9

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Dear Parents and Carers

Although the weather is still unsettled the recent glimpses of sunshine have brought a more 'summer like' feel to the school and it is lovely for the children (and staff!) to be able to finally spend time outdoors without coats! We hope that the sun will continue to shine as we move through the summer term so that we can all enjoy a much-needed rise in temperature!

Sports Days

As the Country is gradually beginning to ease restrictions and the UK's coronavirus threat level has been dropped from '4' to '3', it is looking like we may be on track for further easing of restrictions on June 21st. If this is the case, we will be delighted to invite parents and other family members to attend the Sports days later this term. If however, the restrictions are not lifted, we will continue to run the Sports days but without family members present.



We will still be keeping the children in year group bubbles until the end of term and so the Sports days will take place in these groups. Social distancing will be possible as we will be on the field and there will be plenty of room to spread out. There will be no limit on the number of adults per child attending, but please remember that younger siblings remain your responsibility and that **there will be no toilets available for use.**

As it has not been possible for any events where families can join us to take place over the last year, this will be a lovely way to end the summer term and I'm sure that the children will get a real boost by seeing all the support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Early Transition Reminder



Please refer to the previous newsletter for details of the Early Transition, which will take place from **Monday 19th July**. Normally we would hold an open evening where parents could visit the new classes, meet the teacher and attend a presentation to find out about expectations for the coming year. However, this year the teachers will upload videos to Google Classroom in the last week of term instead, so please do take the time to watch these, as they will help prepare you for the coming year. We hope that early in the autumn term, we will be able to invite you into school to meet your child's new teacher in person.

FEPIS end of term Disco's

FEPIS have made the decision not to go ahead with the usual end of term disco's this year however they are hoping that it will still be possible to arrange for the Year 2 Leavers disco to go ahead on **Thursday 22nd July**. This will only be possible if a group of Y2 parents are willing to come forward and help organise and run the event, as the current committee of two do not have the capacity. A letter will be coming out from FEPIS with more details about this.



Important reminder

Please do not include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes as we have children in school with severe allergies, thank you.

Spotlight on Safeguarding



With half term upon us, and hopefully better weather, we expect many of you will be heading to the beach or the swimming pools for something to do. We wanted to draw your attention to resources that you can share with your children to help keep them safe on the water.

Below is a link to a video that explains the dangers of water to children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIXpm86mU90>

Educating children about water safety is a core part of the prevention work of the RNLI. The more young people they can reach with their water safety messages, the more lives they can save now and in the future. There are many activity packs that are appropriate for Key Stage 1 pupils. Please click on the link below to take you to the RNLI website.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-primary>

Stay well, and keep safe and enjoy the half term break!

Sunny Days!

As the weather begins to turn warmer the children will be spending more time outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a **named sunhat in school every day** – even if it appears cloudy in the morning! In addition, we would suggest that, if possible, you apply sunscreen at home each day.



Sadly, we are not able to apply sunscreen to the children and although some are capable of doing this themselves, more often than not they end up in a terrible mess and, therefore, we prefer children not to bring sunscreen into school. Thank you.

Parking

Inconsiderate parking continues to be causing problems at drop off and pick up times and we are still receiving regular complaints. We therefore again urge everyone please to be mindful of the safety of not only our children but also our neighbours, by parking in a safe and considerate manner.



Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines by the school entrance, no matter how much of a rush you are in – they are there to keep your children safe.

Parents are also politely reminded not to park in the staff car parks in Lashmar Road and St Marys Drive, even when dropping off or picking up from Rascals.



Design A Poster For Child Safety Week

The Targeted Education team at West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service are running a competition for child safety week. The competition is open to all children of all ages across West Sussex and closes on the 20th of June, to enter send a picture of your fire safety poster to targeted.education@westsussex.gov.uk or to their Facebook or Instagram accounts - @Westsussexfireeducation

The winning child's poster will be displayed on the side of their fire engines and receive a personal tour of a fire station (to be booked following Covid guidelines).

Governors' Corner

Hopefully the half-term break will feel a bit more like the beginning of summer than of late!

As restrictions continue to ease, the governors are looking forward to gradually being back in school again in person, beginning with some pupil questionnaires in June. We have continued to meet virtually for the last year or so, making sure we carry out our roles to the best of our ability and that the school is in the best place it can be for the children to thrive. I am delighted that all the newer members of our governing team are now fully involved, bringing expertise and enthusiasm in everything from safeguarding and well-being to finance, the curriculum and data.

Thank you again to our talented, relentlessly hard-working staff and to you, the parents and carers, for your support for the school.

Have a fun and hopefully sunny half-term,

Sue Nelson
Chair of Governors

East Preston Festival weekend – 23rd, 24th and 25th July

PHOTO COMPETITION

Subject: St Mary's, East Preston's iconic 12th century church.

Category 1: Exterior view Category 2: Interior view

Category 3: For 12 years old and under

1 prize per category. A maximum of 3 photos per person, no digital enhancement allowed.

Email photos and contact info to eastprestonfestival@hotmail.co.uk or return* 7"x 5" prints with completed entry form. Photos must be received by 9th July.



GROW A SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

How tall can you grow yours?

£1 entry fee. Collect 3 Giant Sunflower seeds and a help sheet with your entry form.

You can submit one sunflower per household. Prizes for tallest and biggest.

Sunflower seeds take an average of 100 days to grow so get those seeds planted!

Submit* your entry form by 15th July, judging will take place on 21st July.



FIND A SUNFLOWER PICTURE COMPETITION

Staying with the sunflower theme...

Can you find 20 sunflower pictures in the shop windows along Sea Road? (they'll be there from 23rd July)

Fabulous 75 piece art set to win!

For children 12 years old and under.

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Theme: Tropical

Think hot sunny holidays, jungles, carnival and bright colours.

Prizes for winner and runner up.

Entry Form needs to be submitted* by 15th July.

Display: have your scarecrow on display by 3pm 21st July ready for judging



***All entry forms can be collected from and returned to
Kerry's, Buds 'n' Blooms Florist or Seaview Stores**

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you back at school on **Monday 7th June** for the final run up to the summer holidays!

Attached are some dates for you to note on your calendar, please check each newsletter for any updates or amendments.

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)
Headteacher



Diary Dates



Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June inclusive

Monday 7 th June	-	School reopens to all pupils
Tuesday 8 th June	-	Y1 Palaeontology day
Wednesday 9 th June	-	YR Fire Service visit
Monday 21st June	-	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 30 th June	-	JustDifferent workshops for Y2
Thursday 1 st July	-	YR sports day 9.30am
Friday 2 nd July	-	Y1 sports day 9.30am
		Y2 sports day 1.30pm
Wednesday 7 th July	-	Transition day – pupils visit new classes/schools
Friday 16 th July	-	Annual reports sent out
Monday 19 th July	-	Early transition week – children in new classes
<i>Thursday 22nd July</i>	-	<i>Provisional date for Y2 leavers disco</i>
Friday 23 rd July	-	End of summer term

INSET days 2021-2022

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 28th February 2022
Monday 20th June 2022