



## July 2021 NEWSLETTER No 11

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Dear Parents and Carers

We made it! I am very proud that as a school, we have not had to close any bubbles throughout the year and I would like to say a huge thank you to you, and to all the staff, who have worked so hard to follow the rules and keep us Covid free. I know that it has been a nuisance at times and that it has been particularly frustrating in recent weeks when we have seen other events taking place with huge crowds. However, the fact that we have been able to keep all bubbles open has been worth it and I think we are amongst only a handful of schools who have achieved this, so thank you again!

### Thank You



Although we have sadly not been able to have many FEPIS events I would like to thank Alexa Gardner (Chairperson) and Chloe Chamberlain (Treasurer), the remaining FEPIS members, who have given freely of their time and have worked hard to ensure there have been events for the children whenever possible. Alexa and Chloe are now moving on as their children are heading to the Junior school in September, but I am sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to them both.

This does mean that there will now be no remaining FEPIS committee from September, so please do give consideration as to whether you might be able to take this role on next year, as the committee are essential in organising events such as termly discos and the Christmas and Summer fairs.

### Library Books



Thank you to everyone who has returned Reading and Library books. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do this, or find some over the holiday, please do drop them in to the office in the autumn term.

## Staffing update

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Laura Wheatley (TLA) has been appointed as our Learning Mentor from September. Laura will work with children across the school, leading various interventions and support programmes.



In addition, we are very pleased to have been able to appoint two experienced TLAs who will join our team in September. Roxi Williams is currently working at Whitemeadows Primary Academy and Sally West is currently employed at Trafalgar Infant school. I am sure you will warmly welcome them both next term.

## Class organisation for September 2021

For your information, the class and staff organisation for September 2021 is as follows. Year group leaders are in bold:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Support staff</b>
R	Puffins	<b>Mrs Lorna Payne (YR)</b>	Mr Paul Andrews (HLTA)
R	Wagtails	Mrs Emma London	Mrs Dawn Boulton
R	Robins	Mrs Jo Rickard	Mrs Louisa Houghton Mrs Sadie Watson
1	Starlings	<b>Miss Rachel Skillern (Y1)</b>	Mrs Allyson Lean (HLTA)
1	Woodpeckers	Mrs Maria Goodens	Mrs Carol Chilvers
1	Blackbirds	Mrs Cath Caldow (covering Mrs Justine Paterson's maternity leave)	Mrs Gemma O'Keefe Mrs Annette Wakeling
2	Kestrels	<b>Mrs Helena Lilley (Y2)</b>	Mrs Sue Buchannan
2	Falcons	Mr Michael Lake	Mrs Helen Gingell
2	Hawks	Miss Anna Woodiwiss	Mrs Kristina Loosemore Mrs Sally West Miss Roxi Williams

## School Council

Wow! What another strange year this has been for the School Council. Firstly, I want to thank all the School Council Reps for all the hard work they put in during the Autumn term with me and the Summer term with Mrs Lilley and Mrs Rickard.

I also want to thank the School Council Leaders, Reuben, George, Hollie and Keeley. They were amazing at planning and running the council meetings.



I hope you all have a lovely summer.

*Mrs Owens*

## Summer Building Works

Over the summer holiday, there is a possibility that building work will begin across the whole of the Infant and Junior site, to replace external fencing and install new security pedestrian and vehicular gates. We hope that when we return in September there will be minimal disruption to the entrance and exit routes however, we are unlikely to know this until the last minute so please do bear with us when you return. The building works will continue to run through the autumn term and we will keep you updated if there are any changes to drop off and pick up arrangements.

## Summer Reading Challenge



West Sussex Libraries are once again running their summer reading challenge – this year it has a nature focus and is called ‘Wild World Heroes’. Your child will already have brought home a bookmark with details on the back. See below for more details.

Are you ready for a seriously wild summer adventure?

Children will join our six young heroes in a town called Wilderville. It’s a pretty cool place but with a few changes they can make it even better for the people and animals who live there. They have their trusted friends, but they need your help too!

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too. The Reading Agency have teamed up with [WWF](#) for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

The challenge starts on **Saturday 10th July** and finishes on **Saturday 11th September**.

If you would like to take part, you can access further details by following the link below: <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/src>

## Change to term dates for 2021/22

You may be aware that there is an extra bank holiday in May 2022 for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. This falls within the May half term break and so West Sussex County Council have changed the schools term dates in order to ensure that staff working in schools receive this entitlement. This means that the summer term will now end on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.



## Returning to school in September

The latest information given to schools states that there will be no additional measures needed in September and so at this point, we anticipate returning to the ‘normal’ routines and ways of working.

Obviously, we recognise that circumstances may change over the summer break and that new guidance may be issued ahead of our return. If this does happen, we will of course be in touch to update you.

In case you have forgotten – classroom doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. Pick up time is 3.15pm for all year groups.

## Governors Corner

In this the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to say some Thank Yous. As parents and carers you have risen to the challenges of home-schooling, helping your children learn online, as well as adapting to the extraordinary arrangements that have necessarily been in place for being in school. The meaning of 'Bubbles' will never be the same again! Thank you for everything you do to support the school.

A huge thank you too to the children for their resilience, character and joyfulness. Hopefully they will recharge over the summer and bounce back eager to learn and continue to 'be the best that they can be'. To those children moving on to new schools in September, we wish them every success.

And, of course, the biggest of thank you to Mrs New and all our staff who, throughout the pandemic have worked to ensure our children are supported in the best possible way.

Finally, on behalf of the governors, I wish you all a restful break and special time with your family. We hope you stay safe and well and have an amazing summer.

Sue Nelson  
Chair of Governors

## And Finally...

It seems incredible that this roller-coaster of a year has finally come to an end. The children really are the heart of the school and the way in which they have adapted to the various changes has definitely kept us smiling. The support that you as parents have given us has also made a massive difference. It has been a very challenging year and your lovely 'good mornings' and notes of support have helped us during some really tough days. Thank you.

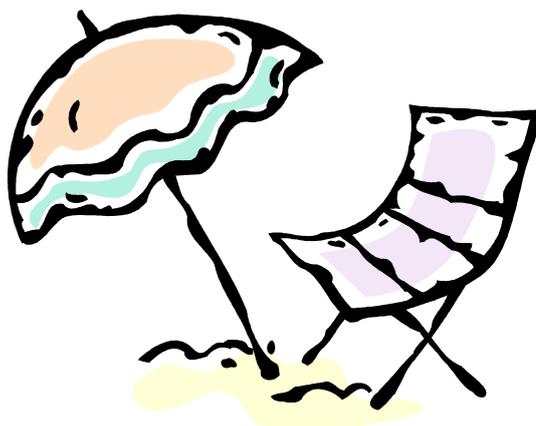
To our Year 2's, we wish you every success as you move on to your new schools, and for those of you who will have no more children with us in September, we also wish you well and thank you for your support whilst your children have been with us.

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cards, kind words, gifts, biscuits and cakes, and we wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday.

School reopens to pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. See you then!

*Claire New*

Claire New (Mrs)  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - School reopens to Y1 and Y2  
(Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are INSET days)**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Photos  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - End of Autumn half term

**Half term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Term restarts for pupils**

### **INSET days 2021-2022**

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