

Dear Parents

We continue to be very busy at school with lots of exciting activities going on. Thank you for your co-operation regarding the beginning of the day. The new arrangements have allowed Buttercup staff set up for the children before the start of the day (when the weather has allowed them to!) I hope you enjoyed our Harvest Festival service, the children did us proud. Many thanks for your generous donations; these have now been taken to the Burgess Hill Food Bank.

Another date for the diary.

KS2 Carol Service December 19th at 9.00am

Please note the wrong date was published for the Parent Consultations. This should have read 10th and 13th **November** not October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Dates for open days for children starting in September 2015.

If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school in September 2015 do tell them of our open days when they will be able to see the school in action.

22nd October 10.00-12.00

6th November 1.00-2.00

Absence during Term time.

I have become increasingly concerned with the amount of unauthorised absence at the school and was shocked to find that in the last academic year 41% of children had an unauthorised absence for at least 1 day with some children being absent for up to 10 days. I would like to remind you of the importance of not taking your child out of school during term time. Authorisation for absence will not be given unless it is for **very** exceptional circumstances and you will be fined by WSCC who incidentally retain the money, for any absence over 9 sessions (4.5 days). If your child happens to be unwell either at the beginning or end of the absence we may ask for evidence from your Doctor or other medical personnel. More importantly your child will miss important aspects of their learning which they may never have the opportunity to catch up on. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Film Night – Friday 14th November .3pm – 4.40pm

We will be showing - Bee Movie

Tickets £3.00 per child, adult tickets are free of charge
(Drink and tuck included in price).

Reception and Year 1 children must be accompanied by an adult
(on a ratio of 2 children to 1 named adult)



New Rights and Responsibilities for the whole school and playground.

The School Council have been meeting to decide on the Rights and Responsibilities for the whole school and the playground. The representatives then shared these with their class. These also link to the class Rights and Responsibilities.

School Rights and Responsibilities.

We have the right to:	We have the responsibility to:
Be happy	Make sure everyone is happy
Work and learn	Allow other people to work and learn
Be listened to	Listen to other people
Be safe	Make sure other people are safe
Play	Allow other people to play
Do our best	Allow other people to do their best

Playground rights and responsibilities

We have the right to:	We have the responsibility to:
feel safe	allow other people to feel safe by being sensible and kind
play	allow other people to play
	help the younger children
use equipment	look after the equipment and let other people use it as well
a tidy playground	tidy up the equipment you use and not litter the playground

Rainbow of Aspirations

Our Rainbow of Aspirations has now been completed. Do come and have a look at the mathematical aspirations our children (and staff) have. Our Tree of Respect is also coming into leaf!



Sponsored Welly Walk

Many thanks to FOTS, all the people who helped and particularly Sarah Woods, for organising the fantastic Sponsored Welly walk to raise funds for the defibrillator. We all enjoyed walking through the magnificent countryside looking at the different environments close to the school. We are still counting the sponsorship money and will let you know the grand total as soon as we can. If you haven't already sent yours in please can you do so as soon as possible. We have also been very lucky to have been given a generous donation by Mid Sussex Round Table, our grateful thanks go to Crispin Sykes for organising this, and hopefully will soon be able to purchase the defibrillator and housing.

Around the world themed week.

Just to remind you we are holding a 'Round the World' themed week commencing November 3rd. The classes will be studying the following countries:

Buttercups: - India

Daisy: China

Holly: Ghana

Ivy: Extreme environments- with a particular interest in Australia

If you have any artefacts we could borrow or would be able to come and talk to the class about your knowledge and experiences of any of the countries please can you get in touch with the class teacher. We would love to see you.

You are also warmly invited to come and look at what we have been finding out about our countries on **Friday 7th November between 9.00am and 10.00am**. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Parking

Please can I remind you the importance of not parking in any of the hatched areas at any time or on the drop off zone before or after school as this causes considerable congestion problems. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parental questionnaires

We have recently added a link to the Ofsted Parent View website where you can complete the online questionnaire about our school. Ofsted will use this website to look at your opinion of Twineham School. I will also be asking you to complete a paper version of the questionnaire when you come to parents' evenings in November. It is always good to see what we do well and what you feel we can do better so please fill this in. Many thanks.

Sewing – Next Term

Miss Purdy has confirmed that she will be able to run Sewing Club again next half term. We have places for 8 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. As this club is always very popular we would ideally like it to be for children that have not participated in sewing already this term to allow others to have the chance.

Cost of the club is £5.00 and will run for 5 weeks – 12/11/14, 19/11/14, 26/11/14, 03/12/14, and 10/12/14. Please send payment into the school office if you wish to join the club.

FOTs - Design your own Christmas Cards 2014

Christmas card templates will be coming home in book bags this week. As last year, the completed templates will all need to be collected in by Friday 7 th November. (Please hand them in to Laura Thornton, Will and Millis mum)

Create your Christmas card design, as per the instructions on the sheet using only pens, crayons or pencils. Your design will be sent off and a proof then given to you. If you wish to purchase packs of your unique card, just fill in the order form and return to Laura.

This is a great opportunity for you to send personal cards to family and friends as well as helping to raise funds for the school.

Message from Chartwells

National School Meals Week is fast approaching and our experience shows that it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how we're doing with the provision of school meals.

This year, with the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals, the whole subject is front-of-mind with everyone and that's why we would like parents to participate in our survey happening across the entire Local Authority.

The questionnaire is attached for your information and it is the same as last year to allow the reporting of year-on-year movements against each question.

All returned questionnaires and online entries received by Friday 7th November across your Local Authority will be entered into a free prize draw for parents.

Across West Sussex County Council we are giving away:

1 x Annual Merlin Family Passes (2 adults and 2 children worth £640)

2 x Individual Premium Annual Merlin Passes (worth £200 each)

10 x £100 high street vouchers and 10 x £50 high street vouchers