

Local businesses were very generous, ensuring there were some amazing raffle prizes. The PTA organised the whole event and we really appreciate the support they continue to provide. Please look out for new events in the Spring Term.

Attendance Update

Overall attendance is now very close to our target of 96%. We are however starting to get more requests for term time absences. We realise some absences are unavoidable but it would really help if families didn't book holidays in term time. We cannot authorise any holidays in term time as the expectation is that holidays are taken within the 13 weeks of holiday time across the school year. In line with our locality schools we can only authorise exceptional absences such as **one day** for a close family wedding.

As you all know school attendance is incredibly important as it can have an impact on both your child's learning and their friendship groups. Our school target is to be at least in line with national figures: **96%; anything lower could have an impact on our Outstanding judgement.**

Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance awards for the best attendance. Well done to the following classes:

w/ending 6th December 2019

KS1 1st place with 96.7%% 1AT, KS2 1st place with 99.7% 4FM

Whole School Attendance w/ending 6th December = 95.7%

w/ending 13th December 2019

KS1 1st place with 98% 2KB, KS2 1st place with 98.3% 6SG

Whole School Attendance w/ending 13th December = 96%

Overall school attendance currently stands 95.9%

Christmas Competitions

We were once again able to hold our annual Christmas Bauble competition. The winning designers were: Tabitha, Lottie and Gracie. The children were awarded one of the beautiful wooden baubles to take home and we added a set to our school Christmas Tree.



My Christmas wish is...



enough food for everyone rather than presents such as play stations! The hamper was then presented to one lucky pupil. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generosity that has been shown in the last few weeks, including: Children in Need, coat donations, Reverse Advent Calendar donations and charity collections.

Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Mon 17th - Fri 21st February

Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April

Mon 25th - Fri 29th June

Thursday 16th July

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020

All

All

All

All

All

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All

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

First day of Spring Term

Half Term Holiday

Last day of Spring Term

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

First day of Summer Term

Half Term Holiday

Last day of Summer Term (pupils)

Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)

Spring Term—After School Clubs

A separate letter has been sent out detailing the clubs. Clubs start w/c 20th January, unless otherwise advised. Bookings will open on 8th January via ParentPay.

Productions

In the penultimate week of term we enjoyed three more productions:

'A Miracle in Town' from EYFS,

'The Sleepy Shepherd' from KS1 and

'Straw and Order' from Lower KS2.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for one or more of these performances.

We hope they made you feel a little more 'Christmassy'!



School Admissions—Sept 2020

Was your child born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2020.

Apply Online at : www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions from Monday 7th October.

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**.

For additional advice you can call: 03330 142 903

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Rev Frank's Assemblies

Rev Frank Okai-Sam (Rev Frank to our children) is the new minister based at the Methodist Church at the end of Manor Hall Road. He has kindly agreed to become a governor and has also led two whole school assemblies.



The first involved a magic trick and the second was a very funny retelling of the nativity story which involved Rev Frank playing **all** of the parts and the children having to point out a few mistakes in the story!

Our EYFS and KS1 children also had a chance to visit the Methodist Church earlier this week to see how it has been decorated for Christmas.



Christmas Dinner



It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying their Christmas Dinner. Our kitchen team prepared approximately 350 meals from scratch with every potato peeled and every carrot scraped! The special Christmas biscuits were also homemade.

We are so lucky to have a chef in school preparing our food daily. If your child has not tried one of these meals it would be great if you could encourage them to give it a go; particularly in EYFS and KS1 where there is no cost to parents.



Costumes

We have had a fantastic idea from one of our parents to collect any costumes that children have outgrown to pass onto younger children in the school. This prevents on-going waste. We were thinking of Nativity, Christmas Jumpers, World Book Day and WOW day costumes, like the Egyptians or Bakers. If you have any costumes you would be prepared to donate to the school we will collect them in and then offer them to parents before performances, WOW days etc. If you have any such items please hand them into the office or your class teacher so that we can organise them appropriately. Many thanks.

Playtimes

As a school we are keen to ensure our children enjoy every part of the school day. To support pupils at less structured times of the day we have asked Mrs Groves to be our Play Lead. We have leaders for all of the different curriculum subjects (Miss Johnstone for instance is our PE lead and Mrs Green is our music lead) so it made sense for us to have a nominated play lead, particularly as children spend several hours a week on the playground. As we have mentioned previously, Mrs Groves is working hard to improve the school grounds, with additional trees to provide spaces on the field for children to play and access shade. She is also working improve the playground environment. KS2 playground has now been zoned with a range of activities available to children, including a sports area led by our PE technician, Mr Farthing, and a quiet zone. Older pupils also support younger children with their play.

Mrs Groves has started to contact local businesses for resources and Gardner & Scardifield Ltd responded immediately by offering sandbags to counterweight the basketball/netball stands. We'd like to thank them for their support.

If anyone would be able to help us lay a short path to join one of our playgrounds to the main building we would really appreciate hearing from you. We are really keen to improve the school and would always welcome any help that can be offered .



Visit to the Houses of Parliament



Pupils from our School Council had the chance to visit the Houses of Parliament this week. This included an exhibition and a tour of the building. Our local MP, Tim Loughton, made an extra special effort to meet up with them all and spent time pointing out different

aspects of the building. He also gave them access to rooms the public do not normally visit and found a rather grand room for them to eat their packed lunches in. He emailed to say, *“(The children)were an absolute delight, very polite and a real credit to the school. “*



OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU



School Crossing Patrol needed at

Eastbrook Primary Academy

Approx. 08:15 – 09:00 & 14:45 – 15:30

Hourly Rate: £9.18
(Job Share Considered)

West Sussex County Council employs a large team of dedicated men & women who provide safe passage for children across busy roads on their way to and from school.

Would you like to join our team as a Lollipop Lady or Lollipop Man? No upper age limit, may suit retired person. A Rewarding and Satisfying Job

Full Training given, Uniform Provided &
Regular Monthly Pay

For More information

Telephone: 0330 222 6738 07783163799

or

**Search West Sussex County Council
School Crossing Patrol**

Spring Menu 2020

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Week One

Option 1	Sausage Roll with Oven Baked Wedges	Spagheetti Bolognaise With Garlic Slice	Roast Pork Loin, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken With Rice	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Quorn Sausage in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges	Soya Bolognaise With Wholmeal Pasta & Garlic Slice	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet & Sour Quorn With Rice	Red Pepper & Cheese Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Peas & Baked Beans	Sweetcorn & Peppers	Carrots & Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Tutti Fruity Friday Yoghurt

Week Two

Option 1	Wholmeal Ham, Cheese & Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken With Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes	lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Wholmeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Tutti Fruity Friday Yoghurt

Week Three

Option 1	Beefburger In A Bun With Oven Baked Wedges	Chicken Pie with New Potatoes	Roast Turkey With Roast Potatoes and Grovy	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Slice	Fishwich with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Quorn Burger In A Bun With Oven Baked Wedges	Creamy Vegetable Pie (Mash Topping)	Homily Pie (Potato, Cheese & Spinach Tart) with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Slice	Vegetable Sausage With Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Swede & Carrot	Carrots & Broccoli	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Baked Beans & Peas
Dessert	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	School pudding choice Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit	Tutti Fruity Friday Yoghurt

Available

Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

BOOK SPRING TERM NOW (JANUARY TO APRIL 2020)

FREE
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSION
If we still have space you can
Join us for a trial session
Email info@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



"MY SON ABSOLUTELY LOVES
HIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.
HE ALWAYS COMES OUT HAPPY
& SPENDS THE WHOLE
WALK HOME CHATTING
ABOUT WHAT HE GOT UP TO"



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun, exercise, fresh air and different activities every week

'CHILDREN 100% WASHABLE, TOWEL DRY'

Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

Our mission is to encourage kids to spend time outdoors and gain all the benefits from doing so. Our priority each week is that everyone has fun and is excited to join us for our outdoors adventures. Every week is a different activity and alongside playing games and learning new skills within the club we work on promoting team work, confidence building, leadership and resilience. We encourage children to develop a sense of achievement, an awareness of the environment around them and all the great outdoors has to offer.

NEW ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM '20 INCLUDE:

POKÉMON STACK ATTACK - EVOLUTION GAME - BUG HUNTING

ECO PLANTING - SHELTER BUILD - CAMP FIRE COOKOUT

TOFFEE APPLE MAKING - GIANT CATAPULT BUILD

SURVIVAL DASH - MEXICAN GODS' EYES

NERF* & LOADS MORE FUN & GAMES

* AT PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ONLY

"My daughter
has asked if she
can attend the
After School Club
until she leaves
school"

"I've seen my
son's confidence
grow during his time
spent doing The
Outdoors Project.
On the staff
are FAB!"

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL RUN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

ARUNDEL COFE SCHOOL, ARUNDEL
CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL, WORTHING
DOWNSBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING
EASTBROOK PRIMARY ACADEMY, SOUTHWICK
ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING
GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTHWICK
HANDCROSS PARK SCHOOL, HANDCROSS
HEENE COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING
SEASIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LANCING
SHEDDINGDEAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL, BURGESS HILL

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SOMPTING VILLAGE PRIMARY, SOMPTING
STEYNING COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, STEYNING
ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
SWISS GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
THE GLOBE PRIMARY ACADEMY, LANCING
THE LAURELS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING
THE TOWERS CONVENT SCHOOL, UPPER BEEDING
UPPER BEEDING PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPPER BEEDING
WATERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAWLEY
WEST PARK COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING

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MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - SAPLING PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS