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**Autumn 3 - Friday 7th October 2016**

Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support with the Travelling Book Fair this week enabling us to buy more books for our school library. Next week we have many exciting things planned. We see most of our Y6 children depart on their residential and the rest of the school taking part in a Shakespeare themed week! We have West End Theatre working with the children; cooking, acting, dancing, music, art and a whole variety of activities. Lots going on!

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed £3.50 to this week and we would ask for parents who have not done so to please make a payment before Monday 10th October. If you are experiencing any problems using sQuid ,please pop in and see Rosie O’Hara in the Office. We do need your support to put on events and themed weeks like this. Thank you.

**Harvest**

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday by Y3/4. It sounds great! We do though need your help with our donations.

Don’t forget this year we are collecting tins or packets of food to support our local Food Bank for the homeless and would ask that children in **Reception and KS1** bring in donations of these. These items can be brought into school from now. Any flowers, fruit or vegetables to help decorate the hall would also be appreciated. It would be helpful if these things are brought to school on **Monday 10th October** so that they can be attractively displayed for the special assembly on the Tuesday.

We would also like to continue to support our partner school in Pokot and ask if children in **Year 3,4,5 & 6** could bring in small money donations or loose change to help provide food on **Tuesday 11th October**. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Walk to School Month - October**

This year instead of a week where children throughout the country are asked to make a big effort to walk to school rather than come by car, it is the whole month of October. The previous times we have done this the children and parents have made a great effort and we urge you to do the same again this year. The children are encouraged to come to school in any way except by car. We realise that it may not be possible for children who live a long way from school to walk all the way to school but they can still qualify if they ‘PARK AND STRIDE’. For this children would need to be dropped off or collected at least 50m from the school. This would also help our neighbours and the safety of all the children. It is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Please could the parents who choose to park on the yellow lines **be more considerate** to the children and families walking as it blocks their view when crossing the road. Thank you for your help with this.

Can I also respectfully remind parents that they are not allowed to pick up or drop off in the school car park or pull up outside the gates and turn in our entrance. Again this puts our children in potential danger.

**Worth Less Campaign**

Thank you for all your support with this campaign. It really is beginning to get noticed and a number of secondary heads have made national programs and papers in support of this cause. You will all have hopefully received an email today with a further letter updating you on where we are with the campaign and to continue to ask for your support.

**Consultation about Bikeability**

If you have a moment please click on the link below to give your views on Bikeability. Currently West Sussex County Council are looking at how to reduce costs so they are consulting in areas to see where they can cut. <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/highways-and-transport/fa02d80b>

**Safety** **-** Could all children riding bikes to school please wear helmets and remember not to ride their scooters or bikes on school premises. Thank you for your support with this.

**FUBS Halloween Disco – Friday 21st October**

Tickets are on sale now. Please put the correct money in a **named envelope** with your child’s class and how many tickets you would like. FUBS are dealing with all the ticket purchases and need this information to ensure you get the tickets you require! This is a really popular event and sells out quickly

**Cross Country!**

Over the last couple of weeks our Y3/4 and Y5/6 children took part in a locality Cross Country event! Every child was a true sportsman and the team members supported each other even when the going got tough! Our Year 4 girls and Year 4 boys both won their team and individual events – well done!

**Starting School – September 2017**

Please see attached a leaflet regarding starting school in September 2017. For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, free access has been arranged at all libraries and Children and Family Centres within West Sussex. Please apply using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Sunday 15th January 2017. The online system opened on Monday 3rd October at 9am. Parents resident in West Sussex must complete an official West Sussex County Council application in order to apply for a school place.

As mentioned above, the national closing date is Sunday 15th January 2017 and all parents should make an application by this date. Failure to do so will impact on the priority applied to any application made subsequently and may result in a school offer some distance from a child’s home.

Best wishes

Becky Linford

Head Teacher

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**Dates for Autumn Term 2016**

**Mon 10th Oct Yr 5/6 Residential Visit Depart (5 days)**

**Mon 10th Oct Shakespeare Week**

**Tue 11th Oct FUBS Uniform Sale**

**Tue 11th Oct FUBS Bags2School**

**Tue 11th Oct 9:00-10:00am Harvest Festival to parents**

**Tue 11th Oct 1:30-2:30 Harvest Festival to Community**

**Wed 12th Oct West End Theatre in Schools – all day!**

**Fri 14th Oct Firewise visiting Yrs 1/2**

**Fri 14th Oct Yr 5/6 Residential Visit Return**

**Mon 17th Oct Yr 5 Benchball Participation**

**Thu 20th Oct Yr 5/6 Football Tournament**

**Thu 20th Oct Individual School Photos**

**Fri 21st Oct Ireland class Assembly**

**Fri 21st Oct Swimming Mexico and India**

**Fri 21st Oct 7:00pm – 9:00pm FUBS Halloween Disco**

**Mon 24th Oct First Day of Half Term**

**Fri 28th Oct Last Day of Half Term**

**Wed 2nd Nov Parents Evening**

**Thu 3rd Nov Parents Evening**

**Thu 3rd Nov Ye 5/6 Netball League**

**Fri 4th Nov Italy class Assembly**

**Fri 4th Nov Swimming Mexico and India**

**Mon 7th Nov Yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics**

**Wed 9th Nov FUBS Uniform Sale**

**Fri 11th Nov Japan class Assembly**

**Fri 11th Nov Swimming Mexico and India**

**Tue 15th Nov Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Participation**

**Thu 17th Nov Yr 5/6 Netball League**

**Fri 18th Nov Children in Need run by Yr 5/6**

**Fri 18th Nov France class Assembly**

**Fri 18th Nov Swimming Mexico and India**

**Wed 23rd Nov Yr 5/6 Towers Netball Tournament**

**Fri 25th Nov Swimming Mexico and India**

**Fri 25th Nov Poland class Assembly**

**Thu 1st Dec Reception Nativity to parents**

**Fri 2nd Dec FUBS Non School Uniform for Christmas Fair**

**Fri 2nd Dec Australia class Assembly**

**Fri 2nd Dec LAST Swimming Mexico and Spain**

**Mon 5th Dec 2:00 KS1 Performance**

**Tue 6th Dec 2:00 KS1 Performance**

**Wed 7th Dec FUBS Christmas Gift Sale**

**Thu 8th Dec FUBS Uniform Sale**

**Fri 9th Dec 5:30pm-8:00pm FUBS Christmas Fair**

**Mon 12th Dec 2:00pm KS2 Performance**

**Tue 13th Dec 1:30 KS2 Performance to the Community**

**Wed 14th Dec 2:00pm KS2 Performance**

**Wed 14th Dec 5:00pm-6:30pm KS2 Christmas Disco**

**Fri 16th Dec LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM**

**Fri 16th Dec Start of Christmas Holiday**

**Mon 2nd Jan Bank Holiday**

**Tue 3rd Jan INSET DAY 3**

**SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY 1**

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**Dates for Spring Term 2017**

**Wed 4th Jan Spring Term starts**

**Mon 16th Jan Yr 6 Basketball Participation**

**Tues 17th Jan Annual Children’s Concert**

**Wed 18th Jan Young Voices O2 Trip**

**Wed 25th Jan Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala**

**Thu 9th Feb Yr 6 Netball Tournament**

**Mon 13th Feb Yr 3 Benchball Participation**

**Mon 20th Feb Start of Half Term**

**Fri 24th Feb Last Day of Half Term**

**Tue 28th Feb Yr 5/6 TAG Rugby Participation**

**Wed 1st Mar Parents Meeting**

**Thu 2nd Mar Parents Meeting**

**Tue 14th Mar Yr 3 Benchball Tournament**

**Mon 20th Mar Yr 3/4 Gym Competition**

**Tue 21st Mar Chanctonbury Music Festival**

**Tue 28th Mar Yr 4 Benchball Participation**

**Fri 31st Mar Yr 2 Multisports**

**Thu 6th Apr Yr 3/4 Girls Football Participation**

**Mon 10th Apr Start of Easter Holiday**

**Fri 14th Apr Good Friday**

**Mon 17th Apr Easter Monday**

**Fri 21st Apr Last day of Easter Holiday**