



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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**Job 34:4** 'Learn together what is good....'

Dear Parents/Carers,

13th September 2019

Autumn Term No.1

The first two weeks of the new academic year are always met with excitement, trepidation and a slight worry. I have been very impressed with Oak Class as on the whole they have settled in really well to their new learning environment. Lunch times are always an experience with the younger children and it can be daunting for them. Most of them quickly learn the routines and all of the staff use everything in their repertoire to encourage the children to use a knife and fork as well as eat as much as they can.

Around the school you may have noted some changes. We have installed a new fence around the perimeter of the school as we often had visitors after school and over the weekends, who used the school field to walk their dogs and then we had the pleasure of clearing the various parcels left. We have also leased a minibus, which will help us throughout the year especially with sport. We have organised even more sporting events this year and we now will be able to take more teams to various sporting events and give even more children an opportunity to participate.

Unfortunately Mrs Wilson has left due to personal reasons. We are so grateful for everything Mrs Wilson did for the children, how she assisted in improving the singing in the school and her bubbly character will be missed.

This year the main targets for the whole school are to further develop the diversity of our curriculum, which will give children an opportunity to get a deeper understanding of the objectives; grammar, punctuation and spelling will have a higher priority throughout the school as we need to ensure the children know the terms as well as how to use them correctly. Alongside these, we will be led by the children about a variety of initiatives and these do include eco projects (plastic bottle greenhouse, collecting crisp packets and creating a structure using milk bottles). As always we are very keen to incorporate the children's ideas whenever possible.

We are very grateful for all of your support. If you would like to volunteer in school, in some capacity, please come and chat to me. We are always looking for readers, Forest School, cooking, gardening...actually it could be anything.



**Year 6 with the  
Goblin Car**

## **Wanted Plastic Bottles and Clean 4 Pint Plastic Milk Bottles with Lids**

We are still collecting clean 2 litre clear plastic bottles to build our green house and we are now also collecting clean 4 pint plastic milk bottles with lids to build an igloo.

## **We need your crisp packets!**

As you may remember some of our year six children are encouraging as many people as possible to recycle their crisp packets. We have become a community collection point and working alongside Terracycle we now are in a position to recycle crisp packets instead of them going into landfill. Therefore if you eat crisps at home, at your workplace or anywhere, Ben and his team would really appreciate it if you could collect crisp packets and send them to our school. Although this is essentially about teaching the children that every little bit matters when it comes to our environment, the children are raising money for every crisp packet recycled.

## **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival is on Wednesday 9th October at St Mary's Church which will start at 9.30am. We will leave school at 9am and as usual nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to assist with escorting the children to and from the church. If you are able to help, please speak to the class teacher nearer the time.

## **PE Kits**

Children should have their PE kit, containing their PE shirt, shorts, plimsolls/trainers in school everyday.

## **Parents' Evening Dates**

Parents' Evening will be on Monday 21st October 4.30-7pm and Tuesday 22nd October from 3.30-5.30pm. Letters will be sent home nearer the time.

## **School Photos**

Yellow will be coming into school to take the children's photos on **Monday 21st October**.

## **Do you shop at Aldi?**



Aldi is offering primary schools free sports kits if they can collect 300 stickers. Every time a customer spends £30 at an Aldi they give you a sticker. We would really appreciate it if you would donate this sticker to our school. Thank you.



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Every child has the right to privacy.

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## Dates for your Diary 2019

Mon 16-20 Sept Year 6 Bikeability  
Weds 25 Sept Year 6 MRC Experience Day All Day  
Weds 25 Sept Year 3/4 Football Watersfield 1-3pm  
Weds 2 Oct KS1 Football Watersfield 1-3pm  
Fri 4 Oct Football at MRC 2-3.45pm  
Fri 4-Mon 7 Oct Year 6 PGL Little Canada IOW Trip  
**Weds 9 Oct Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30pm**  
Weds 9 Oct KS2 Football Watersfield 1-3pm  
Fri 11 Oct Kids Club Xtra  
Weds 16 Oct Year 5/6 Football Watersfield 1-3pm  
**Fri 18 Oct Flu Vaccinations (YrR-Yr6)**  
**Mon 21 Oct School Photos**  
Mon 21 Oct Parents' Evening 4.30-7pm  
Tues 22 Oct Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
Tues 22 Oct Andrea Prior Author Visit Yr2-5  
**Thurs 24 Oct Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm**  
**Fri 25 Oct Inset Day (school closed)**  
**Mon 3 Nov Back to School**  
Weds 6 Nov Year 5 Butterfly Lion Theatre Day Chichester  
Weds 6 Nov Rotary Youth Music Festival at MRC  
Fri 8 Nov Hockey at MRC 2-3.45pm  
Weds 20 Nov Petworth Fair 3.30-6pm  
Fri 22 Nov Dance Festival at MRC 2-3.30pm  
Fri 6 Dec Basketball Festival at MRC 2-3.45pm  
**Fri 20 Dec End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm**  
**Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan School Holidays**  
**Mon 6 Jan Start of Spring Term at 8.30am**  
Fri 17 Jan Indoor Athletics at MRC 2-3.45pm  
Fri 31 Jan Cross Country at MRC 2-3.45pm  
**Mon 17-Fri 21 Feb Half Term**  
**Mon 24 Feb Inset Day (school closed)**  
**Tues 25 Feb Back to School Starts at 8.30am**  
Fri 6 Mar Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm  
**Fri 3 Apr End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm**  
**Mon 20 Apr Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am**  
Fri 24 Apr Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm  
Fri 22 May Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm  
**Fri 22 May Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm**  
**Mon 1 June Inset Day (school closed)**  
**Tues 2 June Back to School Starts at 8.30am**  
**Mon 20 July Inset Day (school closed)**  
**Thurs 3 Sept Start of Autumn Term at 8.30am**

## Inset Days (school closed)

Friday 25th October 2019  
Monday 24th February 2020  
Monday 1st June 2020  
Monday 20th July 2020

## Standard School Year 2019/2020

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2019/2020 for West Sussex

### The School Year

2019

	September	October	November	December
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29

2020

	January	February	March	April
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

  

	May	June	July	August
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	3 10 17 24 31	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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### Bank and Public Holidays 2019/2020

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2019	May Day	4th May 2020
Boxing Day	26th December 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2020
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2020	Summer Bank Holiday	31st August 2020
Good Friday	10th April 2020		
Easter Monday	13th April 2020		

### Useful Information

#### Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	40 days
Bank holidays and national holidays		October to December	35 days
Start of Term		January to February half term	30 days
		February to April	30 days
		April to May half term	24 days
		June to July	36 days
End of Term		<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days</b>

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2020																			
September					October					November					December				
Monday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

2021																			
January					February					March					April				
Monday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
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Easter Monday	5th April 2021		

\*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

### Useful Information

#### Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	37 days
		October to December	35 days
Bank holidays and national holidays		January to February half term	30 days
		February to April	29 days
Start of Term		April to May half term	29 days
		June to July	35 days
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