



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays. I hope that you had a lovely time with your families. The children have certainly come back enthused with all the activities they have been up to in the holidays. This week has been full of exciting learning experiences for all of the children as they settle back into the term. See the class pages on the website to find out more.

Parking

Please remember that the yellow zigzag bay next to the school gate is a **NO PARKING ZONE**. It is illegal to park there as well as dangerous as many families walk that way on their way to and from school. We have parking permits available at the school office for local car parks and streets so please come and see Debbie if you would like one.

Dojo Points

The children in Owl, Badger and Hedgehog class are all signed up to Dojo Points. You will be receiving a unique code for this so that you can access your child's account and see how many points they have. The children have responded well to this and we are considering how to integrate it in our whole school behaviour policy.

Reminders

Hot weather

We have been surprised this week with some unseasonal warm weather, which has been lovely. Please remember that your child should have a water bottle in school (this **MUST NOT CONTAIN JUICE**). They should also have a hat. You may also provide them with sunscreen but they will need to apply that themselves.

PE Kit- we will be doing more outside PE this term so please ensure that your child has the correct footwear and kit in school.

Batons- We are still missing some working with others batons, if you have one at home please return it so that we can continue with this fantastic home school link.

School Visits

There will be a number of school visits this term. Years 1 and 2 have already been to do a traffic survey in Chichester, which caused much excitement! They will be Amberley museum on the 6th June. Squirrels will be visiting Chichester Fire Station next Friday and will be going to Goodwood farm later in the term. You will receive more information regarding this later in the term.

Little Riddlers

We are very excited that all of our children who entered a poem in the Little Riddlers competition have been chosen to have their work published. This is a real honour and the children are very proud of their achievement. In order to have them published you will need to give permission (a letter about this has been given to you today if your child was chosen). We hope that as many of the poems as possible will be published as this will boost the children's self esteem and give them great confidence in their writing skills.

Summer Fair

We are postponing our summer fair (May Fair) until **Friday 29th June**. This is because we want to have as much time as possible to prepare and would really like to involve the children in planning, making and creating games and items to sell. More information will follow about this but if you wish to help or have a link to a company that may donate a raffle prize then please let us know.

Year 2 Assessments and Year 1 Phonics

The Year 2s will be completing a series of test papers over the next few weeks that form part of their end of year assessments. These are set by the government and all children in Year 2 will take them before May half term. We carry them out in a way that causes as little stress and concern for the children as possible. If you wish to find out more about the assessments and how you can help your child, there will be a meeting at **2.45 next Wednesday 25th April** so please come along. In June Year 1 children and some Year 2 children will be taking the phonics screening test. Again this is a statutory government assessment that all children take at this time. There will be a meeting about this on **Thursday 17th May at 2.45** for all parents.

Dates- this term

Overleaf is a list of dates for this term. I have tried to include most key events but look out for messages about changes or additional events added. All dates are also on the website calendar.

Clubs

This term we have some new clubs that will be starting soon. You will already have had a letter about Football Club, which is going to be run by SCS. We will also be having tennis club, gardening club and outside play club this term. Letter to follow.

With warm wishes Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary...		
Date	Event	Comments
25th April	Year 2 Parents Meeting about SATs assessments 2.45	All Year 2 parents welcome
27th April	Squirrel visit to Chichester Fire Station- am	Parent helpers required- see Ms Lazell
3rd May	Owl Class Assembly- 9.05am	All Owl Class parents, grandparents and friends welcome
3rd May	Year 2 Huff and Puff event- Westgate Centre 1.30-3.30	All parents welcome to join in
17th May	Hedgehog Class Assembly	All Hedgehog Class parents, grandparents and friends welcome
17th May	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents- 2.45	All Year 1 parents welcome
18th May	Royal wedding Street party	Details to follow
25th May	NSPCC Sponsored Walk	More details to follow
25th May	Break up half term	
4th June	INSET	
5th June	Return from half term	
6th June	Year 1 and 2 visit to Amberley Museum	More details to follow- parent helpers required
22nd June	Badger Class Assembly 9.05	All Badger Class parents, grandparents and friends welcome
26th June	Sports' Day and Family picnic- 10-1	Parents are welcome to join us for the morning
29th June	Summer Fair 3.20-5pm	More details to follow
9th July	Art Week in school all week	
12th July	Squirrel Class assembly 9.05	All Squirrel Class parents, grandparents and friends welcome
12th July	Celebration of Work and art exhibition 3.15-4.45	An opportunity to see some of the work that the children have been doing this year.
18th July	Year 2 Leavers' event 3.15-5	More details to follow
20th July	Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.15	More details to follow
23rd July	Outside learning Day and summer picnic	More details to follow
24th July	Break up summer	