



# WELCOME TO TERM 1

I hope you all had a great summer holiday and were able to enjoy some good weather, relaxation and fun. It is always lovely to see familiar faces again after the long break and sense the excited, if a little nervous, anticipation as children, parents and staff start the new school year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our children and families that are starting with us this term. We look forward to working with you all this year.

As I know, you will be aware; last year was a very challenging one for our school. We faced an increasingly difficult financial situation, which had a big impact on the staffing and resources available. At times, the situation was very disheartening and left us feeling quite hopeless and despairing. However, every cloud has a silver lining (as the saying goes!). The response and support from the parents to our situation has been phenomenal and truly heartening. The parents funding group, led by Steve Belfield, volunteered to paint the school corridor and what a wonderful job they have done! Steve managed to secure the support of the Tesco Maintenance Team who sent people to help paint, provided the paint and then gave us some new display boards. A group of parents supervised by Paul Johnson spent many hours painting over the Bank Holiday weekend so that we now have a sparkling, fresh and attractive corridor. It is hard to know how to thank these parents properly as they have not only given the children and us a better environment but have also given us back some hope. They have shown us all that there can be a brighter future and there is significant power and potential when we all work together. After all, we all want the best for our children. I am really excited and looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together in 2019-20.



**Mrs Jo O'Donoghue, Headteacher**

### Staffing News

We are delighted that Mrs Geering has finished her treatment now and is making a good recovery. We would like to welcome Miss Atkinson who will be covering the Turquoise Toucans until October when Mrs Geering returns.

Unfortunately, Mrs Moorey is not well enough to return to school in September. Her Office role will be covered by Mrs Willats and her Nursery role by Rhiannon Burgess. We look forward to welcoming them both to our team and send our best wishes to Mrs Moorey in the meantime.

### In this issue:

This newsletter contains information about up and coming events in the school and tries to give you an insight into some of the work we do in school. Please ensure that you check out the latest news section of the website for the most up to date information. We also endeavour to pop all letters we send home onto the website too. These can be found under the 'Year Groups' tab and you can see some of the exciting things to look forward to this year.

## **STAFFING FOR 2019-20**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>TA SUPPORT</b>
<b>Nursery Lilac Lambs</b>	Mrs Catherine Hann	Mrs Rachel Brown Mrs Jo Moorey (Miss Rhiannon Burgess)
<b>YR Red Rabbits</b>	Mrs L Spall	Miss L Jacobs Miss L Kemp
<b>Y1 Gold Gibbons</b>	Mrs V Burch	Mrs L Rusby
<b>Y2 Turquoise Toucans</b>	Mrs N Geering	Mrs S Bomansaan Mrs S Eade
<b>Y3 Fuchsia Foxes</b>	Mr A Moylett	Mrs H Powell

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<b>Y3 Fuchsia Flamingos</b>	Mrs M Harley Miss K O'Neill	Mrs S Bowler
<b>Y4 Orange Otters</b>	Mr C Wooller	Mrs H Pickering
<b>Y5 Emerald Eagles</b>	Miss K Matthews	Mrs R Burgess
<b>Y6 Purple Polar Bears</b>	Miss A Straker	Mrs V Newth
<b>Additional teachers/ support staff</b>	Miss A Schulte (Deputy Headteacher+ Inclusion Manager) Mr J Beattie	Mrs B Bosworth (Additional Needs assistant)
<b>Office and Premises team</b>	Mrs S Warren – Business Manager Mrs J Cable & Mrs J Moorey ( covered by Mrs R Willats) –School Secretary Mr P Vinall- Caretaker	
<b>Breakfast and After School Club</b>	Mrs Sarah Burnard Mrs Sheena Eade Miss Lisa Jacobs Mrs Helena Powell	

**Contacting us:**

If you have a question, information or concern about your child at school please see the class teacher in the first instance. If the matter is not resolved or you have further concern please see a member of the senior leadership team (Mr Moylett– Key Stage 1, Mr Wooller– Key Stage 2, Miss Schulte– Deputy/ Inclusion, Mrs O'Donoghue– Headteacher). You can contact the school office and the Secretary will make an appointment for you.

**Talking to Us:** If you would like to talk to your child's classteacher please pop into class at the end of the day or phone the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

**School Facebook page:**

Don't forget we have a school Facebook page that has lots of information on it. If you would like to join please pop into the Office and we will set it up for you.

**Inclusion Team:**

If your child has a special educational need or disability, you may want to contact the Inclusion Team. The team is made up of Annie Schulte (Inclusion Manager), Janet Wilde (Play Therapist). You can contact us on 01273 473 016, option two, or pop into the back office, opposite the Orange Otters classroom. We hold a termly forum for parents of children who have a Special Need or Disability (SEND), look out for the dates in the newsletters.

**Safeguarding and Child Protection**

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. School staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children, to prevent concerns from escalating. Schools and their staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children.

In all of the work that we do, **we believe that the rights, safety and welfare of the children with whom we are involved are paramount.** This may mean that we sometimes have to take actions which parents or carers could find difficult. In such cases, we will always work to achieve mutual understanding. We will explain our professional and statutory responsibilities and try to give every assurance as to the reasons for our actions. However, we must stress that for us, **the child's needs must come first.**

If you would like to find out more about our safeguarding and child protection procedures please see the policy on the website or speak to one of the designated safeguarding leads (Mrs O'Donoghue, Miss Schulte, Mr Moylett)



**Information for 2019-20:**

**The Office** is staffed between 8.30 am. and 3.45 pm. each day. Outside these hours there will be an answer machine service. If your child requires any medicines whilst in school please see Mrs Warren for information.

**Beat the Bell!** The school day starts at 8.55 am. and the gates are opened at 8.45 am. We strongly encourage children to arrive between 8.45 and 8.55 so they can be ready for the start of the day. Children in Years 3-6 can come onto the playground or go to class independently on arrival. Children in Years 1 and 2 can go straight into class and are encouraged to be as independent as possible, saying goodbye to their parents at the main door. The gates are closed at 8.55 and anyone who is late needs to go to the office to be registered. It makes a real difference to the children if they arrive on time as they can take part in the class arrangements for the day and will know what to expect during the day.

**The school day ends** at 3.15 pm. Children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are delivered to their parents/carers. Children in Years 5 and 6 are dismissed from the classroom. If you need an alternative arrangement for your child, please see your child's classteacher.

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**Attendance** At the start of a new academic year, the attendance slate is wiped clean again. It would be great if we could keep everyone's attendance figure as close to 100% as possible. It is crazy how quickly a few missed sessions has a serious impact on your child's attendance figure. If your child falls below 95%, we will be getting in contact with parents, as we really do not want anyone to reach 90%, as this is when the government now class the child as a persistent absentee. If you are having any difficulty in getting your child to school please let us know and we will see what we can do to help. If your child requires time off school for any reason please complete a 'withdrawal from learning' request form from the office. Medical and dental appointments are best made outside school hours where possible.

**Medication** If your child requires any medication can you please ensure that it has been handed into the front office and appropriate permission forms have been signed. If your child requires an asthma inhaler or an epipen please ensure we have medication that is in date and full. It would be terrible if your child needed their inhaler and we only had an empty pump.

**Lunches** cost £2.05p (for Years 3-6) and **ALL** payment is by ParentPay. Lunches cannot be provided without payment. Please see the Office if you would like more information.

**Staying Healthy!** Our children should only bring a **fruit** snack to school for playtime and they should only have **water** in their drinking bottles (not juice) in class. This is important for their physical well-being and it helps them to learn about how to keep themselves healthy. Please see our guidelines on the website or ask at the Office if you are unsure what can/can't be included.

**Clubs:** A separate newsletter listing all the Clubs on offer will be sent out this week. All Clubs run by school staff will start on the week beginning Monday 16th September (except for After School Club, which starts on Thursday 5th September, and Karate on the 17th)

**Photographic and Annual Consent Forms** As part of GDPR we will be sending out a new photographic consent form to all parents/carers this term. Please make sure that you complete and return the form as soon as possible so we can update our records and ensure the safety of your child. Thank you.

**Uniform:** Lewes School Uniform Bank has been running for two years, supporting Lewes residents in financial hardship. They operate year-round, providing new and good quality second-hand uniform to local families with children attending local Lewes schools. You can also donate second hand uniform to them. Find out more at:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lewesschooluniformbank?utm\\_term=A43jvaEdj](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lewesschooluniformbank?utm_term=A43jvaEdj)

**Notification of gas works:** we have been informed by Southern Gas Network that there will be Essential gas mains replacement work in Nevill Road, Lewes and this may effect traffic and travel times in the area. Please allow extra times for your journeys to school if affected by the works.

**\* Class newsletters will continue to be published every Friday. These are an important source of information about what is happening in your child's class so please make sure you don't miss them!**

## **Dates for your diary:**

### **September:**

- 16th– school run Clubs start this week. See Clubs newsletter.
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Friends Committee meeting @7.30 pm at the Dorset Arms
- 10th– Coffee mornings start for each class, see class newsletters
- 27<sup>th</sup> – School Council elections
- 30<sup>th</sup> -e-safety week. Parents invited to IT lessons.

### **October:**

- 2nd– Individual Photos
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Friends AGM
- 11th-Parent's Forum @ 2.30 pm
- 18th - Harvest Festival
- 8th –Reception class Meet the Teacher and coffee and tea @2.30pm. in Hall
- Week beginning 21st Parent consultations (see class newsletters for days).
- 24th - after school parent consultations
- 25th - last day before half-term holiday

### **November**

#### **Monday 4th return to school**

#### **6th– INSET day. School closed to children**

- Open Afternoons: Class and School museum see individual class newsletters
- Friends committee meeting
- 8th- Bonfire assembly
- 11th-15th Anti-Bullying Week.
- 15th- Children in Need Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Nursery Coffee morning @9.15 am.
- Prospective parent visits Tuesday 26th @ 2.00 pm. and Wednesday 27th @ 10.00m.
- 29th – Parent's Forum @ 9.00 am.

### **December**

#### **2nd– INSET day. School closed to children**

- Week beginning 3rd -Decoration Days (see class newsletters)
- 6th- non uniform day - children to bring in Christmas hamper items
- 13<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Reception and Nursery performance @9.30 am.
- 17th &18th-KS1 performances @9.30 am.
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Christmas lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup>- KS1 Church Service @ 9.45
- 19th-KS2 Carol Concert @2.15pm. and 3.30 pm
- 20th - Talent show
- 20th- last day before Christmas holiday

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### **January**

6th –children return to school

10th– Prospective parent visit 10.00 am.

Friends committee meeting

### **February**

Year 4 show @2.15 pm. tbc

Week beginning 10th - Enterprise Week: Open afternoon in the classes. See class newsletters for details

14th- last day before half term

24<sup>th</sup>- **INSET day. School closed to children**

25th- children return to school after half term

Friends committee meeting

### **March**

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Consultations

5th– After school consultations

6<sup>th</sup>- World Book Day (dress up)

Year 3 performance @ 9.30 am. tbc

13th -Sports Relief Day

### **April**

2nd- Easter Service in Church for KS2 @ 9.45 am.

2<sup>nd</sup>- – Year 5 performance @2.15 pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Easter cake competition

3<sup>rd</sup> – last day before Easter holidays

20th- return to school after Easter holiday

### **May**

1<sup>st</sup>- Grandparents tea party (9.30am. KS1 and 2.00pm. KS2)

**8th- Bank Holiday**

Week beginning 11th Year 6 SATs

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 trip to Southease

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup>- Healthy Week

19<sup>th</sup>- Sports Day

20<sup>th</sup>- Reserve Sports Day

22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day before half term holiday

### **June**

**1<sup>st</sup> - INSET day, no children in school**

**2<sup>nd</sup> -return to school for children**

3<sup>rd</sup>– 5th Bowles residential trip -Year 6

– Friends committee meeting

10<sup>th</sup>-Class photos

12<sup>th</sup>- Science Fair

25<sup>th</sup>– Music concert

26<sup>th</sup>-non uniform day; children to bring in fete items

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26<sup>th</sup>- Fun Run

30<sup>th</sup>- New to Reception evening @ 7.00 pm.

### July

4<sup>th</sup>-Summer fete

6<sup>th</sup> - Reports out

16<sup>th</sup>- Year 6 Performances @ 2.15 and 6.30 pm.

20<sup>th</sup> -Celebration event

21<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 Leavers Assembly+ Tea

21<sup>st</sup> - last day for children before summer holiday

**Inset days: 4<sup>th</sup> September 6<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> December 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### Dates for parents to join us for Stars Assembly:

Red Rabbits: 6th Dec and 5th June

Gold Gibbons: 4th Oct & 13th March

Turquoise Toucans: 25th Oct & 3rd April

Fuchsia Foxes: 18th Oct & 27th March

Fuchsia Flamingos: 11th Oct & 20th March

Orange Otters: 15th Nov & 24th April

Emerald Eagles: 22nd Nov & 15th May

Purple Polar Bears: 29th Nov & 22nd May

### Friends News

**Summer Fete and Celebration Bar:** The Friends of South Malling want to say Thank You to all who came to our Summer Fete and stopped by the bar at the Celebration event. We raised £4200! We could not have done it without all the helpers who ran stalls and games for us and all the donations we received from parents and local businesses. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Friends AGM:** On **Wednesday, 2 October 2019 at 7:00 pm**, the Friends are holding their **Annual General Meeting**. At this meeting, the Friends discuss the events they ran, how much money they raised and what that money has funded at the school. Mrs O'Donoghue makes a short presentation about the school finances and how the Friends fundraising supports the school. Those present at the meeting will elect a new committee for the Friends. This year we need a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary -- Mandi Ramshaw, Claire Champness and Lucy McAskie are stepping down. If you are interested in any of these roles or would like to know more about the Friends of South Malling, please get in touch at [southmallingsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southmallingsfriends@gmail.com) and come to our meeting. PS. Refreshments will be served!