



General Information Newsletter 2018-19

Dates for Term 3.

w/b Mon 11/2—Poetry Week.

Fri 15/2—Poetry Celebration Assemblies.

Fri 15/2—Last Day of Term 3.

Mon 25/2—Children return to school for start of Term 4.

Lost Property.

Please could we kindly request that all items of equipment and clothing are clearly named. This will enable us to return any items of lost property to the right children. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Lost Shoes.

One of our children in 4R currently has a missing pair of school shoes. They are black Clarks shoes—Size 2.

We would be very grateful if you could please check shoes to ensure these have not been accidentally taken home. Please let Mr Robinson know if you find them. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just beginning to see the first signs of the daylight hours extending and hopefully the recent cold weather will slowly begin to make way for something more spring like! It is a very busy term and it is great to see the children working hard and enjoying their learning around the school. Our recent Maths week was a great success and it was brilliant to see the children enjoying a variety of fun and exciting activities. We were particularly grateful to the Maths Magician Andrew Jeffrey for his fantastic assemblies which launched the week in such an exciting way.

Please remember I am always available to discuss any aspect of the care and education we provide for your children.

Thank you for your continued support, which is greatly appreciated. I hope you have an enjoyable half term break. Please remember the last day of Term 3 for the children is Friday 15th February.

Chris Davey.

Chinese New Year.

This week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The Au family will very kindly be leading our celebrations in two special assemblies on Friday 8th February. We are looking forward to sharing this fantastic experience with them.



Attendance.

Please continue to help us ensure the children are in school whenever possible in order to optimise their learning time in school. Our current whole school attendance is 96.1%. Please remember we will be in contact to discuss support for individual attendance which is below 95%.

Absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure that you contact the school office by telephone or e-mail on each day of the absence. This should please be done by 9.00 am at the latest so we are able to ensure the attendance and safeguarding of all our children. Thank you very much.

Adverse Weather Conditions.

We seemed to escape the worst of the recent cold weather but winter is not over yet and there is still a risk of adverse weather! Please remember we will always try to keep the school open as normal if we are able to secure the safety of the site and can staff the school appropriately. In the rare event that we are unable to open the school, a message will be posted on our school website and a message sent via Parent Mail. You can also visit the East Sussex website to sign up for their alert system.



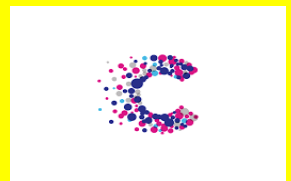
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Poetry Week.

The week beginning Monday 11th February is our whole school Poetry Week. The week will include a range of opportunities for the children to enjoy writing, reading and sharing poetry. We are delighted to be able to welcome three professional poets/authors to help work with and enthuse the children during the week. On Tuesday we will be welcoming Giles Paley-Phillips and on Wednesday Billy Bob Button will be visiting. The week will be launched with the visit of Brian Moses who will be sharing his poetry with children across the school. Brian will be selling some of his books after school and will be happy to sign them. Please find attached a list of his books for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of these books please come along to the library at the end of the school day. Please enter the school through the front office entrance. We look forward to what promises to be a fantastic week of poetry.

Charity Sale.

A group of children in 4L are holding a charity sale after school on Friday 8th February. They will be raising money for Cancer Research by selling cakes, drinks and toys. They would be very grateful to receive donations of unwanted toys which they can sell. If you have any unwanted toys please bring these into school on Friday morning. There will be a table at the entrance to the playground. We wish the children lots of luck with their fundraising efforts.



Pick up arrangements.

Please could we kindly ask parents/carers to wait away from the playground entrance doors when picking up children at the end of the school day, preferably behind the lines on the playground. This is to ensure the teachers have clear visibility when dismissing children at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

Lunchtime Sports Leaders.



We have recently employed two Sports Leaders to support the children with physical activities during lunchtimes. We are pleased to welcome Miss Grounds and Miss Whittaker to our team and we look forward to them sharing their enthusiasm and expertise in encouraging the children to have active lunchtimes.

Footballs.

We have recently purchased new foam footballs for the children to use in school at break times. Please can we ask you to ensure that the children do not bring in their own footballs to use in school. Thank you.

Extra Curricular Clubs.

Following parental feedback we are continuing to look at our provision of extra curricular activities for the children. We are delighted to have recently added Tennis, Yoga and Table Tennis to our extra curricular offer. If you have any ideas of clubs you would like the school to offer please let us know and we will investigate whether we might potentially be able to provide them in the future.