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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our lovely Year 6 pupils have shown the best of London Meed this week with the way they conducted themselves during their SATs tests. They really embodied our school value of resilience and met all challenges in a calm and mature manner. Well, done Year 6.

The lunchtime staff have reported that lots of children are bringing in "Pick Up" bars and rolls and sandwiches with chocolate spread. Both of these products may contain nuts and do pose a serious health risk to some of our children. Our lunchtime staff will remove them if they see them. Keeping children safe is all of our responsibility.

Next Friday is an INSET day so this is the final newsletter of this Half Term. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Tuesday 4th June following half term and a second INSET day on Monday 3rd June.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

Wear something **BLUE** Friday 17th May 2024

Today, we raised awareness and showed our support, by taking part in "Wear It Blue for West Sussex Mind", as part of Mental Health Awareness Week 2024. Staff and pupils wore something blue with their school uniform (or PE kit if it was their PE Day) Thank you for your support!

London Meed Hero Awards

Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award: please note it is one child per class for all year groups.

Name of child	Class	Reason
Sebastian	6B	For writing an interesting and exciting Formula One report and for always showing curiosity and determination in your learning. Keep it up, Sebastian!

Sami	6H	For showing a positive attitude and resilience during our SATs week. Well done Sami!
Noah	5D	For using a range of descriptive and figurative language, as well as a variety of powerful grammatical devices and punctuation, when retelling the Native American tale <i>'How Wildcat Caught a Turkey'</i> . Keep up all your fantastic work, Noah!
Lola	55	For showing resilience when faced with challenges and always trying her best to achieve; producing high quality work and striving for excellence, Well done!
Nancy	40	For good knowledge on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and maintaining a positive attitude towards writing even when it can be challenging.
Jovie	4P	For excellent use of exciting vocabulary within her myth writing to describe the battle scene of the Bassocorn and Theseus.
Theodore	3C	For showing motivation and pride when planning and writing your diary this week.
Isaac C	3М	For showing resilience when telling the time to the nearest minute using the correct language. You have also shown curiosity during our Roman history lessons. Well done!
Eva	2M	For showing great resilience in all of her lessons and never giving up. Well done Eva!
Aizah	2К	For showing resilience and determination during our tests this week.

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Amelia T	15	Existility utilities where the product aring Well done Amelia!
Immy	1M	For the resilience she has shown when learning her phonics. Immy is now using her phonics really confidently to read and write with independence. Well done Immy!
Isla	Cherry	For being a great role model to her peers.
Juan	Cherry	For always trying his best.
Reggie	Apple	For trying really hard with his handwriting and making improvements every time he writes!
Liam	Apple	For an excellent attitude to learning at all times and giving 100% to everything he does.

Chartwells new link

Chartwells have been listening to feedback from schools and parents, and they are very pleased to be able to share with you, their brand-new website link.

W: West Sussex | Chartwells

Scan me:



Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, our direct contact details. Please find attached a copy of the meal order cut off dates for 2023-2024.



Thursday, June 6th 2024 marks a very important date in history, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

The 80 Beacons celebrations will be one of the largest events in the UK this summer. You can visit www.d-day80beacons.co.uk

for more information.

Chartwells know pupils benefit from a hot meal at

lunchtime and, as an industry, we know they impact so positively on so many lives – this is something to be celebrated.

Chartwells will be supporting this special event by swapping the menu on Friday 7th June with Thursday 6th June so that the children can have Fish and Chip Day but with the addition of children's favourite: Chocolate Brownie.

To order this special meal for your child please order via ParentPay.com no later than Thursday 23rd May. You can also click book via the QR code on the poster.

D-Day Commemorations

Join us as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history.

Thursday 6 June, St John's Park, from 6 - 9:20pm, we will have a full programme to commemorate the 80th anniversary of this landmark occasion.

- Community Picnic in St John's Park. Fish and Chip van and BBQ available.
- Jive dancing, music and more.
- Lighting of the beacon at 9:15pm, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

We will have community groups running stalls with games and activities on the day.

Memorial Service

Father David, of St John's Church, will be leading a service at the War Memorial Garden.

- Prayers and readings at the War Memorial Garden, at 8:15pm.
- A parade, to be led by Burgess Hill Marching Youth will depart the War Memorial following the service.
- The parade will lead to the beacon, in St John's Park,

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ready for the lighting of the beacon.

A full programme of the day is available to view on our website.

Find Out More!

Burgess Hill Town Council

#WakeUpWednesday: What Parents & Educators Need to Know about School Avoidance



Statistics from the Children's Commissioner found that in the 2022/23 academic year, 22.3% of all pupils were persistently absent – a significant increase from 2018/19, when that figure was 10.9%. This lost time can have a notable impact

on children's development, learning and overall wellbeing.

The specific reasons for school avoidance are sometimes hard to pin down – and it can be even harder to know how best to help absent children return to education. That's why this week, our Wake up Wednesday guide breaks down some of the causes and effects of school avoidance and provides advice on how you can help young people triumph over this potentially damaging cycle **W**

<u>DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE GUIDE</u>

West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent Haywards Heath that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

We have staff in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance.

They can help you with: finding childcare, applying for free childcare entitlement, finding local activities and support services, pregnancy and early child development, Parenting and health advice for you and your family, how to access local housing services crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities, personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to. For further information please click on the link <u>https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-</u> <u>children-and-families/find-a-family-hub/mid-sussex-</u> <u>family-hub/#</u>.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK.

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit <u>https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-tooill-for-school/</u>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the Study Bugs App If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.

Year Group/Class	PE days
Apples	Tuesday and Friday
Cherries	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

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Mental Health Concerns

If you have concerns about your child's mental health or if they are in crisis please contact the "Sussex Mental Health Helpline" for free on 0800 0309 500 or via 111 (Option 2). This helpline is open 24/7 365 days a year.

If you feel your child presents with risks to self or others or is at risk of harm from others please make a direct referral to the **Integrated Front Door Service (IFD)** by either calling **01403 229 900** or email wschildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk

IFD is best placed to offer advice and provide support regarding risk. Please also advise the school of any referral that you make.

Term Dates 2023-24 For WSCC term dates please visit

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-childrenand-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/ Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including **INSET Days** Spring term 2024 Half term 12th February to 16th February **INSET DAY - Monday 19th February** Children return Tuesday 20th February Last day of term Thursday 28th March Easter Holidays 29th March to 12th April Summer term 2024 Starts Monday 15th April Bank Holiday - 6th May **INSET DAY - Friday 24th May** Half term 27th May to 31st May **INSET DAY Monday 3rd June** Last day of term Tuesday 23rd July

Please find below the INSET days for the next academic year 2024/2025.

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Friday 23rd May 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

Here is the link to the WSCC term dates <u>https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-</u> and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/



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Sussex Sharks discounted tickets

The new cricket season is well underway, and it has been a good start to the season for Sussex, who currently sit top of Division 2 in the Vitality County Championship!

Sussex Sharks begin their Vitality Blast T20 campaign on Friday 31st May, where we will host the Gloucestershire Gladiators at the 1st Central County Ground from 7pm.

We are delighted to be able to offer all of our school network a special ticket offer for this game, where you can claim 20% discount off individual tickets. This is open to students, families, staff, friends and/or anyone else connected to you and your school who would be up for a night at the Cricket! To purchase a ticket please visit our website https://sussexcricket.co.uk/ and enter the following code at the checkout:

Central Area - CENTRALSHARKS20

Any questions you might have, or anything else you want to know, please let me know.

Matt Parsons Territory Manager (Central) Sussex Cricket The 1st Central County Ground Eaton Road, Hove East Sussex, BN3 3AN www.sussexcricket.co.uk



Events Mailing Lis

Wowzer Wednesdays Return!

Join us for our popular half-term events with the return of Wowzer Wednesdays!

What's happening?

With Wowzer Wednesdays in May half-term, the summer holidays and October half-term, there'll be lots for children to enjoy! Our first event is our inflatable extravaganza:

- Wednesday 29 May
- St John's Park, Burgess Hill
- 11am 3pm

We will have inflatable laser tag, an inflatable assault course and air mountain pillow bouncy castle. There will be a separate under-fives

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