



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge congratulations must go to our Year 6 pupils who have done so well in their recent SATs tests. Many of you will remember the controversy over the reading paper as it was considered to be very difficult. A staggering 89% of our pupils met the pass mark. Since October 2019, we have had a strong focus on reading and developing a love of books, so we are delighted to see the impact of our hard working staff and children across the school. You can continue helping your child over the summer holidays by reading with them regularly. Please see details below for the West Sussex Summer Reading challenge.

Our teachers very much enjoyed meeting so many of you after school on Wednesday. This was a super opportunity to put a name to a face. You will be invited to a more formal "Meet the teacher" session in September where the class teacher will outline the year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Oscar P, in class 5D, for passing his recent piano exam with distinction! Oscar has embraced the music provision at our school. Well done Oscar for showing our school values of bravery, community, and resilience in abundance!

Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather, our field was too wet and slippery to allow Sports Day to go ahead safely today. We have managed to reschedule events in school next week to clear a space in the diary for our Sports Day to hopefully take place (at the same time 1.15pm) during the afternoon of Tuesday 18th July. Again, this will be subject to the weather. We are really sorry for any inconvenience but unfortunately the weather is out of our control.

Have a lovely weekend.

Natalie Langtree, Head teacher

### **London Meed Loves Reading - Summer Reading Challenge - Ready, Set, Read!**

We found out about this year's Summer Reading Challenge and how you can take part. Join Alesha, Blaze, Bruno and their friends as they complete a summer obstacle course collecting golden book stickers along the way. There is also a frisbee to collect along the way! You may borrow any library books you like – stories, picture books, information books, comic books or audiobooks/Playaways on any topic, not just games and activities. You choose!

During the challenge you just need to try and read or share six books of your choice and make three visits to the library.

Visit [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website for ideas on what to read, using their [book sorter](#) The challenge starts on Saturday 8th July and finishes on Saturday 9th September. Sign up to the reading challenge here!

[tps://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2023](https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2023)



## Year 4 Fabulous Finish



Yesterday, the Year 4 children invited their parents and carers to visit their Greek Museum as part of their Fabulous Finish. The Year 4 children did an amazing job as historical experts and the Year 4 staff team are very proud of all they have achieved. Here are some lovely comments from our parents and carers.

"Really creative"

"Impressed with how confident the children were"

"Amazed by the children's knowledge of their subject"

"Fantastic displays, I liked the activities which were interactive"

"I like that they worked together in groups and individually"

"Content of their learning in Greece was excellent"

## Year 1 Plea for dressing up clothes!

Do you have any dressing up clothes that you no longer need? Year 1 would like some dressing up clothes for September - ages 4-8 would be great. Many thanks. Mrs Murphy and Mrs Stacey

## Second Hand uniform

Do you have any second hand school uniform that your child has grown out of? Any donations can be left outside the main school office in between the double doors. **The School Office will run a second hand school uniform shop, on Monday 17th July, in the area outside the school office from 2.45-3.30pm.** Items will be between 50p and a couple of pounds, so please ensure that you bring plenty of change as we do not hold a lot of cash on site.



## Year 6 Life Skills week



We were so lucky this week to have a number of volunteers from our school / community visit our Year 6 children to teach them various skills as part of their Life Skills week.

On Monday, Mrs Brayne ( Mum to Ms Brayne in the office) conducted a lesson on card making. The children really enjoyed the activity: they had the chance to be creative while making individual designs. Thank you, Mrs Brayne!

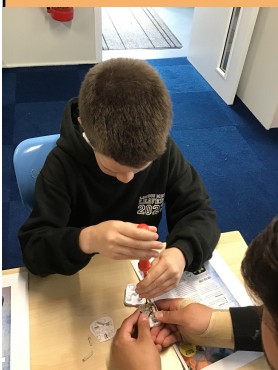


Thank you to Mrs Bell who very kindly taught a number of our Year 6 children to sew. The children learnt how to sew a button onto a piece of fabric which is a skill that will definitely be used in the future. You could see the concentration and resilience on their faces! Thank you so much Mrs Bell!



Mrs Cooper very kindly donated her time on Monday afternoon to show some of the Year 6 children how to cook a homemade vegetarian pasta sauce. The children prepared the vegetables to go into the sauce, then put them in a pan and then cooked them along with tinned tomatoes, tomato puree and herbs . All the children got to take their dishes home and share them with their family - it was delicious - thank you Mrs Cooper!

On Wednesday, Mr Herbert came to teach some of the children coding using chalk on the KS2 Playground. The children used the HopScotch frame and worked as a group to issue commands to each other to complete the Hopscotch. Coding isn't just a great skill for future employment opportunities, it also develops problem solving techniques, encourages creativity and collaboration through group projects. Thank you Mr Herbert for being a helpful, kind teacher and sharing your knowledge and skills !



On Thursday, the team from Flow Electrics visited and spent time with a group of children teaching them how to wire a plug. Jake F, Jake M and Dean were very impressed with the children's behaviour, curiosity and resilience. One of the boys was asking lots of questions as he has wanted to be an electrician since he was three! A huge thank you to the Flow Electrics team for their time, effort and kindness.

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## Thank you to Mr Blake!



I just wanted to say thank you to Mr Blake for taking the time to write down his recipe for his forest school jam doughnuts for me and a few of the other mums in year one. Elisabeth and her Dad made them together and enjoyed them with Nanny and Grandad over the weekend. They will be a recipe we enjoy for a long time to come - Thank you from Elisabeth's Mum 1W



## Well done Brooke!

Over the weekend Brooke from class 3C had a twirling competition. Brooke did very well and came home with some more medals and a trophy. She did some solo events and team events and her whole team achieved high points! We are very proud of you, Brooke, for showing a number of our school values: bravery, resilience and community.

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below.

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

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### 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.

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 in the title.



### Stay Safe Online

With the school summer holidays only a matter of days away, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. So Please see the attached PDF with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer.



## Ultimate Summer Camps near Handcross & Haywards Heath

Handcross Park School, London Road, Handcross, West Sussex, RH17 6HF <https://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/>

Our Ultimate school holiday camps are running this summer in Haywards Heath. Kids can enjoy a range of over 40 sports, games and craft activities each week, led by our inspiring staff in superb facilities. Take the stress out of childcare and join our outstanding school holiday club at Handcross Park School!

One of the leading Preparatory Schools in Sussex, Handcross Park is set right in the middle of Haywards Heath, Horsham and Crawley, within 50 acres of stunning parkland with extensive playing fields. The grounds are truly wonderful and offer the space, facilities and environment for a first-class activity camp! Visit [Handcross Park School website](#).

For your reassurance, our staff, safeguarding practices, facilities and activities meet Ofsted rigorous standards, which achieved 'Good' in our latest inspection. This Camp location is registered under EY486445



## Pied Piper Activities...

...creating wonderful childhood memories

### EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

For 4-13 year olds at

## Burgess Hill Girls School

- Roller racers & pedal go karts
- Inflatables Obstacle Course
- Swimming/water slides
- Forest school activities
- Challenge Room
- Zorb Football/Tag Archery
- Camp Film
- Mini Olympics
- Art & Crafts

Lots of active fun with friends, boosting their physical and mental well-being, as well as personal development and confidence

[www.PiedPiperActivities.co.uk](http://www.PiedPiperActivities.co.uk)

'I just wanted to say how much they had enjoyed themselves. It was their third year of spending a week at Pied Piper and it gets better every year.'



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## Summer term dates for your diary

Mon 17th and Tues 18th July	Year 6 Production at 6pm.
Mon 17th July	Second Hand uniform sale 2.45-3.30pm outside the school office
Tues 18th July	Postponed Sports Day from 1.15pm
Wed 19th July	The Orchard Fabulous Finish 2pm - details sent by separate email
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm. (amended time)
Fri 21st July	Last day of term. 10 am - Year 6 Parents are invited to the Goodbye Assembly.

## Term Dates 2022-2023

For WSCC term dates please visit [https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school\\_term\\_calendar\\_2022\\_23\\_res.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/15495/school_term_calendar_2022_23_res.pdf)

### **Academic Year 2022-2023 term dates including INSET Days**

Please see below the term dates for the next academic year including our INSET days.

#### **Summer term 2023**

Last day of term Friday 21st July

### **Academic Year 2023-2024 term dates including INSET Days**

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

##### **INSET DAY - Friday 1st September**

Starts Monday 4th September

##### **INSET DAY - Friday 20th October**

Half term 23rd - 27th October

Children return Monday 30th October

Last day of term Friday 15th December

#### **Spring term 2024**

Starts Tuesday 2nd January

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