



NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th September 2024

Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 9 th	Mrs Smyth teaching in Willow Class (this is every Monday) Forest School for Year 1 and 2: appropriate clothing please
Tuesday	
Wednesday	P.E. day for Willow and Oak Forest School for Beech
Thursday	New YR start 9-11.30am Class Information Meeting 3.10-3.30 and 3.30 to 4pm * see below
Friday	YR 8.20-11.30am P.E. day for Beech and Oak

Thank you so much for ensuring your children have returned to school looking so smart and in the correct uniform.

Do remember if your child is wearing trainers for medical reasons, a letter should be provided from the GP. The bones in the feet do not fully form until your child is well into their teens, so making sure their shoes are supportive and fit properly is incredibly important to avoid long-term foot problems.

P.E. and Forest School

P.E. days will stay the same all year for each class, with the exception of Sports day etc.

Children must wear their P.E kits as set out in our uniform list for P.E. Please ensure on this day that they do not wear watches and earrings can be removed either by the child at school or at home before they come.

The risk assessment for Forest School states that children must be safely and appropriately dressed. Children must wear long sleeved tops and trousers and socks they can tuck their trousers into.

We will not be able to take children up to the woods, or do activities involving fire/tools at school if they do not follow this. **NO skirts or dresses should be worn**, due to flowing fabrics being easily caught whilst climbing or catching fire close to the fire pit.

Jewellery

Children must not wear any jewellery except for simple stud earrings. Children may wear a watch if they wish. Children will be asked to remove any jewellery when they arrive at school. This is for safety as children can cause injury to themselves / others during playtimes and P.E.

Class information meetings: Thursday 12th September

Please try to attend the meetings next week – even if your child has already been in the class. It is always important to hear about aspects such as homework / expectations and responsibilities.

If you have 2 children, you will be able to go to both meetings as they run twice in each class. school age children will be looked after on either the field if dry or the hall if wet.

Please be aware that I am now class based every Monday. This means that I am unavailable on this day, unless there is a safeguarding emergency. Miss Boyd will do the morning gate duty, but will need to close the gate promptly at 8.30 to enable her to be back and teach Oak Class. Mrs Norris will support Oak class until 8.30am.

Clubs to start on Monday 16th September

The clubs will go live on MCAS **Monday 9th at 6pm.** There is space for all children in each club on a Monday – so don't worry about spaces.

'Groundforce Club' will only be available for 6 children on a Wednesday from 3-3.45pm. There will be a waiting list available and children will be rotated every term.

This half term the clubs are only for children in Y1-6 as our youngest children are likely to be very tired after a long day in school.

Monday 3-4pm

Y1 and 2: Build It (exploring lots of different kits / materials to build anything you can imagine!)

Key Stage 2 have a choice of 2 clubs

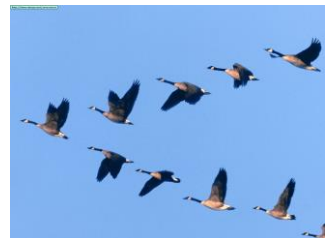
- Sign Language: learn to communicate using British Sign Language and some Makaton
- First Aid: learn some very important simple skills ready to help at playtime or at home

Wednesday 3-3.45pm

Year 3-6: 6 spaces available Groundforce Club (gardening, planting and growing)

Worship

This week as we come back together, we have thought about teamwork and community. We have learnt about why geese fly in a V formation and realised that they are a brilliant example of the importance and power of a team.



Did you know....

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates lift for the birds that follow, which makes it easier for the flock to fly. This means that they can get much further together than apart.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It realizes that it needs the group to help it on its way.

The geese understand that they all have a responsibility to take their turn in the hardest role at the front.

The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those at the front to keep up their speed.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese will drop out of the formation and follow it down to protect it. They will stay with it until it dies or can fly again.

Brilliant Children

Although we are not starting the celebration book until next week in worship, I wanted you to know that in spite of the gloomy weather, your children have returned to school with positivity and plenty of smiles. They have brought the sunshine!

We look forward to watching their development over the year and working with our families, to ensure all of the children achieve and flourish in all aspects of their education.

Chichester Festival Theatre

Just a heads up for any family who enjoy going to the theatre with their children – the new season has been released. Booking starts in about a weeks time. There are 2 great shows on in the February Half term – The Littlest Yak and Dinosaur World Live.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – you never know it might stop raining!

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team

A few key dates for the Term Ahead

Monday 9th September: final payment for the Residential due: Y5/6 parents

Wednesday 25th September: Y5/6 Residential meeting for parents: 3.05-3.30pm

Saturday 28th September 9.30-12.30pm: Open Day for prospective YR children for 2025

Friday 4th October: Harvest Festival in school – details to follow about gifts to bring

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th October: Y5/6 Residential – details re: drop off etc to follow

Tuesday 22nd October: School's 60th Birthday Party – details to follow

Friday 15th November: Children in Need & Cool to be Kind Day – children in non uniform

Saturday 30th November: School Christmas Fair – details to follow

Wednesday 11th December: Afternoon Nativity @ 2pm for families with young children

Thursday 12th December: Evening Nativity @ 6pm

Friday 13th December: Evening Nativity @ 6pm

We will use an online ticket system for the Nativities: details to follow.