

Newsletter

14.11.25

Dear Parents and Carers.



This week at school we have celebrated Anti-Bullying week through assemblies and activities in class. The theme of the week has been 'Power for Good.' This has been about empowering children to stand up to poor behaviour by using their words effectively.

"Stop, that is not OK"

"That isn't kind, they don't like it"

"Come and play with us, we can play a different game"

These are some of the responses children have been encouraged to use when they recognise that something isn't right.

Calling out poor behaviour is the right thing to do. We have also talked about some of the difficulties with this approach and that it is important to know when to get an adult to help out. We do not expect children to start to tackle complex situations or to ever put themselves at risk, however as members of the school community we all have the right to call out hurtful and unkind behaviour. Together we can be powerful.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have come up with this message which I feel is both helpful and relevant to our school. Here we are lucky to experience very few serious behaviour issues and as a community we need to work together to support those who can at times make the wrong choice.

Please do encourage the children with this at home.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Newbold



Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, I have encouraged the children to do at least one kind thing a day. I hope this is going well at home!

We are also running a design an anti-bullying superhero competition. Asking children to design their very own superhero and to create an anti-bullying poster for their superhero. They could even create a comic strip or story for their character if they prefer.

The closing date is next week, and we would love it if the children would get involved.



PTA

Thank you to those of you who attended the meeting on Wednesday afternoon to talk through possible next steps for reforming a PTA.

This was a positive meeting, and I do believe we have much to look forward to with a new look 'Friends of Barns Green Primary School.'

This is a great school, children and parents alike and I am very thankful to those who have put themselves forward as committee members.

Please do look out for further updates and get involved in our fundraising opportunities as they make such a difference to the children!



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our newly formed Friends of Barns Green Primary School would like to kick off fundraising for the year with a Christmas Hamper raffle.

To support this, we will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 26th November. We ask for all children to bring in an item suitable for the Christmas hamper as 'payment' for wearing mufti on this day.

If you do not have time to purchase a suitable item, we are happy to accept a donation of money in its place!

On behalf of The Friends, and all of us at school, thank you for your support.

It was great to welcome so many parents to the first 'Drop and Read' of the year in Key Stage 1 this morning.

The children really do enjoy this special time with you!







KS1 – spare trousers

If you have any spare jogging bottoms or school trousers you could donate to Dormouse or Hedgehog class, we would be very grateful, as we occasionally have 'accidents' in school and a change of clothing is needed.

Cricket opportunities for SEND

Re: Super1s Programme 2025/26

I am pleased to provide and share information related to our Super1s Hub offer.

Super1s Hubs are fully inclusive, **free of charge**, SEND 'softball' cricket sessions – all disabilities welcome, funded and supported by the Lord's Taverners and Sussex Cricket Foundation.

We have an additional VI (visually impaired) hub operating independently but inclusive of our existing offer, ensuring consideration to the rules and regulations, set out by BCEW (Blind Cricket England and Wales), catering for the needs of those who present with VI.

This confirms our current offer of **ten** Super1s Hubs across the county.

We are excited to welcome all children and young people ages 10 to 25, across Sussex SEND, mainstream and independent schools' networks, wider community partners and charitable programmes. We are always recruiting new participants, please feel free to share the above and attached information to anyone you feel would benefit and enjoy these opportunities.

Super1s Hubs are held throughout the week Monday to Saturday at various times and locations across the county. We endeavour to hold after school hubs between 15:45 and 19:00 (approx. timings). Ensuring pupils travelling across the county, can attend a location nearest their home or place of residence.

All hubs are delivered by a minimum of two coaches, fully trained and experienced in supporting children, young people and adults with SEND.

All hubs are supported on occasions with various support from our disability pathway players, including the Sussex VI Sharks, Sussex D40 Sharks and International disability cricketers, who have initiated their cricketing journey through the Super1s programme. Building positive relationships with their local community, demonstrating an exciting pathway for sporting and personal development.

Hub Locations

- **Haywards Heath** Ansty CC (Summer) or Warden Park Academy (Autumn/Winter) 10:00 -11:30am (Saturday)
- **Angmering** The Angmering School (monthly) 4:30 6:00pm (Monday)
- Chichester Chichester High School 4:30 6:00pm (Wednesday)
- Crawley K2 (Everyone Active) 3:45 5:15pm (Thursday)
- Worthing Worthing Leisure Centre 6:00 7:00pm (Tuesday)
- Brighton & Patcham Patcham High School 3:45 5:15pm (Tuesday)
- **Hove** Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre 1:00 2:00pm (days/dates change throughout the year see website)
- Horsham Christs Hospital (Monthly) 6:15 7:15pm (Monday)
- Hastings Horntye Sports Complex 5:00 6:30pm (Monday)
- **Nomadic Hub** Table Cricket (travels across the county monthly starting Jan 2026) If you require further details on any time changes, dates, and/or locations. All information can be located on our website; updated on a regular basis https://sussexcricket.co.uk/sussexcricket-foundation/disability-cricket.

Joining & Registration

Prior to attending our Super1s Hubs, we kindly ask you to complete an electronic 'sign-up form' see link – https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/5bf54861/442aadac781ba7fb/.

We manage our daily communications & updates through the SPOND app. Please follow the link https://spond.com/invite/VMSKI, which will allow you to create an account, communicate and register your child or young person's attendance. The application is available on any laptop or pc, smart phone or tablet and available to download through the Apple of Android devices/stores.

If you require further details - times, dates, and/or locations. All can be located via the following website/s:

- https://sussexcricket.co.uk/sussex-cricket-foundation/disability-cricket
- https://www.lordstaverners.org/how-we-help/charitable-programmes/super-1s/.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Best Wishes

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Dates

November

Tuesday 18th – Fox Class trip – Brighton Take Shelter

Wednesday 19th - KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Thursday 20th – Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 25th – Hedgehog and Dormouse trip to Stanmer Park

Wednesday 26th – Mufti day – please bring in a hamper donation Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27th – Otter class assembly 2.45pm (parents/carers invited)

Friday 28th – Otter and Squirrel trip to Butser Ancient Farm

- Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

December

Thursday 4th - 2.45pm Fox Class assembly (Fox Class Parents and Carers invited)

Tuesday 9th - 2.30pm Nativity (Dormouse and Hedgehog Parents and Carers invited)

Wednesday 10th - 9.30am Nativity (Dormouse and Hedgehog Parents and Carers invited)

Friday 12th - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Tuesday 16th - 2.30pm - Christmas concert - whole school (all parents/carers invited)

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Thursday 18th – Chartwells Christmas lunch

Friday 19th – Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

January

Monday 5th – Children back in school