



16.01.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that the school has been awarded the Rainbow Flag award for our outstanding commitment towards inclusivity and community. We are only the 5<sup>th</sup> school in West Sussex to have achieved this and we are very proud of this.

As part of this assessors looked at our curriculum and spoke to children and staff. The assessors were very impressed with how eloquently the children spoke and with their understanding of respect and acceptance.

A special thank you to Mrs Knight who has driven this piece of work forwards.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Newbold

### Chichester Festival Theatre Trip

What an enriching experience! It was wonderful to join with so many other schools to both hear and watch the orchestra. We will be following this up here at school with all classes composing their own musical piece to perform to the rest of the school.

I look forward to hearing what they come up with!!





### Tag Rugby Success

A special well done to our tag rugby team. Small but mighty springs to mind with children from across years 4,5 and 6 representing the school amazingly. This was great fun, the children were a great team and we achieved second place. Well done everyone.

### Online Safety Workshop

This will take place in the community room next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> January) @ 9:10. This will be led by Rachael Highfield from Early Help and there will also be an opportunity for a chat with each other and ourselves.

I will make sure teas and coffees are available!

### Office Cover – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs Coxon will be out of the office from 10am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January as she is attending the Young Voices trip to the O2. The phone will be checked for messages at intervals during the day.

### Wheelie Wednesday

We are excited to announce the return of Wheelie Wednesday! Every Wednesday we would love to encourage families to bike and scooter to school. We have lots of storage at the front of our school to safely store your bikes and scooters in each day. Every Wednesday, the Eco Warriors will be selecting one bike or scooter to be locked up with their Lucky Lock! If your child's bike/scooter has been locked up they will need to pop back into school to get the key and pick a prize from the prize box. We look forward to seeing lots of you safely cycling to school.

## Hot chocolate sales

The Year 6 parents will be selling hot chocolate with mini marshmallows for £1 after school, every Friday until half-term, to fundraise for the Year 6 Leavers activities.



## Dates

### January

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices choir at the O2 (Limited office cover from 10am)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Yr 5 + 6 Talented Athletes event at The Weald

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – My Digital Child Parent workshop with Rachael Highfield at 9.10am in the community room

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### February

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children back in school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### March

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability session (details to follow)

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - KS2 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see the BFG (details to follow)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Class photos

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter

### April

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school

### May

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school