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21st July 2023
Summer Term No.3

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of this academic year draws to a close, it is always good to reflect upon what the children have achieved and had the opportunity to participate in. I am very proud of the experiences, our curriculum and extra-curricular activities that we offer our children and the way that the children grasp the opportunities offered them.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and the way you engage with the school. No child can reach their full potential without everyone in their life encouraging them, challenging them and nurturing them. If the children have a spare few minutes and need to be occupied over the summer holidays, we do have a Times Table Rockstars competition and the Summer Reading Challenge (Ready, Set, Read!) to have a go at.

We do say goodbye to our Year 6 children and this is always an emotional time. The children are ready for their next step in education and I honestly look forward to hearing about their future success and challenges. We also say goodbye to Mrs McGrath, Mrs Mayne and Mrs Harris...we wish all three the best in their new adventures and are very grateful for their work whilst they have been at our school.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff as they work tirelessly to help develop our children; thank you to the governors and Father Mark, for the work they do to help educate our children, and our PPSA who have been fantastic again with the many different activities they offer.

National Sports Week 19th to 23rd June

Week commencing 19th June, key-stage two competed in a variety of sporting activities as part of National Sports Week. Split into their house teams, children participated in some new activities (including parkour and kin-ball) as well as some more conventional sports. The focus for National Sport Week in our school was having fun through competitive sport and enjoying physical activity and we've definitely ticked those boxes! The week's activities culminated on Friday with a carousel of the sports taught; children were also mixed between classes, allowing for some great intra-school sport! It was a real pleasure to see everyone getting involved and persevering despite the warm weather. Well done key-stage two!

1st - Red (205 points)

2nd - Blue (195 points)

3rd - Yellow (181 points)

4th—Green (167 points)

Beach Cricket

On Wednesday 28th June, eight of our year six children headed off to West Wittering to compete in a beach cricket tournament organised by Sussex CC. There were nine teams in total, all battling it out to win the annual beach cricket trophy.

First up were Petworth v Durrington. This game was a real test of dodge the sandcastles and quicksand. Petworth played really well, however Durrington took the win.

Next up were West Wittering, having the advantage of using the same pitch, Petworth set off to a fantastic start - after many wickets they sped ahead, winning 70-27.

After a quick lunch break, Petworth entered the battle for 4th place. A tight game against East Wittering, ended in a win for us. Our final opponents were Funtington and despite some fantastic fielding from Ruby, we narrowly lost.

After all scores had been counted, we finished in 5th place. Overall, it was a fantastic day - there was even time to bury each other in the sand!





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Intra Swimming Gala

On Friday 7th July we held our annual intra swimming gala, and it was a fast and furious event. The children participated in many different individual races as well as the relay at the end. This year, Wyndham (red) were victorious. The children's effort and determination was very impressive.



Rounders Tournament

On Thursday 6th July, a group of year five children took part in the annual Harting Rounders Tournament. Twelve teams from local schools were split into three sections for the group games. Our first game was against Hollycombe. It was a very tight game with some excellent fielding from both sides. Matilda scored a vital rounder and the game finished 1-1. Our second game was against Compton. Incredibly, we drew this game too (1-1). The fielding was clearly what was deciding the games and Jacques' excellent catch helped minimise Compton's score tally. Our final group game was against Harting and a mix up with our running meant two of our players were called 'out' early on. Despite a superb catch from Lottie and some solid batting from Hector and Scarlet, we couldn't quite match Harting's score and we lost 3-2.

After the group games we were allocated another group based on our positioning and this was when our game really started to click. With Daniel as back-stop and Jacques on first base, our fielding was brutally efficient. This, combined with some great batting from Khally and Matilda, meant we cruised to a 6.5-4.5 victory against Rake.

In our final game, we played Stedham and it was great for our team to finish on a positive. Kitt and Tabitha hit the ball beautifully, both completing rounders. Our fielding was so strong that they weren't able to score a single rounder in reply to our score tally of 10½(!). We will look forward to this team competing as year sixes in next year's competition. As ever, our pupils behaved brilliantly and did the school proud. Well done!

[Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](https://trockstars.com)

Each week we celebrate who has answered the most questions correctly on TTRS in the four key stage two classes. This week's winners are:

Beech Class - **Beth**, who answered an incredible 8071 questions correctly in the last seven days.

Maple Class - **Liam**, who answered 3537 questions correctly, closely followed by **Maggie**, 2332 questions answered correctly in the last seven days.

Elm Class - **Amber**, who answered an amazing 9981 questions correctly in the last seven days.

Willow Class - **Lewis**, who answered 684 questions correctly in the last seven days.

Please can you encourage you children to spend about ten minutes three times a week on TTRS as it will help them rapidly recall their times tables. Thank you.

[Maple Class Marwell Zoo](#)

On Tuesday 5th July, Beech Class went to Marwell, despite a soggy start all of the children had a good time exploring the Zoo! During the day, the children attended two learning hubs, one which looked at animals in general and one that discussed conservation. Many of the children were full of questions for both of the specialists, both of whom were call Sue, much to the joy of the children! We were fortunate enough to see one of the newest additions to the park, the red panda, as well as some very cute animal babies; the park has had quite a few in recent months. Overall, the children had a great day, which ended with some time in the play park!



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Oak Class Amazing Art Week Work



SPAG Fact

Grammatical Feature : Object

Definition : The person or thing that the action or verb is done to.

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Summer Reading Challenge

- Starts on Saturday 8th July in all libraries.
- Families can register arena.westsussex.gov.uk/welcome
- Children will collect rewards including a champion's booklet, stickers, freebies and the chance to take part in activities.
- Ideally children will read 6 library books over the summer, but they can read as many or few as they would like.
- They can read anything, share books as a family, story books, information books, graphic novels, e-books, and also listen to books to complete the challenge.
- Every library will hold a character hunt for children to complete with a prize and themed storytimes and craft activities over the summer.
- Every child who completes the challenge will receive a medal and certificate.



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Luke 18:35 'As he drew near to Jericho...'

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Oak Class recently had three 'Introduction to Forest School' sessions and what fun we had! It's amazing how much we managed to pack in in such a short space of time.

We made crowns from willow harvested from the school site.



Some of us had a go at Happa-zome. We sustainably picked flowers together and these were crushed onto muslin using a mallet. The imprints left on the cloth were beautiful .



One week we searched for cuddly woodland creatures. Once we had found them all we discussed what they were, and where they might live. Another week we built homes for them.





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Den building was very popular and the children specifically asked for ropes and tarpaulins to create hidey-holes with. They found that the coppice at Bushy Leith Copse was best for this as there were so many small trees that ropes could easily be attached to.



Messing about in the river on a hot, sunny day was the best. We all eagerly explored, some of us filled our boots, and we learned to safely splash with rocks. A couple of us started to build a damn, just like beavers!



Last, but not least, Forest School wouldn't be the same without hot chocolate and a bit of woodland-made camouflage. We can't wait to go again next year.





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Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

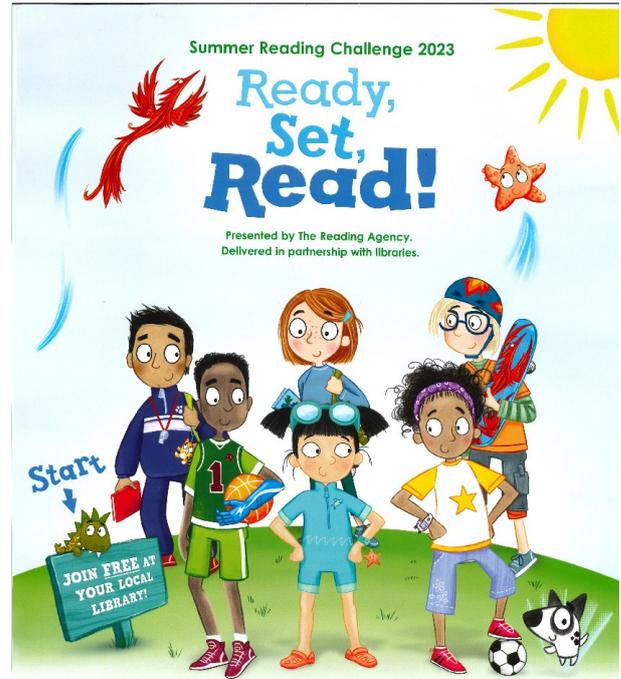
Fri	21	July	End of Summer Term
Fri	1	Sept	Inset Day School Closed
Mon	4	Sep	Start of Autumn Term
Tues	19	Sep	PPSA AGM
Fri 6 to Mon 9	Oct		Willow Class PGL IOW
Fri	20	Oct	Break up for Half Term
Mon	30	Oct	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	31	Oct	Back to School 8.30am
Tues	31	Oct	Year 6 Bikeability Week

Please click on the link below for further dates in the school calendar.

www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194

Inset Days 2023/2024

Fri	1	September
Mon	2	October
Mon	30	October
Mon	19	February
Mon	3	June



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The fun starts at your library from Saturday 8th July
Find out more at westsussex.gov.uk/src
Remember to collect your medal by Saturday 9th September



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Open Evening

Wednesday 20 September 2023
6.00 - 8.00pm

Drop-In Mornings

Tuesday 3 October & Thursday 12 October 2023
9.30 - 11.30am



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Back to School TREASURE HUNT
John Lewis Chichester
1 August – 4 September

Find all six letters hidden around the store and put them together to make a school-related word. Then go back to the Customer Services with your answer to claim your prize.

Plus, enter our National Prize Draw for the chance to win a Google Chrome IdeaPad 5i Chromebook Laptop or a John Lewis & Partners gift card worth between £50 and £250.

Visit Customer Services to get started.

Terms and conditions apply. See entry form for more details.





SKY PARK FARM

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

RANGER SCHOOL	Let enthusiastic 'Junior Rangers' join our team this summer as they go behind the scenes, learn about our deer and explore nature. Themed sessions will run in July and August - 'Wild Food & Venison', 'Slingshots, Bows & Arrows' and 'Twilight Evenings' from 10th July.
TOM'S REPTILES	Join us for a fabulous reptile show. Learn about frogs, minibeasts, snakes and more. 20th July and 24th August for an hour long show at 10.30, 12.00 and 14.00
NICK CLARK	This leading magician will arrive with a box of tricks to captivate a young audience in the Deer Hub at 11.00 and 13.00 on 27th July
NOLAN DAVIS	Returning by popular demand, this hysterical entertainer will have children in stitches with his tricks and jokes at 11.00 and 13.00 on 3rd August
SILLY SCOTT	Prepare to be amazed as the South's leading entertainer returns to perform astounding tricks at Sky Park Farm at 10.30 and 13.00 on 8th August
TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC	Join us for a short adventure to the Dew Pond and an enchanting picnic (provided) and story time at 10.30 and 12.45 on 14th August

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12.00 - 4.00PM

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Bring your family down for a day of fun you'll never forget. Full of exciting activities and special guests from both clubs!

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