

20th December 2019

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of our first term this academic year, and what a great start we have had. The children have settled well into their new classes, and are already making fantastic progress. We have had some great trips, 2 residentials and wonderful Nativity performances already! I hope that everyone enjoys the holidays with friends and family; I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas.

General dates

January 6th	Return to school
February 14th	INSET day
February 24th	Year 6 Bikeability starts
March 2nd—6th	World Book Week
March 10th	Parents' Evening
March 11th	Parents' Evening
April 3rd	Last Day
April 20th	Return to school

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents that we do ask that the children wear the correct school uniform. There have been some more unusual choices creeping in (probably led by children) including trainers, white socks and huge hair bows.

Thank you for supporting us in this area. For some, irregular uniform affects concentration and behaviour.

The PE kit is dark shorts or green jogging bottoms, House coloured t-shirt and trainers (plimsolls are recommended for younger children, e.g. infants)

Panto

We enjoyed a fantastic trip to the panto this week....oh yes we did! We are very proud of the children, they were all so well behaved and had a fantastic day. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to help.



Church Service

On Monday we all went to the church for a beautiful Christmas Carol Service. Again the children behaved very well and we all had a lovely time. Thank you to the parents that escorted the children there safely.

Christmas Lunch

Yesterday we all had Christmas Lunch, it was so lovely seeing the children in their Christmas jumpers, enjoying a traditional roast dinner. Thank you PALS who not only served the children but provided a flashing Christmas badge for everyone.



Chartwells

The first 2 days back to school will be 'return to school' food of jacket potatoes and various fillings.

Spring Term Curriculum Theme—Explore

Next term our whole school theme will be Explore. All curriculum subjects will be covered, however, there will be an emphasis on Geography and exploring the world around us.

Young Explorers (what a fitting name for the term!!) will be investigating the immediate world around them and the school grounds.

Year 1 & 2 will be exploring Fantastic Forests locally and abroad. A visit to the British Wildlife Centre whilst reading the Gruffalo I think!

Year 3 & 4 will be exploring natural disasters and how they are formed. There is already a HUGE volcano smoking away in Year 3.

Year 5 & 6 will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest and different rivers from around the world and locally, including the Amazon, the Danube and the River Cuckmere.

Stanley's Blog

I definitely think that there is something going on. I hope that it's not a holiday—when will I see all the people at school. I have been given some stuff this week so I think that I am going to go and have a sleep and then chew some of my presents and ponder on this.....



Did you know.....

There are only 5 sleeps until Christmas !!!!



The winning house this **TERM** is...

Drungewick

INSET days for this Academic Year

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2019/20

Christmas Holidays December 23rd – 3rd January

Half Term February 17th – 21st

Easter Holidays April 6th – 17th

Half Term May 25th – 29th

End of Term Friday 17th July



Forest School Dates

On your child's Forest School day they can come to school in their Forest School clothing for the whole day, please ensure they are wearing long sleeved tops and trousers – even if the weather is warmer. They will also need suitable footwear, e.g. wellies and a rain coat. If you are able to help on Forest School dates, please see the school office.

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 8th January	Young Explorers
Wednesday 15th	Year 1
Wednesday 22nd	Year 2
Wednesday 29th	Year 3
Tuesday 4th February	Year 4
Wednesday 5th	Year 5
Wednesday 12th	Year 6
Wednesday 26th	Young Explorers
Wednesday 4th March	Year 1
Wednesday 11th	Year 2
Wednesday 18th	Year 3
Tuesday 24th	Year 4
Wednesday 25th	Year 5
Wednesday 1st April	Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Young Explorers

Oak Class

Willow Class

Rowan Class

Sycamore Class

Mulberry Class

Chestnut Class



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