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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a look at what is happening in school next week:

Monday 4 th October	<p>PE kits being worn by children in Willow and Oak Classes</p> <p>9.30am Mrs Watkins, head of The Bourne Community College visiting London Plane Class to talk about secondary school adventures</p> <p>Apple Class am & Chestnut Class pm Last Harbour Conservancy Learning (see separate letter for details) This is the session that was postponed from last week</p>
Tuesday 5 th October	<p>Sama Karate Club at 8am</p> <p>Author Louie Stowell workshop for those in Oak & Willow Class am</p> <p>Author Zehra Hicks workshop for those in Apple & Chestnut Classes</p> <p>Ukulele lesson for Oak Class pm</p> <p>PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Chestnut & Birch Classes</p>
Wednesday 6 th October	<p>Theatre Arts Street Dance Club at 8am</p> <p>Author Jennifer Bell workshop for those in Birch & London Plane Classes am</p> <p>Apple Class Bike Skills day (see separate letter for details)</p> <p>Apple Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details)</p>

	Piano lessons today for named children
Thursday 7 th October	Paul Turner Sustrans Officer leading air quality workshop for those in Birch & London Plane Classes PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut, Willow & London Plane Classes
Friday 8 th October	Birch Class educational visit to Tuppenny Barn (see separate letter for details) Parents/carers collecting their children from centre at 2.30pm PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Oak and London Plane Classes



Author Visits Next Week We are excited to be involved in the Chichester Bookfest again this year where authors visit the school and lead a workshop for the children and before they go, leave a signed book for each of the children involved. This year our visiting authors are:

On Tuesday morning, Louie Stowell is visiting and working with the children in Oak & Willow Classes

On Tuesday afternoon, Zehra Hicks is visiting and working with those in Apple & Chestnut Classes (Zehra has asked that the children in Y1 & Y2 wear their PE kits for her workshop input)

On Wednesday Jennifer Bell is working with those in London Plane Class in the morning and the children in Birch Class in the afternoon.

It will be a great couple of days!



Working With Sustrans We are very fortunate in that we are one of only four schools in the county being funded by WSCC to work with Sustrans this half term. Sustrans are the custodians of the National Cycle Network, a UK-wide network of traffic-free paths for everyone, connecting cities, towns and countryside. Their aim is to bring people together to create places with clean air and green spaces, where friends and facilities are just a short walk away and where cities and towns can thrive without everyone having to use a car. For further information please do visit their website:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

This week those who wanted to in Chestnut Class participated in a bike skills workshop with Stuart Langridge (a Sustrans community officer) and those who wish to in Apple Class get their chance this Wednesday.

Other inputs from Sustrans this half term are:

- Looking at Air Quality in our area. These sessions will be led by Paul Turner, (the Sustrans South Air Quality Officer) on Thursday 7th October for those in London Plane & Birch Classes, Monday 18th October for those in Oak & Willow Clases and on Tuesday 19th October for those in Chestnut & Apple Classes.
- Route Planning on Thursday 14th October (year group to be confirmed)
- Dr Bike Day on Tuesday 19th October when Stuart will revisit the school and mend/check any bicycles as wanted (he thinks he can do up to 20 bicycles in a day). Bicycles, that need looking at, can be brought into school on that day (details to follow)



PTFA Second Hand Sale The PTFA AGM is on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm. It will be held virtually again this year. If you can come along and support the team, please do, they will be pleased to see you. You will need to mail: ptfa@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk for a link to the ZOOM meeting.



School Clubs As some normality returns for us all, so clubs are restarting. SAMA Karate & Street Dance have already begun. After half term a KS2 Ktroo club will be starting on Monday mornings and a Spanish Club after school on Wednesdays for those in Y2 - Y6, details of both clubs were sent out this week. JCSports are hoping to run an archery club on Friday mornings before school ie 8-8.45am, once all is organised further information will be sent out. In addition to the clubs that outside providers will run, different teachers will run clubs throughout the year. Next half term for instance there will be a girls football club on Tuesday and a lego club for those in Y1 & Y2 on Thursday afterschool - details will be sent out in due course.



Neighbourly Animals This is just to say please do get permission from the owner before stroking dogs, cuddly kittens etc as you walk home as not everyone wants their pet stroked, patted etc. I know the children like to because they care for animals and get excited at seeing the furry creatures but not all our neighbours want that contact - for some rescue animals especially, though approached out of kindness, that closeness can frighten them.



YR September 2022 Do you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, if so they are eligible to start school next September!

You can apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions as of Monday 4th October. The deadline for applications is on Saturday 15th January 2022.



Saying Goodbye We are sorry to be saying "Goodbye" to Mrs Seton at the end of the term. For family reasons she is needing to relocate back "up north" ie to the Midlands area. She really does not want to leave us but knows she needs to "return home" to be with her family. As I have said to her, it weeks until the end of term so for the moment we can pretend it is not really happening. We will say our proper goodbyes in December, for now I am just letting you know and of course I will let you know who will teach Birch Class, alongside Mrs Clark, once known.



School Calendar Dates Confirming the term dates for you:

Autumn Term: Thursday 2nd September to Friday 17th December

Half term w/b 25th October

INSET Days: Friday 22nd October & Monday 1st November

Spring Term: Tuesday 4th January to Friday 8th April

Half term w/b 21st February

INSET day Friday 18th February

Summer Term: Monday 25th April to Thursday 21st July

Half Term w/b 30th May

INSET days: Wednesday 20th July and Thursday 21st July



COVID-19 Safety If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please remember to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note the updated advice from the DfE should you become unwell with COVID but your child appears not to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test and if the outcome is negative the child can attend school

The DfE are clearly wishing to keep schools open and children in school. The advice about possible "bubble closures" has this term changed ie a class would only be sent home now if:

- 10% of children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period (for example 3 children/staff in a class of 30 would meet the threshold), or
- 5 children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely (for example in a sports team), test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

