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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:

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October    | PE kits being worn by children in Willow and Oak Classes  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | Sama Karate Club at 8am<br><br>Ukulele lesson for Oak Class pm<br><br>PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut & Birch Classes  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October | School Harvest - goods in (see note below)<br><br>Theatre Arts Street Dance Club at 8am<br><br>KS2 Interhouse football competition. All children in Years 3-6 ie Oak, Willow, Birch & London Plane Classes to wear their PE kits to school<br><br>Apple Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details)<br><br><b>No</b> Piano lessons today<br><br>PTA AGM meeting online (see below for link details) |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October  | PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut, Willow & London Plane Classes<br><br>2.45pm YR parents/carers in (see separate letter for details)  |

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| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October | <p>Birch Class educational visit to Foot Farm (see separate letter for details)</p> <p>PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Oak and London Plane Classes</p> |
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**Author Visits Next Week** Language and a zest for writing was enriched in school this week with visits from 3 authors as part of our involvement with the Chichester Bookfest. On Tuesday morning, Louie Stowell visited and worked with the children in Oak & Willow Classes, and signed the book, "The dragon in the library" for each and every one of them. In the afternoon Zehra Hicks came and inspired all those in Apple & Chestnut Classes. As Mrs Collins said, "It was absolutely brilliant, the children were captured by her enthusiasm, wonderful illustrations and stories." On leaving she left every child with their own signed copy of "The Problem with Problems". And then on Wednesday Jennifer Bell led a workshop for those in London Plane Class in the morning and the children in Birch Class in the afternoon. They each got signed a copy of one of her books, "Wonderscape".



The visitors were all great, here are some of the children's thoughts about the workshops led by our visiting authors:

*"I liked the writing part" Oscar-James Y1*

*"She was really kind and told us lots about the book and how she came to write it" Jack Y5*

*"She was very exciting and expressed what she was saying really well" Evie Y5*

*"We had a good time writing a story" Dominic Y4*

*"She was really fun" Joe Y4*

*"She gave us lots ideas for stories" Summer Y3*



**Harvest** Next Wednesday is our Harvest Festival celebration day. Do look at Seesaw on the day, each class will have produced something for you to watch - enjoy! On the day we are asking for dry goods ie:

- tins e.g soup, tuna, beans,
- packets e.g pasta, biscuits, tea,
- bottles e.g ketchup, squash
- jars e.g coffee, pasta sauce

Anything brought in, will be left collectively on the playground and then by mid morning all taken to the foodbank at New Life Church, where all will be put to good use.

A huge THANK YOU in advance for your support and the donations.



**Parent/Carer Consultations** Our parent consultations are during the last week of this half term: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 3.30 - 5.30pm for Years 1-6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October consultations during the day for YR

The class clipboards with the sign up sheets will be put out every morning next week (if dry by the gate entrances as normal - if wet under the bike shelter) Please pick the day & time of your choice.

Many schools in the area are not holding face to face parent meetings this term and are conducting them by phone or online instead. We feel it is more beneficial to have a conversation in person and hope that you will support us in managing all safely ie we are asking that only one parent/carers attends. Each class will have its own one way system ie you will wait in a certain spot where you can look at your child's learning, then talk to the teacher before leaving via the class "back door". You will probably find there is more of a space than normal between you and the teachers - this is to keep everyone safe.



**How To Ride Without Stabilisers** Stuart Langridge from Sustrans has been working with the children in Apple & Chestnut Classes these last two Wednesdays on "bicycle skills". He emailed through this link which some of you may find useful. It is about how to support your child in developing their bicycle balancing skills and not needing stabilisers.

<https://youtu.be/p6SNCvIN4EI>



**Adopt A Ward Scheme** As you know, because we are part of the "Adopt A Ward" scheme, that every term your children make a card to bring a smile to all those on Bosham Ward. Generally the children all create them at the start of term and then I post a class load off every couple of weeks. I recently sent off those created by all in Willow Class and totally unexpectedly received this email from one of their patients:

*Please give my thanks to the Y4 children for making such beautiful cards for all the people in our ward.*

*I am currently in St Richard's Hospital and the card really cheered me up.*

*Please tell the children : we have one lady in here who has had a new hip and she is starting to learn to walk again. Another lady is 90 years old, and she is waiting to go into a care home. Someone is recovering from an operation on her tummy, and I have been here for 11 days with pains in my leg which makes it sore for me to walk.*

*We all loved your cards, and they really cheered us up.*

*So a big thank you to Y4 for reaching out into the community and helping people who are not as fit and healthy as you. It was really kind of you.*

*I am hoping to go home from hospital this afternoon to XXX which is very close to your school. You have cheered me up a lot.*

It is lovely to know that that little act of kindness from the children made someone's day!



**PTFA News** The PTFA AGM is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ptfa@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk) for a link to the ZOOM meeting.



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

You can apply online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) as of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The deadline for applications is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



**School Calendar Dates** Confirming the term dates for you:

Autumn Term: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Half term w/b 25<sup>th</sup> October

INSET Days: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Spring Term: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Half term w/b 21<sup>st</sup> February

INSET day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Half Term w/b 30<sup>th</sup> May

INSET days: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

