

This week has gone by very quickly and we have been looking closely at planning the term ahead of us. With the weather improving, the teachers have really enjoyed teaching outside. I enjoyed watching Year 6 on the field playing their new game, 'Chuck the Chicken.' I couldn't quite work out the rules but the children and Mr Hayne knew what they were doing and it did look like lots of fun. Here's to many more moments like this and to much warmer weather!

As part of our planning, we are really keen to offer a range of clubs for after half term as the children have missed out on so much over the year. The teachers are happy to run free clubs for the bubbles and we are just sorting out which days and for whom. We will get the information out to you shortly.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARENTMAIL

Communicating with parents is an essential part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about all aspects of school news and activities. Last year, we told you that we would be using ParentMail which allows better communication including on-line payments and forms that can be completed on-line. Many of you have already registered but many have not. Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Please register now at <u>www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/</u>

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. If you need any additional information please contact the school office. This year, we will switch over completely to ParentMail and it will be our only source of communication to you so don't delay!

Thank you to those of you who already have signed up and who have downloaded the App.



Free School Meals

Here is some information from Chartwells.

Parents are able to check their eligibility for free school meals for on the government website.

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

It is so important to us that we can provide **every child in your community** with a tasty, nutritious hot meal every day!

Special diet information

If your child has an allergy or intolerance, we can support you during lunchtime.



Please write to us at westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk where we will give you a request form to complete. Make sure you have your doctor or dietitian note handy to go with it.

If you want to have a peak at your schools menu, you can view them here: westsussex.mealselector.co.uk

If you are vegetarian, pescatarian or don't eat beef, pork or both, we just need you to confirm this in writing to us at

westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk. Please include the child's name, school, year group, dietary request, and we will be in touch!

Whilst we don't serve any nuts, if your child has a nut allergy, you can inform us of this, too.

<u>Water Bottles</u>

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day!

<u>Useful Diary Dates</u>

3rd May: Bank Holiday - school closed
6th May: Class Photograph Day
17th May: Outdoor Learning Day
28th May: Numicon Maths Day
31st May - 4th June: Half Term
7th June: Back to School - Enrichment Week
21st June: Year 6 Residential
2nd July: Sports Day - am
16th July: Reports go out
19th July: Changeover class morning
22nd July: Last day of term
23rd July: INSET day - school closed
6th September: Autumn Term starts