

We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance Update

Overall attendance is now very close to our target of 96%. We are however starting to get more requests for term time absences. We realise some absences are unavoidable but it would really help if families didn't book holidays in term time. We cannot authorise any holidays in term time as the expectation is that holidays are taken within the 13 weeks of holiday time across the school year. In line with our locality schools we can only authorise exceptional absences such as **one day** for a close family wedding.

As you all know school attendance is incredibly important as it can have an impact on both your child's learning and their friendship groups. Our school target is to be at least in line with national figures: **96%; anything lower could have an impact on our Outstanding judgement.**

Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance awards for the best attendance. Well done to the following classes:

w/ending 8th November 2019

KS1 1st place with 99.5% is 1MS, KS2 1st place with 99.1% is 6SG

Whole School Attendance w/ending 8th November = 94.8%

w/ending 15th November 2019

KS1 1st place with 99.3% is 1AT, KS2 1st place with 99.4% is 6HS

Whole School Attendance w/ending 15th November = 96.5%

Overall school attendance currently stands 95.9%

Term Time Absence

As more and more requests are made for term time absences we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we **cannot authorise** holidays in term time. As a school we pass the details of these absences onto West Sussex County Council. (This is for any holiday which lasts 5 days / 10 sessions or more.)

Additional details can be found on their website, including the following information:

The Government has directed that headteachers may now only grant leave for a holiday in term-time where there are exceptional circumstances. In West Sussex, we may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) if a pupil has accrued unauthorised absence from school and the school has referred the matter to us.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) are issued per parent, per child and are an alternative to prosecution, giving you an opportunity to discharge your criminal liability by paying a fine of £120, which must be paid within 28 days.

They are generally issued where there have been at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absence from school within a recorded 10 school week period. However, there are some occasions where they are issued outside of these criteria.

Should the period of absence for a holiday in term time be 15 school days or more, a FPN may not be deemed suitable. Instead the matter may be brought directly before the court.

After 28 days we will consider prosecuting for the original non-attendance, not for the non-payment of the FPN, however if you pay within 21 days we will reduce the fine to £60.

Paying a Fixed Penalty Notice

You can pay online using the reference number stated on the FPN. A unique reference number for each child will be provided.

Term Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th November	All	Raffle tickets coming home
Friday 29th November	All	Worthing Pantomime (tickets distributed)
Tuesday 3rd December	Y5/6	Christmas Performance (pm)
Wednesday 4th December	Y5/6	Christmas Performance (am)
Friday 6th December	All	Dress down day (letter to follow)
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS	Christmas Performance (am)
Tuesday 10th December	Y3/4	Christmas Production (pm)
Wednesday 11th December	Y3/4	Christmas Production (am)
Wednesday 11th December	All	Caterlink Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12th December	KS1	Christmas Production (pm)
Friday 13th December	KS1	Christmas Production (am)
Friday 13th December	All	Christmas Jumper day (letter to follow)
Friday 13th December	All	Christmas Raffle (letter to follow)
Tuesday 17th December	EYFS/KS1	Panto (letter to follow)
Friday 20th December	All	Last day of Autumn Term
Spring Term 2020		
Monday 6th January	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7th January	All	First day of Spring Term
Mon 17th - Fri 21st February	All	Half Term Holiday
Friday 3rd April	All	Last day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2020		
Monday 20th April	All	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 21st April	All	First day of Summer Term
Mon 25th - Fri 29th June	All	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 16th July	All	Last day of Summer Term (pupils)
Autumn Term 2020		
Monday 7th September 2020	All	Start of Autumn Term (next academic year)

School Admissions—Sept 2020

Was your child born between 1 Sept 2015 and 31 August 2016?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2020.

Apply Online at : www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions from Monday 7th October.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

For additional advice you can call: 03330 142 903

Additional Open Morning for parents of children starting school in September 2020

Due to popular demand, we are offering an additional open morning, for families who have children due to start school in September 2020. The session will give parents/carers an opportunity to meet key staff and complete a tour of the school.

The Open Session (for parents) will last approximately one hour and will take place on:

Friday 29th November at 9.15am, entrance via main doors, near the school office.

Places can be booked by contacting our school office on 01273 874050 or

email office@eastbrook.w-sussex.sch.uk) Please indicate how many spaces you require.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school, Julia Sherlock - Headteacher.

Children in Need

Once again the support for this charity was incredible. Money is still coming in but the School Council hope to have raised about £400. One child decided to take fundraising to a whole new level - Daniel in Year 5 made some cakes and took them to his dad's work. He raised an amazing £62.30 - we are all extremely proud of him.

The children (and staff) looked incredible in their spotty, yellow, Pudsey outfits!



Anti-Bullying Week

As a school we marked National Anti-bullying week by supporting the odd-sock campaign. This event is promoted by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It was great to see so many different combinations of colours and styles of socks!

The theme was:

Change Starts With Us
Small change. Big difference

The message shared was that bullying, whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Together we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.



New WSCC 'Road Safety' Facebook Page

The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council have set up a new Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex.

By creating this Facebook page, the Road Safety team will be able to support their partner's campaigns happening throughout the country, write specifically about seasonally related topics, provide advice to support all modes of transport and much more - essentially delivering a whole wealth of important and much needed Road Safety information. Ultimately, the aim is to help reduce the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI's) statistics on the roads of West Sussex (and beyond), as well as reducing all incidents and injuries which occur on a daily basis, by delivering as much information and advice as possible.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with Road Safety topics, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC> and follow this page! Thank you for your support.

Keep safe on the roads.

County Road Safety Team
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Chance for your organisation to be part of a
NEW Community Garden
At Southwick Leisure Centre

What is happening?

Creating a new **Community Garden** at Southwick Leisure Centre.

A **blank canvas!** Your organisation can help shape what happens to make it work for you.

To make this happen, the local community need to be involved!!!

'Making it happen!'

Facilitated gathering for all interested

DAY: Thurs 5th Dec
TIME: 6.15pm - 7.45pm

PLACE: Conference Room,
Southwick Impulse Leisure Centre,
Southwick, BN42 4NT

For more info CALL Beth on 07764 655 609 EMAIL b.osmond@tcv.org.uk



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