



MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 9th Jan 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 9 th Jan	Stay and Play in Reception Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club Crumble Coding club	9.30 - 11am – Children joining school Sept 2023 welcome Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Tues 10 th Jan	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Please BRING named PE kit to school – see below Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 (reduced price!) 3.30 - 4.30
Weds 11 th Jan	Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 (lower prices!)
Thurs 12 th Jan	Swimming Y5 am Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Y2 Big woods forest schools Y5 RV festival Dance club Governor meeting	Don't forget your kit Please wear kit to school Year 2 group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30 - by invite only Full governing body 7pm in school
Fri 13 th Jan	Piano lessons Big woods forest schools Y3 Cross Country Club	Don't forget your music Year 3 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.15
Sun 15 th Jan	DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL START APPLICATIONS Sept 2023	Follow the link for further info – please spread the word: https://bit.ly/3n46saJ
Mon 16 th Jan	Year 1 & 3 PE today Street dance club Crumble Coding club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Tues 17 th Jan	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years Brilliant Bricks	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Weds 18 th Jan	Trip to Chichester theatre Year 1, 2 & 5 PE today Aspire multisport club Rec-Y4	Y4 am Y5 pm – children's concert – see letter Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30
Thurs 19 th Jan	Swimming Y5 am Year 3 & 6 PE today	Don't forget your kit Please wear kit to school

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY – INFO BELOW	Little woods forest schools Y2 Big woods forest schools Y5 RV festival Dance club Church Friendship tea	Year 2 group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 group 1 - (please bring kit in) 3.30 - 4.30 - by invite only A few Y6 children with Mrs Clarke – 3.15 - 5pm
Fri 20 th Jan	Piano lessons Big woods forest schools Y3 **No Cross-Country today	Don't forget your music Year 3 group 1 - (please bring kit in) Please pick your children up at 3.25**

WELCOME BACK - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed having fun with your children at such a magical time. I know it was tricky for some families to meet up as planned due to various illnesses, staff struggled with this too, but hopefully the majority of you managed to enjoy some of the festive fun. I know I speak for the whole school community when I say a big thank you for the cards and gifts received on the run up to the break, your thoughtful words in cards always mean a great deal and you certainly kept the office and staffroom going with biscuits and chocolates too!

As the New Year is now well underway, I have avoided the usual 'last week update' as it was so long ago. However, I would like to just mention how incredibly proud I always am of all our children (and staff!) during the run up to the festive break. It is such an exciting, busy time with rehearsals for all nativities, performances and our church carol service along with wearing Christmas clothes and enjoying a Christmas lunch. And STILL they remained calm, continued to work hard on their learning right through to the bitter end AND pull fabulous performances out of the bag. It was especially lovely to welcome the PTA fun day back again this year, adding to the feel of 'business as usual' post Covid. The event was hugely enjoyed by everyone and incredibly calm this year – everywhere I went there were happy children, enjoying the day. A **HUGE** thanks to the PTA including all the helpers who turned up on the day to support – I know we couldn't run this day without you all and we are enormously appreciative!

So that was 2022 – and on we march with 2023! We don't hang around here at MPS and returned to school on Wednesday with the aim of getting on with our learning. New topics have been introduced with KS1 learning about 'Life on the Ocean Waves', Yrs 3 & 4 have 'A Room with a View' and Yrs 5 & 6 are looking at 'Peace and Conflict'. All interesting stuff!

PE days, woods and swimming

There was much excitement in Year 5 on Thursday as they ventured off to the Taro Leisure Centre in Petersfield for swimming. The minibuses were full of loud, excited children on the way there and tired, quieter children on the way back! They approached the session with confidence and enthusiasm and clearly enjoyed themselves. Mr Ind was rightly very proud of them all.

You will also notice that our Reception children now have a PE day! Miss Channon would very much like you to send children's PE kit in ready for their first PE lesson next Tuesday. Getting changed independently when you are 4 is a BIG ask, but it is part of the Early years curriculum as well as a life skill. PLEASE make sure your child's uniform and PE kit is all named – trying to match up a class set of sweatshirts with their rightful owners after a PE lesson is nigh on impossible!! Thankyou.

Year 5 and Year 3 are out in our big woods this term and Year 2 have sessions in our little woods on the school grounds. Letters have gone home explaining groups and kit requirements. Please do contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns regarding forest schools. **AND** if you have any spare time and are interested in finding out more about these woods sessions we are ALWAYS on the lookout for volunteers to help mornings or afternoons on Thursdays, or on a Friday afternoon – just chat to me on the gate.



Clubs

An email was already sent to parents at the end of last term with information about the Aspire football and new Multisport clubs, all starting next week. If your child is interested then please click on this link <https://www.aspirecoaching.org.uk/after-school-clubs> to make your booking.

Mrs Griffiths starts her Crumble coding club on Monday and Mrs Alden is continuing Cross country for a little while yet. Street Dance is back on a Monday, but the Thursday Dance club is by invitation only this term, funded by the school, as this club is being run to prepare for the Rother Valley Arts festival in March. Brilliant Bricks is also back on a Tuesday for a whole term, there are still places available and I know Amy is keen to make this accessible to families. If paying for a whole term is a barrier to signing up, please email Amy directly on amy@brilliantbricks.co.uk - I believe she can help you with booking (and paying for) just 5 sessions at a time.

Keep an eye on the flyer for other clubs which may become available in time.

Dates list, contact forms and medical info

A dates list came home this week (green in colour!) to help you with your new calendars and diaries at home. Also, just a gentle reminder requesting that all parents inform the office of any changes to contact details or your child's medical information. Mobile phone numbers seem to change with alarming frequency (especially after Christmas!) and if we are not kept in the loop we can find it almost impossible to get in touch with parents when we need to. Many thanks.

IOW Residential – Year 5 & 6

We appreciate time is marching on and there have been a couple of enquiries for further information including kit lists. Our aim is to be back in touch next week with more info, including a date for us to share the finer details and answer any queries. Meanwhile please note the date for final payment for this trip is Wednesday 25th January – thank you.

School census day

On Thursday 19th January we have our school census day. This is the day when our budget is set for universal infant free school meals and a letter from Mrs Bond went out to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents with the lunchtime arrangements and menu. We have ordered ALL children a hot lunch for this day in order to maximise our budget – please contact the school office if your child is also bringing a back-up packed lunch.

SNOW CLOSURE DAYS – reminder of procedures!

If we are going to get any snow at all in this part of the country, it is usually in the spring term that we get it. So, I thought it sensible to remind everyone of the procedures.

When any sort of bad weather arrives, it is the safety of the children and our staff that are paramount in our decision making. We are fortunate in that some of our staff live locally and we will always open the school if it is at all possible to do so. However occasionally it is just too treacherous to expect staff and children to travel to school and, in these instances, school will be closed and we will do our utmost to inform you of this decision ASAP. Communication will be via text using our school to parents messaging service, on the school website where a red banner will appear on the front page making it obvious that school is closed, and on the WSCC emergency closure page <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/emergency-school-closures/>

Eco Club



At the end of term, the children at Eco Club finished some of the projects they had started. They dotted red spots on the lady bird houses to make them feel at home, then the children worked in small groups to put together a lovely insect home, they layered bark, leaves, bamboo canes and some leaves too. Then they sealed them so they stay intact. Finally, they put together the bee water stations and selected some

pebbles for them to rest upon when drinking.

Look out for them around the school once Spring time approaches.





Year 1 news

Twice on Wednesday we played a game with the big parachute and found out what fun and adventures our friends had been having in the holidays. We even had to swap places and travel under the parachute if we had tried or eaten a brussel sprout! In science, we had received an SOS! from the Octonauts. The windscreen had cracked and they sent us some materials to test to see if they were waterproof and transparent or translucent. Everyone shared the equipment and had some great understanding. We wrote back to tell them which materials were best.



For the whole of December, Year 1 placed 2 items a day into the Midhurst Food bank collection point to help families in need. We discussed this at the start of Advent and the children thought they would like to boost the food levels. The last two children put their items in today. The food was supplied by the staff in Year 1 as we all agreed with the children's kind idea.



Don't forget that Midhurst Primary School is a foodbank collection point and we accept food ALL year round! January is often a month where people struggle after the expense of Christmas, so if you can spare a packet or tin of food I know it would be appreciated.

Money Money Money!!

I wanted to share some totals from various events during the second half of the autumn term. Many of our KS2 children took part in the Rotary Music Festival back in November, the Rotary sell tickets for this concert with the proceeds being split between the primary schools that perform. This year we received a cheque for an amazing £300! Huge thanks to the Rotary for organising the opportunity for children to perform and their generosity in sharing the proceeds out – we will certainly put the money to good use! Our school performances of Ebenezer raised an incredible sum of £326! Many thanks to parents who gave so generously to the collection and to the children and staff who put on such a good show. Finally, the PTA sponsored reindeer run raised over £1800 (exact total to follow) which was just mind blowing!!

We are yet to receive totals from the PTA Christmas raffle and Silent Auction, but I would like to say a very BIG thankyou on their behalf – the PTA will certainly be filling their coffers back up with these totals, which means that their events can continue for the enjoyment of the children AND they will be able to support the school in other ways too. BRILLIANT!





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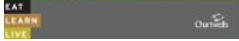
Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided. DBS checks will be carried out on successful applicants.

For more information please contact

email

Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk

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Karate for Kids and Adults



Mon & Thurs: 6pm-7.30pm

Midhurst Rother College
North St. Midhurst
GU29 9DT

Tel: 07775 833677



Midhurst SKK

Family Friendly Karate Club in Midhurst

<http://www.midhurstskk.com>



ABOUT US

Midhurst SKK is a family friendly karate club based in West Sussex.

VENUE

Midhurst Rother College
North St. Midhurst, GU29 9DT
West Sussex

CLASS TIMES

Juniors: Monday 5.00-6.00pm
Seniors: Monday & Thursday
6.00-7.30pm

STUDENTS

Adults and Juniors from 7yrs + are welcome. We cater to all students regardless of age or ability.

GRADINGS

All instructors are CRB checked for working with children and fully insured. We typically hold gradings every three or four months, but everyone learns at their own pace and there is no pressure to grade.

COSTS

Your first lesson is free.
Weekly Training: only £5.00 per session.
SKK Licence Membership: £25.00 per year.
Gradings: £25.00 (one-time fee - belt included).
No compulsory courses or seminars.

Midhurst SKK

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INSTRUCTORS

Chris Slade - 4th Dan

Sensei Chris began training in 1991 at SEKU Potworth with Gary Chandler. He was graded to Shodan in 1995 by sensei Dave Hazard. In 2018 he launched Midhurst SKK, now a thriving family dojo, establishing his own Yudansha Kai in 2021.

Judith Balcombe - 2nd Dan

Judith began her training in 1983 with SEKU, reaching 1st kyu in 1985. She took a break in 1997. In 2018 she joined the newly formed SKK Midhurst dojo and in 2020 was graded to shodan.



Yoga for 2-12 years

CHILDREN'S YOGA



with Julie

Tuesdays 13.30-14.20
Nursery and Preschool

Saturdays 9.30-10.20
Reception-year 3

Saturdays 10.30-11.20
School years 4-7.

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For girls aged 4 to 7
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For girls aged 7 to 10

Brownies



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Lauren, Guide



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