



# MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 & 3 PE today Y6 Leavers service Zoolab in pm Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit Chichester cathedral 10.30am - Y6 parents' welcome Rec/Y1 & Y2 3.30 - 4.30 – ALL WELCOME
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years	Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play Year 1 & 2 PE today	9.45 - 11am – Reception chn for new intake Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Big woods forest schools <b>**No Dance club</b>	Don't forget your kit Reception Group 3 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 2 Group 2 <b>Cancelled session**</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Piano lessons Year 2, 4 & 5 PE today 50 <sup>th</sup> School celebrations	Don't forget your music Don't forget your PE kit More details below!
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 & 3 PE today Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30 – ALL WELCOME
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 transition day to MRC Reception class PE today Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years	9.15 - 2.15pm - please take children straight to MRC Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play Year 1 & 2 PE today	9.45 - 11am – Reception chn for new intake Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Big woods forest schools Dance club	Don't forget your kit Reception Group 3 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 2 Group 2 3.30 – 4.30 – ALL WELCOME
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Piano lessons Year 2, 4 & 5 PE today	Don't forget your music Don't forget your PE kit

### **Last week's update:**

Another hot week for everyone – although it is lovely to see the sunshine and it definitely makes outdoor events like today's Summer Fair much easier and more enjoyable for all. Thanks for all the jars, cakes and other donations offered - we are very much looking forward to seeing you all later!

But before then a speedy round up of this week's events!

On Monday Year 3 had their first trip to Iping Common to work with Ryan from Sussex Wildlife towards earning their John Muir award. In order to get this award, they need to learn about their local environment, how to look after and protect this and share it with others. During the day they did a wildlife treasure hunt, went bug hunting, built dens for animals and played a fun game called bat and moth. They then have been doing follow up work in class and are becoming experts on the plants and animals you can find on Iping common. The day was brilliant, the children were very engaged and they are already excited about the next trip in July. More pics below



On Tuesday children were invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of 50p or more towards the Family Support Work charity run by the Diocese, which is how our lovely Kirsty is funded who works with many families at MPS. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and I am delighted to share that we are now able to offer a donation of £200 from the MPS community during the Y6 leavers service on Monday – which is just AMAZING! Many many thanks to you all.

Our three Y6 school councillors were lucky enough to join other locality schools for a trip to the Chichester council chambers at County Hall. They started with a picnic lunch in the Bishops Palace Gardens and then went across to County Hall where they had a tour before experiencing the actual council chambers, sitting in the big chairs and learning how to use the microphones to share their thoughts. The children then experienced a serious debate about whether or not the government should fund climate change initiatives. Archie, Leila and James enjoyed the whole experience – especially using the microphones – it certainly gave them an interesting insight into politics!! Huge thanks to Mrs Simpson who kindly gave up her time to take the children along.



Miss Hurrion had hot afternoon in the woods this week with the group enjoyed adding to their dens. Apparently one of the dens had multiple rooms which was very impressive! A swing was added and enjoyed by many, while others toasted marshmallows over traceless fires. Miss Leavens also showed a couple of children how to do macramé. Freddie and Jaxon even had a game of leaves and sticks a new outdoor game based on noughts and crosses. By all accounts it was a lovely session and the children are looking forward to trying out many more new activities in their woods sessions when they next go along in Year 3.



### **Y6 leavers service on Monday**

Y6 children need to be in school early on Monday – preferably 8.30am – as we ideally need to leave school promptly at 8.45 to get down to Chichester in time for our rehearsal slot prior to the start of the service. While we never want to leave children behind, it will be tricky to wait for any latecomers! Thank you for your support with this.

### **Sun cream reminder**

As the sun is now well and truly out I have been asked to share our policy with regards to sun cream in school. We are always happy for children to bring in their own named (very important!) sun cream to apply

before break times if this is needed. If children really cannot apply their own (usually only in Reception), we will ask for parents to give permission for staff to apply it for them. Children are taught NEVER to share sun cream due to potential allergies.

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**

All parents should have received information about next Friday when the school will be celebrating 50 years being in this building. Special guests have been invited in to spend lunch time with us all followed by guided tours of the school and looking at artefacts and memories collated and displayed by the children. If you are an ex-pupil we would love to hear from you! The children have compiled a brief survey which we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in to share your memories – just click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/gS7y4z4vS1VklF2Q6>

We would also welcome any artefacts or objects such as newspaper clippings, photographs or even uniform you would like to share. If this is the case, please do bring your NAMED (if possible both child and parent) objects into the hall after school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May where teaching staff will be on hand to collect them. Further to this we would love to invite all ex-pupils into the hall after school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm to 4pm to tour our Midhurst Museum and share stories with old staff and new – who would love to see you.

### **Planned teachers strikes**

It is my understanding at the time of writing that we do not have any teachers planning to take part in the upcoming teacher strike days. I will of course let you know ASAP if this changes.

### **Reminder of details from Mr Edwards at MRC for the Y6 Transition Day Tuesday 4 July 9.15am to 2.15pm**

On Transition Day, please arrange for your son/ daughter to be at the College for 9.15am. They will be met by staff and guides who will take them to the theatre. They will have three different sessions with us during the day and we would like to ask that you collect them at 2.15pm. We would like your son/daughter to wear their current school uniform and would ask that they also bring a packed lunch, a drink and a snack for break. We will make arrangements for students who receive free school meals on the day.

**Transition Evening Tuesday 4 July 7.00pm-7.45pm** I would like to invite you and your child to return to the College for an informal meeting in the theatre. I will start the evening with a brief presentation and Mrs Dickens, Assistant Principal, will also give you some key information about Year 7. The evening will last approximately 45 minutes and we will make sure that any questions you have are answered. Thank you to parents/carers responding to the MS Form we sent to you. I will make sure these areas are covered.

### **And finally – brilliant news to share we are, once again, Rother Valley Schools Sports Champions!!! Report below from Mrs Alden!!**

Over the course of the year, children from Key Stage 2 have been taking part in tournaments at MRC as part of the Rother Valley School Sports Championships. As defending champions, the children (and staff) were very motivated to keep this title and trophy. Lots of children from Key Stage 2 have been attending clubs, training hard and competing brilliantly and it has been so lovely to see how many keen sportspeople we have at MPS. We started the season with the football tournament where we came 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We then moved on to indoor athletics where we came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>! After that was the cross country where we came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> and where we had 4 children selected to run for mid Sussex in the Sussex finals. Then came the netball which we won, followed by the hockey which we also won. Winning the hockey meant our team went on to represent mid Sussex in the Sussex finals. A great selection of children tried their hand at rugby in the tag rugby festival. The season culminated in a fantastic win at the cricket tournament last week. This meant that, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, we were the overall winners! We are so proud of each and every child that took part in any of these events. You all represented the school brilliantly, not only demonstrating sporting prowess but also with your positive attitude; encouraging each other and showing respect to the other competitors. I am already excited about next year and am planning on keeping the trophy at MPS for a long time to come!



**Last week's achievers! AND Cricket team with the cup!**



**Year 6 school councillors at County Hall!**



**ALL the children involved in sports events that helped us win the Rother Valley Sports Trophy! Well done to all!**



**Year 2 woods fun!**





**Year 3 visit  
to Iping  
Common!**



Free!



# Summer Party



Sunday 25th June | 3pm-5pm  
@Midhurst Methodist Church

Join us for lots of summer games, water balloons, stories, singing and a BBQ!

This is a free event for Primary school age (ish) accompanied by an adult.



**MIDHURST**  
PARISH CHURCH



# Summer Holiday Club

No Instructions, Just Imagination

Come & join us!

- 31st August 2023
- 10:30-12:30
- Age 5+
- The Old Library, Midhurst
- £12.50 per child
- Rainforest Rampage is our awesome theme
- Encourage creativity and imagination
- Help build friendships & happiness



Bookings can be made here:

<https://www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/midhurst-petworth-petersfield/>

# Whiphill Holiday Club



9am – 12pm £20 / 9am - 3pm £30



August 2023

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> / Weds 16<sup>th</sup>

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> / Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> / Weds 30<sup>th</sup>



For 3-7 year olds at Whiphill Stables, Lamberts Lane, Midhurst.

Games

Crafts

We include a mid-morning snack.  
Just provide a change of clothes, a  
named water bottle and a packed  
lunch if staying all day.  
(£5 Sibling Discount)

Puzzles

Outdoor  
fun

To secure your child's place contact : Kirstin Bosley  
07908198751 or [kirstin.whiphillholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:kirstin.whiphillholidayclub@gmail.com)  
Please note that full payment is required when you book! No refunds



Fernhurst FC

Fernhurst Football Club U11/U12 have spaces available for the season starting in September.

This is for children in the current school year 6/school year 7 from September.

Both boys and girls are welcome, the team is open to all abilities, and looks to have lots of fun whilst getting better at football.

Coaches are FA qualified.

Training is on Thursday evenings and matches are Saturday morning.

We are currently training for the next few Thursdays if anybody would like a run out.

Please contact Ben Knight if interested on 07736 933650



Fernhurst FC





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12 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you because your child or children are pupils at Midhurst Primary School, or come along to our Messy Church sessions or ignite youth groups.

As you will know Beth, our Children and Families Minister, will be leaving that post at the end of July. Beth has done a lot of work with the children in the school and church, and we would like to have a simple, fun, all age service in church to endorse that, and to thank her for all she has done.

I am therefore inviting you and your family to join us on **SUNDAY 9 JULY at 10.30am**, and I am very much hoping that you will be able to come along. It would be great if some of the children could take part in the service by doing a reading or prayer, and if you have a youngster who would like to help in this way, please email me at with your contact details at [curate@midhurstparishchurch.net](mailto:curate@midhurstparishchurch.net) and I will be in touch.

With very best wishes

*Jane*



### **Children can become superstars at the library this summer!**

1 in 5 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills so we're on a mission to change this and we need your help!

We invite you to encourage your pupils to take up the **Summer Reading Challenge**. It's the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, presented by **The Reading Agency** and delivered via public libraries.

Last year, in West Sussex over 10,000 children joined the Challenge and this year we would love to reach even more. You can make a huge difference by supporting Library-staff led assemblies in your schools (staff will be reaching out to you shortly), sending out information about the challenge to your school families, and encouraging your pupils to take part in the challenge at their local library.

**Ready, Set, Read!** encourages children to choose and read some amazing library books over the holiday. They also receive a fab fold out poster and the more they read the more scratch and sniff smelly stickers they collect. There are fun activities in the library too, including a Character Hunt with a chance of entering a prize draw. If they complete the challenge by Saturday 9 September, they are rewarded with a medal and certificate. They just need a library card to join in the fun.

What's more; it's free to join the library and free to take part. The fun starts on **Saturday 8 July** so encourage your pupils to hop, skip or jump down to their local library!

To find out more, take a look at our special *animation video*, '[West Sussex Libraries – Summer Reading Challenge Video 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!](#)' or explore our [website](#).

Register at <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/welcome> or scan the QR code.





## Children's event with author and illustrator Sam Lloyd



Come along to meet Boris and his friends, listen to some stories, sing some songs...and even make your own mini monster!

**Suitable for children aged 2-7**

**Pre-booking is essential  
Please speak with staff to reserve a place**

**Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
11.00am-12.00pm**



**Chichester Library**

Tower Street, PO19 1QJ  
01243 777351

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## Chartwells Catering have vacancies

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?  
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**Graffham primary school team leader 16.25hrs £10.72 per hr**  
**Northchapel school team leader 15hrs £10.72 per hr**  
**Rural Relief 16.26hrs £10.72 per hr + Milage**  
**Wisborough Green CSA 15hr £10.42 per hr**

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  
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or 07867 202887




Petworth Festival Family Events 2023

### Petworth Festival brings two family events to this year's West Sussex Festival line-up

#### Family Theatre: David Walliams' *Bad Dad* - 3.00pm, Sunday 16 July 2023 - Bignor Park

The festival returns to the beautiful grounds of Bignor Park for an open air theatre production of *Bad Dad*, an adaptation of the children's best seller by the man dubbed 'the heir to Roald Dahl', David Walliams.



*Bad Dad* follows Frank and his father Gilbert as they struggle to escape the clutches of the local crime lord and clear Gilbert's name.

The warm-hearted tale follows the highs and lows of a father and son relationship as they navigate their way through a world of crime, car chases and convicts. And all in Bignor Park...

#### Tickets

[www.petworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.petworthfestival.org.uk)

Adult ticket: £14 per ticket

18 and under ticket: £8 per ticket - Family ticket: £35 (up to 4 people, with a maximum of 2 adults)

#### Alice in Wonderland (family promenade theatre) - Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 July, from 11am – Coultershaw Heritage Site

(There will be 8 performances per day lasting approximately one hour across the day for promenading groups of up to 20)

Following the sheer delight that was last year's promenade production of *Wind in the Willows*, we welcome back Wild Immersive Theatre for their latest production – *Alice in Wonderland*. Once again, audiences will discover Coultershaw's fabulous heritage site in the company of four hugely engaging performers as they bring Lewis Carroll's classic tale to life around the atmospheric mill pond.



Along the trail encounter the most extraordinary characters, like the Mad Hatter celebrating a very merry unbrithday, a Caterpillar with an identity crisis and the Queen of Hearts who's seeing red over her stolen jam tarts...

An adventure like no other, *Alice In Wonderland* is filled with fun, laughter and lots of magical moments. Brought to life by the minds of Wild Immersive

theatre and no matter how big or small you end up, you'll be left in wonder – land.

#### Tickets

[www.petworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.petworthfestival.org.uk)

Adult ticket: £10 per ticket

18 and under ticket: £6 per ticket - Family ticket: £25 (up to 4 people, with a maximum of 2 adults)



**FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX**

## LITTLE BIRDS FOREST SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

**FREE HAF PLACES OR FROM £36 INCLUDING LUNCH**

**24- 27TH JULY  
31-3 AUGUST  
14-17 AUGUST  
29 - 1 SEPTEMBER**

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**AGES 5-11**



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## GOODWOOD EDUCATION TRUST

Free Forest Adventures through August 2023!  
Available for children aged 4-11 who receive  
benefits-related free school meals\*



Play, explore and enjoy a fun-filled day with woodland activities such as tracking and trailing, campfire starting and cooking, den / shelter building and woodland crafts including creating woodland jewellery, leaf printing and wand making.

Forest Adventures will be running every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in August.

To book, visit [westsussex.gov.uk/HAF](https://westsussex.gov.uk/HAF)

\*Paid-for places are also available