



# MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 & 3 PE today School reports out <b>No dance club</b>	Don't forget your PE kit Please look out for the envelope coming home! <b>Dance club is not running today</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 transition day to MRC Reception beach trip Woodwind lessons Year 4 & 5 PE today Aspire football club all year <b>OPEN EVENING</b>	9.15 - 2.15pm - please take children straight to MRC Packed lunch, own clothes, sun hat & sun cream Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 3.30 - 4.00pm AND 5 – 7pm – more details below
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	Rounders tournament Year 3 & 6 PE today <b>NO Little woods today</b> Theatre group in am Big woods forest schools <b>No dance club</b>	Harting – some Y5/6 children involved – info to follow Don't forget your kit <b>No kit needed</b> Performance of Wind in the Willows Year 2 Group 2 <b>Dance club is not running today</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day Piano lessons	1pm – more details below Don't forget your music
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July <b>BC/ASC bookings open midday today</b>	Y3 trip  Year 1 Dance Club	Iping Common – packed lunch, own clothes – long legs please, sun hat & sunscreen and lots to drink! Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm - ALL WELCOME
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodwind lessons Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years	Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 <b>**Please note this is the last one! **</b>
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 & 2 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 13 <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 - 4.30pm - ALL WELCOME
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school beach trip	Letter already out – please send back slip ASAP so we can organise adults!

## Last week's update:

Before I move onto this week I do just want to mention last Friday afternoon when we once again held our MPS PTA school summer fair. The sun shone down and the field was once again packed with children and their families, alongside friends of the school, all enjoying the atmosphere and stalls on offer. Many thanks to Sophia and her PTA team, along with the Year 6 crew who ran many stalls with school staff and governors too.



Whilst hard work, the event always has a nice feel and the tubs of money came rolling in from each stall! I'm sure a final total will be announced soon, but meanwhile I do just want to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who came along, spent some money and supported the event!

First thing on Monday this week the minibuses were out and about as our Y6 children took part in the leaver's service held at Chichester Cathedral. It was lovely to see so many families taking part in the service and supporting the children and the school – thank you for joining us. I am sure you will agree the children performed their dramatic reading with real confidence and both Leila and Janes were so brave narrating to a packed cathedral. Our banner bearers also performed their duties with a true sense of occasion. I was terrified when asked to read the headteachers prayer, but standing up in front of our lovely Year 6's and their families made it much easier – just like an assembly but on a slightly larger scale! I think we all savoured this incredible, probably one-off, experience of taking part in a service within a cathedral. It is always a proud moment for me, and I know the Y6 staff team feel the same. We finished the occasion off with a leisurely lunch in the sunshine within the cathedral grounds before returning to school.



In the afternoon on Monday our Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes went on a 'rainforest journey', when Hannah from Zoolab arrived with an array of rainforest creatures. We all learnt fascinating facts about some amazing creatures, including a giant millipede, a giant land snail, a tree frog, a corn snake, a cockroach and a tarantula! The children were fascinated by the creatures, and were very brave, holding (and even stroking!) many of them in their hands. Mr Aldren was less brave and just looked from a distance! The children had a great afternoon and learnt lots of new facts about these unusual creatures. See lots of pics below.

During Monday and Tuesday our governor recruitment panel convened once again to run a second process to recruit a new Headteacher for Midhurst Primary to replace me in September. By all accounts the process was gruelling, with many interviews, leading an assembly, being grilled by school council, providing feedback on a lesson and other desktop tasks being asked of candidates. It was great news when the governors informed us they had successfully appointed Mr Mark Jefferson as Head from September. I have met Mr Jefferson who is a really personable chap, and I know I will feel comfortable handing over the school into his safe and capable hands and have every confidence in his ability to lead the school well into the future! Exciting times ahead!!

By Wednesday we had also successfully recruited two new class teachers to fill the gaps in our teaching team with both Mr Aldren and Mrs Bowles leaving at the same time as me. See below for more information explaining where teachers will be next academic year. We are yet to finalise our wonderful teaching assistants but hope to have this sorted early next week and will of course keep you posted. Beth and various helpers from the church arrived early doors on Wednesday to set up for the prayer day events which took place over two days. She carefully set up activities linked to our school values for all classes to enjoy, these included mindful activities, thinking about friendships, sharing kind thoughts, celebrating our uniqueness and asking God BIG questions. The children enjoyed having an opportunity to

be calm, thoughtful and reflective – see photos below. BIG thanks to Beth and her team, as well as the Year 6 children that helped our littler people access all the activities too. Despite the bit of rain, Thursday saw Forest school sessions running for both Reception and Year 2 as normal. The snails were out in force in Little woods and the children had great fun collecting and counting them!

AND today is our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations! Don't forget to join us after school, especially if you are an ex-pupil of MPS – there is plenty of memorabilia in the hall to share and make you giggle! Those of us that have been around a while have decided we have definitely improved with age!! 😊

### **Staffing for 2023-24**

I am delighted to share the teaching team for the next academic year with you all. There is some change, possibly inevitable with me leaving, and some re-jigging of current staff.

See below for the teaching teams as of September

Reception: Miss Channon

Year 1: Miss Hurrion

Year 2: Mrs Alden

Year 3: Mrs Apperley (new member of staff) and Mrs Moorcroft

Year 4: Mrs Griffiths

Year 5: Mr Ind

Year 6: Mr Jones (new member of staff)

Mrs Hatch will continue to support all teams by covering teachers when needed. Mrs Chance continues her role as our school SENDCo. Madame Byers will lead French lessons for children across the school.

We continue to have an exceptionally strong staff team at every level and your children will be in very safe hands!

### **Reports and open evening**

You will see on the diary dates that children's school reports will be coming out on Monday.

On the Tuesday we open our doors for a drop in Open Evening – no appointments necessary. All teachers (old and new) will be in their class bases from 3.30 - 4pm and again between 5 & 7pm for parents and children to pop in to see their teacher from this year, as well as say hello to their teacher(s) for next academic year. All new members of staff will be coming along – including Mr Jefferson, Mrs Apperley and Mr Jones. Please do come and see us!

### **Y6 Transition Day Tuesday 4 July 9.15am to 2.15pm**

On this day the majority of our Year 6 children will be spending the day up at MRC – the main transition day to support them as they move on up to secondary school. Please DO NOT send your children to MPS, we are not responsible for taking our Year 6's to MRC on this day.

### **SPORTS Gold Award for the SECOND YEAR RUNNING!**

Last week Mrs Alden sent off our school application for our School Games Mark. This is a government led awards scheme, now in its' 11<sup>th</sup> year that rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sport and competition across their school and into the community. The application process allows us to evaluate our PE provision and helps improve it on into the future. Mrs Alden was DOUBLY proud this year to share that after following the criteria and completing the application MPS has once again been awarded the School Games **GOLD** award – which is just AMAZING!! Huge thanks to Mrs Alden as PE lead, Mr Ind and all our other teachers, staff and Aspire



coaches who encourage and support our children to keep physically active and healthy. It's a team effort that has been recognised and rewarded AGAIN! YAY!

### Sports day NEXT Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July!

Sports day returns this year in all its usual splendour. Parents will be welcomed on to the field to watch their children race – school gates will be open from 1pm.

Sports day reminders – for those who may never have experienced it!

- Children need to wear their PE kit on the day. They may participate in trainers if they wish as we understand plimsolls are sometimes tricky to run in, especially for the older children.
- Coloured PE t-shirts are possibly available from the school office (we have some stock – 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served) – those without coloured t- shirts will be given bands to wear to show their team colour.
- Please feel free to encourage your children to wear accessories that match their team colour. Matching socks, hairbands, hats etc...are all welcomed on the day!
- Sun cream needs to be applied in the morning or given to the children to put on themselves. Hats are recommended!
- An extra drink of water (named) for the day is advisable – we will have top ups available on the field, but it helps if the children have a bottle to fill.

Assuming that the weather WILL be glorious, we would appreciate anyone with a gazebo to help us out by bringing it down to school on the Friday morning and putting it up for us, to give the children the option of some shade. If this is possible, please let the office know.

We do try and run this event as planned if at all possible, as trying to squeeze a re-run on another day is almost impossible in this incredibly busy term. BUT we also monitor the weather forecast and will not hold the event in any **extremely** hot conditions or rain; however, any final decision will not usually be made until the day itself. We appreciate this is frustrating for people who have taken time off and made special arrangements, but we have to consider the safety of the children first and foremost. We will of course keep you updated of any information as quickly as we can.

### \*\*BC/ASC bookings open soon for the Autumn term \*\*

Please note that BC/ASC booking requests will open on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm**. Please send requests for the first half term in Autumn to our school bursar, Helen Bond, by email on:

[bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk](mailto:bursar@midhurstprimary.co.uk) Due to the fact we are in the middle of changing our payment platform and booking systems you will not be able to 'see' these bookings until this goes live in Sept. However please rest assured you will receive your usual emails confirmations from Helen and dates will be booked for you. No payment will be needed or expected before September. Any concerns or queries, please ask Helen!

Year 2 woods in the sunshine!

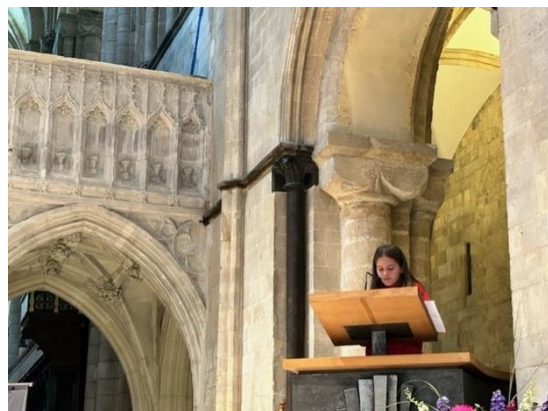


Last week's FAB awards – well done everyone!





**Year 6 Leaver's service at the cathedral**



**ZOOLAB!**





**Year 6 ART/DT project – upcycling unwanted garments with tie dye!**





**Prayer day activities – thanks to Beth and the church team for all their hard work!**







Fun at Little woods on Thursday!  
The children found lots of snails  
enjoying the rain! And it was first  
harvest of cucumbers was ready  
too!



# LOVE Midhurst!

## MADhurst Children's Art Competition 2023



in partnership with South Downs National Park Authority

## Calling all Artists!

### Show us what you love about Midhurst!

Get creative and let your imagination run wild. Anything from a tranquil hidden corner, your school, your back garden, a beautiful view, your favourite shop – the choice is yours!

#### How to Enter

Schoolchildren aged 16 or under are being invited to create artwork that showcases the things that inspire them about Midhurst.



For more information and full terms and conditions, visit [southdowns.gov.uk/madhurst-2023](https://southdowns.gov.uk/madhurst-2023)

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# SUMMER

# HOLIDAYS

## RANGER SCHOOL

Let enthusiastic 'Junior Rangers' join our team this summer as they go behind the scenes, learn about our deer and explore nature. Themed sessions will run in July and August - 'Wild Food & Venison', 'Slingshots, Bows & Arrows' and 'Twilight Evenings' from 10th July.

## TOM'S REPTILES

Join us for a fabulous reptile show. Learn about frogs, minibeasts, snakes and more. 20th July and 24th August for an hour long show at 10.30, 12.00 and 14.00

## NICK CLARK

This leading magician will arrive with a box of tricks to captivate a young audience in the Deer Hub at 11.00 and 13.00 on 27th July

## NOLAN DAVIS

Returning by popular demand, this hysterical entertainer will have children in stitches with his tricks and jokes at 11.00 and 13.00 on 3rd August

## SILLY SCOTT

Prepare to be amazed as the South's leading entertainer returns to perform astounding tricks at Sky Park Farm at 10.30 and 13.00 on 8th August

## TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Join us for a short adventure to the Dew Pond and an enchanting picnic (provided) and story time at 10.30 and 12.45 on 14th August



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# 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.





## Chartwells Catering have vacancies

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?  
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**Billingshurst primary school CSA 10hr £10.42 per hr**

**Rake primary school CSA £10.72 per hr**

**Petworth primary school CSA 10hr £10.42 per hr**

**Easebourne primary school CSA 10hr £10.42 per hr**

**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

[Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk)

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 unbirthday, 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)



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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

## West Sussex Young Peoples Service - Summer Holiday Programme 2023

Our summer programme has been designed specifically for autistic young people (with or without a diagnosis) aged 8 - 18. Working closely with our innovative and exclusive partners to provide an excellent choice of activities, all fully supported by our trained Aspens support staff.

### Locations Include

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24th July - 18th August

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