



MPS Friday Flyer

Friday 7th July 2023

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Mon 10 th July BC/ASC bookings open midday today	Year 3 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 th July	Woodwind lessons (last one) Reception class PE today Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club all years	Don't forget your instruments Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 – 4.30 **Please note this is the last one! **
Weds 12 th July	Year 1 & 2 PE today	Don't forget your PE kit
Thurs 13 th July	Piano lessons (last one) Year 3 & 6 PE today Little woods forest schools Reception Big woods forest schools Dance Club	Don't forget your music 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 th July	Whole school beach trip	Letter already out – please send back slip ASAP so we can organise adults!
Mon 17 th July	Year 1 & 3 PE today Leavers Service at church 2pm Dance Club Governor meeting	Don't forget your PE kit Whole school to church – more info below 3.30 - 4.30pm - ALL WELCOME Full governors – 7pm at school
Tues 18 th July	Housepoint treat Reception class PE Year 4, 5 & 6 PE today	Winning house team trip to the park! Don't forget your PE kit Don't forget your PE kit
Weds 19 th July	Year 1 & 2 PE today Year 6 Leavers picnic 2.00pm	Don't forget your PE kit Y6 parents welcome – see below
Thurs 20 th July	Year 3 & 6 PE today Dance Club Year 6 camping trip after school Church friendship tea	Don't forget your kit 3.30 - 4.30pm - ALL WELCOME Stedham campsite – see separate letter – drop off between 5 & 6pm – no earlier please! A few Y5 children involved accompanied by Mr Ind
Fri 21 st July	Year 6 still at Stedham Packed lunch today LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	Return after lunch No hot dinners – picnic lunch for all years School ends at 3.25pm as normal
Mon 24 th July	Summer holiday starts	School closed – have a fantastic break!
SUMMER HOLIDAYS – Monday 24 th July – Thursday 31 st August		

Fri 1 st Sept	INSET DAY	School closed to children
Mon 4 th Sept	First day of the Autumn term	School open – please bring your children in!

Last week’s update:

We have almost made it to the end of the summer term – just 2 weeks to go! It is also my penultimate Friday Flyer! Please read on for the ‘almost’ final time from me.

Friday 30th June - 50th celebrations!

Last Friday we celebrated 50 years of MPS history on our current site at Ashfield Road in Midhurst. The children interviewed former staff, pupils (including Mrs Cain!), parents and even Mr Ford the school headteacher for many years, about their memories of the last 50 years of MPS. Each class took a decade each and researched it in order to create historical displays which we collated into a Midhurst Primary School Museum in our school hall. The sensory garden (more info below from Mrs Alden), decorated with our commemorative tree cookies and the totem pole were unveiled in celebration of such an auspicious event. Our guests joined us for a FAB assembly, which felt hugely nostalgic, with Mrs Parry playing the piano and Father Andrew Cunnington leading us in a prayer. Children were able to look through artefacts and sources from the past, creating enquiry questions and finding out answers through their own research. They also created an online survey for anyone with memories of the school to write in and share with us. The children were very excited to find family members in the school registration book – all handwritten without a single bit of word processing in sight! All in all, we had an absolutely splendid day perfectly encompassing our mission to celebrate and commemorate 50 years of education at Midhurst Primary School. Now here’s to the next 50 years!



Sensory Garden update from Mrs Alden

Over the course of the year, we have been developing the area outside the quad into a sensory garden to celebrate the school being on this site for 50 years. We are planning to develop this further, but last Friday we unveiled what we have achieved so far as part of our 50th celebrations. Lots of people have played a part in helping to transform this space. Back in January, students from Chichester university started this project and developed ideas with the children. They then spent a week digging, planting and building, bringing the children's ideas to life. Aylings very kindly donated some lavender for this area which adds a lovely splash of colour and smells beautiful. Children worked with Katie Netley to design and create the wonderful nature themed totem pole. If you look closely, you can see lots of creatures and a 50 at the top of the pole. Miss Channon spent a weekend sawing 200 tree cookies and each child designed and decorated one of these with a design to show what MPS means to them. Becky and Mike Simpson then varnished all 200 and attached them to the fence! A huge thank you to all the people who have been involved in this project so far. Keep your eyes peeled for further additions in the Autumn term.



On Monday I met the new vicar of Midhurst Parish Church, Reverend Marcus Collie. We spent a long time chatting about Midhurst and the school, as well as meeting staff and pupils. Marcus will be in his new post ready to work with the school from September, both as a school governor, vicar and friend. Exciting stuff!

Reception braved what was forecast to be terrible weather for their beach trip on Tuesday. They were dressed and ready to face the storms, but managed to nearly avoid the rain completely! Children spent time playing on the sand - digging holes, making sandcastles and paddling in the sea. They hid in the minibuses to eat lunch, before going on a slightly rainy walk along East Head and throwing stones in the sea. Everyone had a fantastic day and are all looking forward to beach trip take two on the 14th!



Many thanks to those parents and children who braved the downpours and popped into school to meet teachers current and new, as well as look at children's work at Open Evening. There was a steady trickle of people and the evening had a lovely feel to it with a full house of new staff joining the school in September. Mr Jefferson, the newly appointed headteacher, was busy chatting to parents, children and staff, alongside Mrs Apperley and Mr Jones who are joining the teaching team in Y3 and Y6 respectively. While it is strange for those of us who are leaving soon, it is lovely for us all to be part of the handover process.

The school had felt a little empty on Tuesday as most of our Year 6 children spent the day up at MRC for their transition. On Wednesday all our other classes had the first of two mini transition lessons when they all moved up a year for one lesson with their new teacher(s). As I walked round the school all children appeared to be happy and settled in their new surroundings, busy doing activities that will be used for their return to school in September. We know change is hard and these transition sessions are arranged to support children with this – but there will be wobbles. Please do come and see us if you have any concerns, we will always do our best to help.

On Thursday, we had a visit from Image Musical Theatre, who came to perform *Wind in the Willows* to the children. The morning started with a whole school workshop, in which everyone learnt some songs and actions for the show. Eleven lucky volunteers got to do a separate acting workshop, as they had a main part in the show! After a quick break, the school returned for the performance. The two actors from Image did an amazing job, everybody joined in with the songs they had learnt, and our eleven budding actors were brilliant in their roles, remembering their lines perfectly. I gather Mr Aldren and Mr Ind put in a special appearance as 'weasels', which added to



the fun! It was a real end of year treat enjoyed by all. See below for a few more photos!

On Thursday morning we sent 2 teams to play at the Rother Valley Rounders Tournament. Having won this last year, the pressure was on to repeat this victory. Both teams played brilliantly, showing excellent batting and fielding skills, brilliant teamwork and good sportsmanship. I'm pleased to say, after a very close final, we were the winners AGAIN! A huge well done to all 22 children who represented the school admirably.



In the afternoon I took the Year 2 woods group up to Woolbeding for my final ever forest schools session. Mrs Alden joined us as she is currently in the middle of training up as a leader, which will help the team when I leave. I was surprised at the end of the session with a beautiful gratitude song that the group sang to me and CAKE! What a treat!

And today is my final Sports day - the sun is shining, gazebos are up and the track is set up ready for this afternoon's races. Thank you for your support with preparing the children for the day, we do understand that while this is exciting for many, others find these days a little overwhelming. We work hard to make the day fun for all – photos and more info will follow next week.

Leavers service at church Monday 18th July

This service will be led by our Year 6 children and is an opportunity for us to say our goodbyes to all leavers across our school community. We welcome the parents of our Year 6 children to join us, the service starts at 2pm.

Report slips

Reports were out earlier in the week, I hope you have all had chance to sit and read them through with your children. SAT's results for Y6 will be out NEXT Tuesday – apologies for the delay, this is a national issue apparently stemming from the extra bank holiday during SAT's week – which we are somewhat baffled by if honest! We will share results sensitively with the children on Tuesday and of course send them home to parents too. Please do send your report slips back in, not only is this our proof that you have received your child's report, but it is also always helpful to know your thoughts on our reporting process – thank you.

****FINAL REMINDER - BC/ASC bookings open soon for the Autumn term ****

Please remember BC/ASC booking requests will open next **Monday 10th 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 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!

Update regarding the new 'My child at school' app

In early June we shared with you the news of our transfer to a new parent messaging app – MyChildAtSchool – explaining that you would be receiving activation codes alongside further information. It has been decided that this switch will now take place in September, so you can relax for now!



Uniform ordering deadline – 22nd July

We have been asked by Brigade – our school uniform stockists - to share that Saturday 22nd July is the final day for ordering uniform to be delivered to homes before the start of term in September – more info below on the Brigade poster.

Visitors to our 50th celebrations!



FAB awards last week!







**FUN AT
THE
BEACH!**

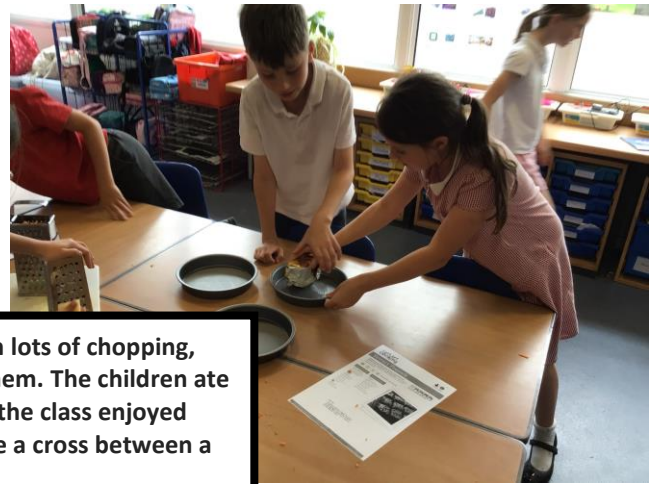




Everyone enjoying Wind in the Willows!



Year 4 made savoury flapjacks, with lots of chopping, grating and mixing before baking them. The children ate them at school and the majority of the class enjoyed them. Mylo thought they tasted like a cross between a cheese straw and an oat cake.





Woods fun!





At Midhurst Nursery Class we offer interesting, exciting and challenging activities both inside and out, with plenty of opportunities for children to use their imagination.

We will have spaces from this September for children aged 2-5 years. We run term time morning sessions with several afternoon sessions available for older children.

If you are looking for a preschool for your child, why not contact us to come and look round and see for yourself.

Tel: 07599 905611

Email: mnclass@hotmail.co.uk



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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

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**IMPORTANT
SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER
INFORMATION**

Place your order before **22nd July**
for delivery before the
start of term



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HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

CHEST: Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing the tape close up under the arms.

COLLAR: Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth

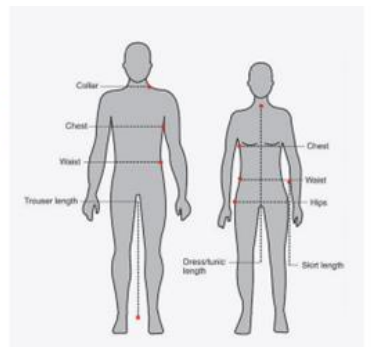
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

TROUSER LENGTH: Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

HIPS: Measure around your hips, 20cm (8") below your natural waistline.

SKIRT LENGTH: Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem

DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH: Measure from nape of neck to length required.



HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto www.brigade.uk.com
2. Click on the parents click to order button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

£3.99 delivery fee applied for all orders

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON
SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS**

July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers!

Place your order BEFORE 22nd July for delivery before the start of term.

We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term.

**ORDER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY
FOR FASTER DELIVERY!**

FREE! FAMILY DAY

Sunday 30th July 2023

St. Ann's Hill & Old Library

10am - 4pm



Join Midhurst's Climate Action Network in a day of celebration and learning around climate change and sustainable living.

Bring a picnic!

Have a fun filled day of games, activities and new skills. There are prizes to be won!

Find out more www.mi-can.co.uk





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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



**BOOK
HERE**



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 15th / Weds 16th

Mon 21st / Tues 22nd

Tues 29th / Weds 30th



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
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



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.





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

*Paid-for places are also available