



FRIDAY FLYER



Welcome back to the new term! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. The break seems to have flown by and already we have settled into the new year.

So, I'm sure many of you have noticed from either your child or your My Child At School app, we have made a number of changes to the school structure this term. Our school council, made up of two children from each class nominated by their peers, is a much valued voice in how our school is run. Early last term the council asked if we would consider changing the names of both our classes and houses to match the importance the children place in our forest schools activity. We were really happy to do this and after lots of class discussion throughout last term our class names have now changed.

Reception become **Acorns**

Year 1 become **Birch Class**

Year 2 become **Hazel Class**

Year 3 become **Maple Class**

Year 4 become **Beech Class**

Year 5 become **Pine Class**

Year 6 become **Oak Class**

The children have put a lot of thought into the choice of trees. All of them are indigenous to the South Downs and I think it is a super to have Acorns at the beginning of our school journey growing to our mighty Oaks in Year 6!

Next come our Houses and the children have opted for local rivers.

Red House becomes **Arun House**

Yellow House becomes **Lavant House**

Green House becomes **Rother House**

Blue House becomes **Wey House**

Also new for this term is not only our Spring Half Term Clubs list but also the way clubs are booked. **ALL** clubs must now be booked via our parent app MCAS (MyChildAtSchool). To book a club log on to the MCAS Parent App then Go To > Clubs, then Go To > Available Clubs.

Clubs available this half of term are

Name of Club	Years	Teacher	Day	Time	Max no of participants
Match of the Day	5 and 6	Mr Ind	Tuesday	12.30 – 1pm	15
School Choir	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr Jefferson	Wednesday	3.30 – 4.15pm	40
Makaton Club	R, 1 and 2	Miss Channon	Thursday	12.30 – 1pm	15
Craft Club	5 and 6	Mrs Chance	Friday	12.30 – 1pm	15
Running Club	3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Alden	Friday	3.30 – 4.15pm	50
Maths Booster	6	Mr Jones	Monday	3.25 – 4.15pm	5
Maths Booster	6	Mr Jones	Tuesday	8 – 8.45am	8

The clubs list changes every half term so watch this space for new clubs appearing after half term.

Our external partners also offer clubs throughout the week. Aspire offer a football club on Tuesday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30pm for children from Acorns through to Oak Class. Bookings can be made via their website www.aspirecoaching.org.uk.

Figure23 Dance Clubs take place on Monday and Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm for children from Acorns to Oak Class. Bookings can be made at www.calengoo.com/booking/figure_23_dance/

We are also excited to offer ArtSMASH an after-school art club on Wednesday afternoons between 3.30 and 4.30pm. This starts next Wednesday 10th January. This will be run by local professional artist Leticia Silva dos Santos. The cost for each session is £12 or £10 per session if booking the half-term in advance. Please take a look at the flyer lower down to see more details or even contact Letitia on leticia_artist@hotmail.com

Whilst I am on the subject of our MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app, I would impress on you the importance of downloading and using the app either on your phone or logging on via your desktop browser. Many of our school operations have now moved to a more automated system on MCAS, such as Breakfast and After School Care, Trips and general contact details. From now Parents Evenings will only be able to be booked via the MCAS app. Our March Parents Consultations are now uploaded to the MCAS app and booking will open on the 1st day of March. This seems quite early notice but I feel it worthy as it gives you all time to download the app and make sure it is working for you, particularly as the only way to book clubs for your children is to log on to the app.

If you are having problems with the app please do contact us in the office or email office@midhurstprimary.co.uk

With every best wish

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UNIFORM REMINDERS

As we start the new year I think it appropriate to remind everyone of our uniform requirements. I have noticed a number of non-uniform items coming into school recently, particularly rings, jewellery and various coloured hoodies. Please take a look at our uniform requirements below.

Uniform:

Girls
White blouse or polo shirt
School sweatshirt/cardigan or red jumper/cardigan
Grey/Black skirt or pinafore dress.
Grey/Black trousers
Summer dresses are red/white striped or checked
Red school fleece

Boys
White shirt or polo shirt
School sweatshirt or red jumper
Grey/Black trousers/shorts
Red school fleece

P.E.Kit:

Boys and Girls
Plimsolls
Black shorts
House coloured (or white) PE top
Boot bag

Hair, Jewellery etc.

No jewellery allowed except for a watch and only small, plain studs if children have pierced ears. These need to be covered with tape during PE.
Watches – to be analogue or digital. No smart watches. Fitbits are allowed.
Hair accessories are to be kept to a discreet minimum.
Dyed hair or shaved tramlines are not allowed.
Nail varnish **should not** be worn in school.

Mobile Phones Only Year 5 and 6 pupils may bring phones to school but this is at their own risk. However, the pupil must agree to hand the phone into an adult during school hours. The school will not accept responsibility for the phone at any point.

After agreement with the school, other pupils are allowed to bring a mobile to school in certain circumstances. For instance, travelling to school by themselves and young carers who need to be contactable.

If pupils are allowed to bring phones to school they must be handed to the school office on arrival, or to the class teacher.

Pupils are not permitted to access their phones during the day unless there are extenuating circumstances. If phones are seen being used in school they will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the school office at the end of the day.

If you wish your child to bring a mobile to school you will need to get a mobile agreement from the office and return it signed.

A REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

If anybody has any plastic carrier bags they no longer need the office staff would gladly take them off your hands! Thank you

OUR AMAZINGLY RESILIENT YEAR 5s ENJOYING THEIR FIRST SOGGY BUT FUN FOREST SCHOOL SESSION



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event /Activity	Details
Monday 8 th Jan	Year 1 & 3 PE today Year 5 trip to D-Day Museum Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit See letter for more details 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 9 th Jan	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today Aspire football club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 10 th Jan	Year 1 & 2 PE today Year 6 trip to D-Day Museum Choir club ArtSMASH	Don't forget your PE kit See letter for more details 3.30 - 4.15pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 11 th Jan	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Little woods forest schools Big woods forest schools PTA meeting Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 4 Year 2 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 Group 1 (please bring kit in) 3.30pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 12 th Jan	Year 4 & 5 PE today Big woods forest schools Cross country club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) 3.30 - 4.15pm
Monday 15 th Jan	Year 1 & 3 PE today Dance club	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 16 th Jan	Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 PE today Year 4 & 5 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre Aspire football club	Don't forget your PE kit Children's concert - see letter for more details 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 17 th Jan	Year 1 & 2 PE today Choir club ArtSMASH	Don't forget your PE kit 3.30 - 4.15pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 18 th Jan	Years 3 & 6 PE today Swimming Little woods forest schools Big woods forest schools	Don't forget your PE kit Year 4 am Year 2 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) Year 5 Group 1 (please bring kit in)

	Dance club	3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 19 th Jan	Year 4 & 5 PE today Big woods forest schools Cross country club	Don't forget your PE kit Year 3 Group 1 (please wear kit and bring uniform) 3.30 - 4.15pm

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!



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CENSUS DAY!

18TH JANUARY 2024

MENU

Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice

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Peas or Salad

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Chocolate Brownie

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school funding, so lets come together to support your school.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL ON PARENTPAY, BY 4/01/24.
*SPECIAL DIETS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SIGNED OFF MENU.**



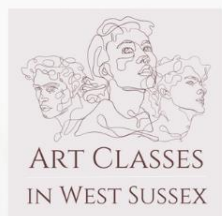
ArtSMASH

After-school Art Club at
Midhurst C of E Primary School
with local professional artist
Leticia Silva dos Santos

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm
Starting the 10th January 2024, term-time only

£12 per session, or £10 per session
if booking the full half-term in advance.

Enquiries:
leticia_artist@hotmail.com.



Our after school art club introduces and develops artistic techniques in children. Each half term is themed with multiple projects being produced across the weeks.

These sessions are run by professional artist Leticia Silva dos Santos with extensive planning to make the most of the children's learning journeys. A variety of techniques & materials will be taught, including printmaking, modelling, textiles, collage, sewing, drawing & painting.



LET'S CHAT!



An informal English discussion group for anyone with English as an additional language

Everyone
welcome!

Drop-in!

Refreshments
provided!

Every Friday from 5th January 2024
3.30pm-4.15pm



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