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Gossops Green News

8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new Reception parents/carers, whose children started school yesterday and today. We all recognise that this can be an exciting time but also an emotional one as you handover your child to our care and nurture for the next seven years. You'll be surprised how quickly this time goes – just ask one of our Year 6 parent or carers!

I hope that despite the extreme heat, the children enjoyed their first week back, getting back into routines and seeing friends again.

We had a lot of work carried out over the holidays which will improve the day-to-day experiences of the children. Three classrooms were completely refurbished and decorated, the outdoor learning areas in Year 1 and Reception have been improved with extra equipment/apparatus and new Astroturf laid, and of course, the KS1 playground is now double the size and re-tarmacked too. The younger children can't believe how much space they now have, and it has been wonderful to see them play and enjoy all the new additions.

We hope as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom and where the children spend their time learning Monday to Friday. This week Year 6 and Year 1 had this opportunity and next week, Year 2 (11th Sept), Year 3 (13th Sept) and Year 4 (14th Sept) are welcome to come into school at the end of the day, with Year 5 invited on Monday 18th Sept.

Thank you for all your support with providing the correct uniform and for getting the children in school, on time and ready to learn. We look forward to working with you all year to do the best we can as a team to have a successful and happy school.

Mrs Dunne
Principal

Year 6 Residential

Next week, our Year 6 head out on their residential. The weather is looking good so we hope that they all have a lovely time!



Clubs for next week

Our Net Games club next Thursday morning for Years 3 and 5 will need to be cancelled as Mrs Dixon is on the Year 6 residential next week – sorry for any inconvenience. We have managed to cover the other clubs so these can start as usual. Thank you to Miss Scovell, Miss True and Mrs Jewell who will be covering these.

There are still a few spaces in the following free clubs; please book your child's space through Arbor:

- Year 3/5 net games on a Thursday morning
- Year 5/6 dodgeball on a Monday morning



Transition Tips



Starting a new school year is a big step for both children and parents. Here are five attachment tips, put together by Minds Ahead, to help you support your children during this transition:

1. Create a Positive Morning Routine

Establish a consistent morning routine that includes quality time with your child before school. This can include having breakfast together, talking about the day ahead, and engaging in a calming activity like reading a book or playing a quiet game. A positive start to the day can set a cheerful tone for the rest of the school hours.

2. Open Communication Channels

Encourage your child to express their feelings and concerns about starting school. Listen actively and validate their emotions, whether they're excited, nervous, or unsure. Create an open environment where they feel comfortable discussing their experiences and any challenges they might be facing.

3. Stay Involved in Their School Life

Attend school events, parent-teacher conferences, and other opportunities to engage with your child's school community. Volunteering or participating in school activities can help you become familiar with your child's daily routine and surroundings, fostering a sense of security.

4. Establish a Reassuring Goodbye Ritual

Develop a special goodbye ritual that you and your child can follow when dropping them off at school. This could be a short, reassuring phrase or gesture that signifies your love and support. Consistency in this routine can help ease separation anxiety and make goodbyes smoother.

5. Introduce Independence Gradually

Encourage your child's independence by involving them in age-appropriate tasks related to school. Let them pick out their clothes, pack their backpack, and organise their belongings. Gradually allowing them to take on responsibilities can boost their confidence and sense of control.

Reminders

- Please be considerate where you park at pick up and drop off time – these photos are from this afternoon. Please do not park in the Community Centre car park at the beginning or end of the school day, unless you have a Giggle and Grow child too.
- Scooters and bikes can be left in the appropriate shelters during the school day. Please note that these are left at your own risk so we do recommend the use of a bike lock.



Termly Overviews

Please find attached to this newsletter the termly overview for your child's year group, informing you of what they will be learning and how you can help at home.

Newsletter change

Going forward, Gossops Green News will be sent home fortnightly rather than weekly.

Storm Basketball Club

Storm Basketball Foundation will, once again, be running a Basketball Club for children in Year 4, 5 and 6 on a Monday afternoon from 3:10 – 4.10pm. This will be run by experienced basketball coaches and will take place on the KS2 playground (unless the weather is very wet, in which case, they will move to a classroom). The cost will be £45 for the term, which should be paid directly to the club. There is no discount for children eligible for Pupil Premium as this is a paid club. To sign up your child, please click on the following link:

[Schools Club Sign Ups 23/24](#)



Macmillan Cake Sale

We will be holding our annual Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support on Thursday 28th September after school. We will be selling cakes in three areas – Reception outside area, Key Stage 1 playground and Key Stage 2 playground. Last year we raised over £900 for this worthy cause.

For the sale to be a success, we need donations of homemade or bought cakes (please provide ingredients for homemade cakes in case of food allergies) as well as your custom on the day please.



Single Point of Access

A new 'Single Point of Access' (SPOA) webpage has been created to help young people in West Sussex gain access to the best possible support.

There are lots of services out there, and each service has a different way to access it, meaning that it can be really difficult to know how to get help for children and young people around their emotional wellbeing and mental health. Some of these services have come together to look at referrals from children and young people, and work alongside one another to help people access the support they need. This also means the child or young person doesn't have to tell their story multiple times, and can focus on finding the right help, at the right time.

If you think that your child might benefit from help with their emotional wellbeing or mental health, please do look at this site, which can be accessed by clicking on the poster below or at [Getting Support - e-wellbeing](#).

The poster is titled 'Single Point of Access (SPOA)' and features logos for e-wellbeing, YMCA DIALOGUE, NHS Sussex Partnership, and the YMCA. It is divided into three main sections: WHAT?, WHO?, and HOW?. The WHAT? section states that SPOA gives young people a simple route to mental health support. The WHO? section specifies that it is for young people in West Sussex aged 4 to 17. The HOW? section explains that users complete an online referral form to be directed to the best support. Below these sections, there are several callouts: 'Young people have asked:' with three speech bubbles asking about anxiety, too many forms, and who to ask; a smartphone showing the referral form; a 'Did You Know...' bubble stating that 85% of young people found online support useful; and a section for urgent support with a 'CLICK HERE TO GET HELP' button and a video link for privacy concerns. The bottom left corner includes the SPOA logo and a note about emotional wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people.

WHAT?
SPOA gives young people a simple route to the mental health support they need

WHO?
Young people in West Sussex, between the ages of 4 and 17

HOW?
Complete an online referral form to be directed to the best possible support

Young people have asked:

- I feel anxious; where can I get support?
- Why do I have to fill in so many forms?
- Who can help me through this difficult time?

Did You Know...
85% of young people* said online mental health support was useful!

Do you need urgent support?
[CLICK HERE TO GET HELP](#)

Privacy & Confidentiality
Concerned about your privacy? Watch this video!

*According to the 2021 Pan-Sussex Children & Young People's Mental Health Digital Review

PE Days

A reminder that Year groups will have PE on the following days this year:

Reception – Thursday only

Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 – Monday and Thursday

Year 6 – Monday and Friday



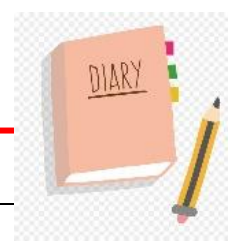
Sports Kit

Could anyone who has any sports tournament kits (Sainsbury's green or Gossops Green logo green and white striped football kits) please return them to the office.

Meet the Teacher

We hope that you find the Meet the Teacher sessions helpful. These are held in your child's classroom. Year 2 parents can enter the building through the classroom door. Please can KS2 parents enter through the office.

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023



A full list of dates for this term are below.

11 th – 15 th September	Year 6 Residential
Monday 11 th September	Before and after-school clubs start (except Net Games)
Monday 11 th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 12 th September	4PS first swimming session at K2
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Monday 18 th September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 21 st September	Net Games Club starts
Friday 22 nd September	Year group parent information Powerpoints sent home
Friday 29 th September	Year 6 Junior Citizen (in school time)
Monday 2 nd October	Kingfisher Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Tuesday 3 rd October	Robin Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Wednesday 4 th October	Woodpecker Class Harvest Performance to parents; 9:15-9:45am
Thursday 5 th October	Census Day – all KS1 and EYFS children signed up for a hot school meal on this day
Thursday 5 th October	Individual and sibling school photographs
Tuesday 10 th October	Reception parents visit the classroom event; 2:30 – 3pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu vaccinations in school
Wednesday 11 th October	KS1 Autumn Disco (after school)
Thursday 19 th October	Reception 6-weeks in meeting for Reception parents 9-10am
Thursday 19 th October	KS2 Autumn Discos (after school)
21 st – 29 th October	Half Term

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 4 September 2023.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

- Do you think, for whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 04 September 2023.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:

Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 02 October 2023.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Monday 15 January 2024.

For more information on the admissions process:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org

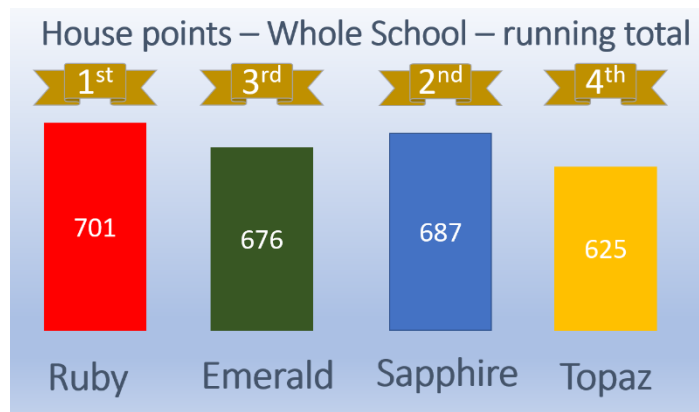
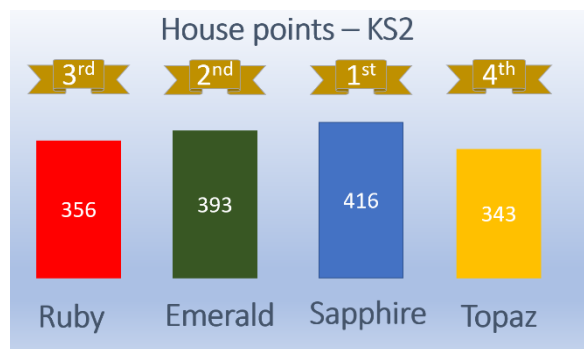
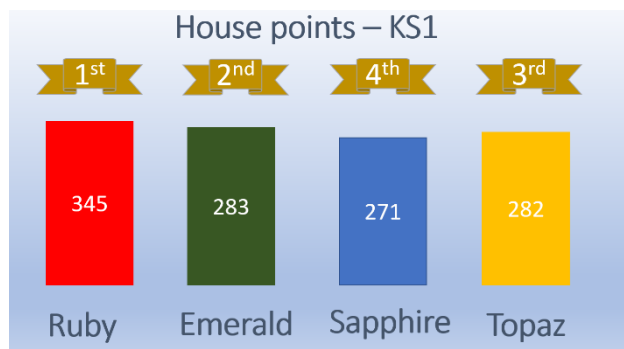




Praise Page!



House points



TimesTable Rockstars

Our TTR competition will start again next week!

