



Gossops Green News



15th December 2023

Christmas Performances and Events

Congratulations to all of the children who have put on such spectacular Christmas Performances over the last two weeks. They have all worked so hard and we hope that the audiences enjoyed them too. We also hope that the children enjoyed their Christmas Cinema Night / Christmas Parties, Christmas Lunch and Talent Shows – it has been a busy few weeks!



Welcome and Goodbye



Today, we have said goodbye to Miss Totman and Mrs Bradbury. Both ladies have been valued members of the staff team for several years and will be missed by the children and all of the staff. We hope that they are both very happy in their new roles.



In their place, we welcome Miss Everitt, who will be teaching 5JE and Miss Miller, who will become the main class teacher in 6SM.

Sports Success

Well done to everyone who has represented Gossops Green this term. In the Spring Term, there are more opportunities for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 to represent the school.

Inter-school events

Well done to the Year 5/6 indoor football players, who had great fun playing lots of matches against other school, learning to pass, tackle and save goals.

Also, well done to the Year 4 Hockey Team, who enjoyed participating in a number of skill-based activities, followed by some friendly matches, scoring goals, passing and tackling.

Finally, well done to the Year 6 basketballers, who represented the school at ICC yesterday.

Great effort all round!







Ballet Success

Congratulations to Lucy who passed her ballet exam with merit!

Crawley Football League

The girls' team have completed the first round and won all 3 matches. The boys' team have completed two rounds and have won 2 and drawn 4 matches. The next round of league matches take place in January.



Cricket Matches

In the Spring and Summer, we have entered a number of cricket matches. For your son/daughter to be selected for these matches they must attend either Monday morning cricket club or Tuesday after school club (girls only). Attendance at these clubs is essential to practice batting and bowling techniques for the matches. There is currently space in both clubs so please sign your child up via Arbor.

School Clubs

Our termly clubs' letter was sent home earlier this week and Year 1/2 Gymnastics (pm) and Choir are already full. There are still places in the other school-run clubs; please log onto Arbor to reserve your child's space.



We also have outside providers – Storm Basketball Club, Crawley Town FC and Cheneler Dance – who run clubs in school; please contact these providers directly if your child is interested in attending these clubs.

Pre-loved uniform – help needed

Do you have half an hour to spare every week? We are fortunate to have lots of pre-loved uniform donated to us but we would love to have someone who can come into school to organise this into sizes and types. If you think that you can help, please contact the school office. Please be aware that you will need a DBS check.

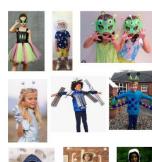
In the meantime, if your child would like any pre-loved uniform, please email the office and we will see if we have any in stock.



Year 1 Space Day

On the 4th January, to celebrate the start of our 'Moon Zoom!' topic, we would like our Year 1 superstars to come into school in space/ alien costumes or wear an accessory.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of space activities. If you are unable to source an accessory or costume, please speak to your child's class teacher before the day.







Sickness

If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, please ensure that you keep them off of school for at least 48 hours after their last bout to protect other children and staff.



Staff Car Park



Due to a recent incident, we will no longer be able to allow any parents to drive into the staff car park. If you need to access the office, please park outside the gates and walk onto the site through the pedestrian entrance.

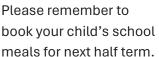
Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew

A reminder that bookings for the week beginning 2nd January 2024 are now closed.



Please do not try and book your child a space over the school holidays as we will not be able to honour these.

School meals





We are hoping to move from ParentPay to Arbor for booking our meals after February half term so you will only be able to book until half term.

Dates for your Diary

Black – whole school event / Green – EYFS and Key Stage 1 event Blue – Lower Key Stage 2 event (Years 3 and 4) / Red – Upper Key Stage 2 event (Years 5 and 6)

Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term
16 th – 31 st December	Christmas Holidays
Monday 1 st January 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Spring Term Starts
Thursday 4 th January	Year 1 Space Day
Week beg. Monday 8 th January	School sports clubs and choir start
Tuesday 9 th January	4WL swimming starts
Thursday 18 th January	Census day – ALL EYFS/KS1 children will have a hot meal booked for this day
Friday 9 th February	Dress to Express Day
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
4 th and 5 th March	Book Fair in School
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day celebrated in school
Monday 18 th March	Parents' Evening – Online
Tuesday 19 th March	4WL last swim
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening – Online
Monday 25 th March	No school clubs this week (except Breakfast Club and Cygnets)
Monday 25 th March	2pm Year 5 Easter Show – parents invited to watch (class TBC)
Tuesday 26 th March	2pm Year 5 Easter Show – parents invited to watch (class TBC)
Tuesday 26 th March	Reports sent home
Wednesday 27 th March	2pm Year 5 Easter Show – parents invited to watch (class TBC)
Wednesday 27 th March	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 27 th March	Last Day of Term
Thursday 28 th March	INSET – school closed for pupils
29 th March – 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Summer Term Starts





Winter Timetable: Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles'



If you are a parent or care giver to a child or young person and supporting them with their mental health, you may feel alone at times and need some support.

Did you know peer support from others who are experiencing similar situations can help with increasing confidence and learning new skills like coping with challenges? We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience, who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

The Parents Service at West Sussex Mind has lots more to offer:

- Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, i.e. Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking, Supporting siblings and more...
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us at:

ADUR (Lancing)

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ

- THURSDAYS 22/02/24 and 14/03/24
- AFTERNOONS 12:30-14:00

ARUN (Bognor Regis)

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove, Bognor Regis PO22 9HT

- THURSDAYS 18/01/24 and 21/03/24
- MORNINGS 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Crawley)

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley RH11 8XW

- TUESDAYS 02/01/24; 06/02/24; 05/03/24
- MORNINGS 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Horsham)

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN

- TUESDAYS 09/01/24; 20/02/24; 12/03/24
- AFTERNOONS 13:00-14:30

WEST (Midhurst)

South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst GU29 9DH

- TUESDAYS 30/01/24; 27/02/24; 26/03/24
- MORNINGS 10:30-12:00

WORTHING

Methold House (The Annexe), North Road, Worthing BN11 1DU

- TUESDAYS 23/01/24 and 19/03/24
- MORNINGS 10:30-12:00

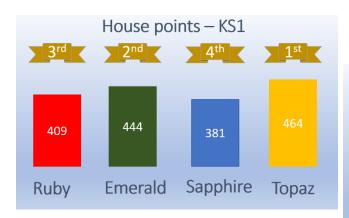
To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups.

Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org



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Times Table Rockstars





