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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year, or if you are a parent or carer new to Wivelsfield School, welcome to our community.

Thank you to everyone who supported the School Fair last Saturday and helped to make it such a success. The PTA raised in the region of a fantastic £2800. Thank you PTA. This was the final big school event that Wendy Rees organised, so on behalf of myself and all the school community, a huge thank you to her for her unwavering dedication and enthusiasm in supporting the school over so many years.

The next PTA event is Books at Bedtime and the AGM. More information will follow shortly.

You should all have received a calendar of events for the year, which I hope you find useful.

INSET Days

Please pay particular attention to the dates of the three INSET days for the rest of the year:

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 3rd January (not 2nd as shown on the calendar of events)

Friday 21st July

Harvest Celebration - Tuesday 4th September

As last year, we will be holding two harvest assemblies: one for Robins, Hedgehogs and Rabbits, followed by Key Stage Two's celebration.

Robins, Hedgehogs, Rabbits: Tuesday 4th October 9.15am

Foxes, Otters, Badgers, Owls: Tuesday 4th October 10.15 pm (please note the slightly earlier time than previously advertised)

Robins Classes will still be very new to school, but they are busy learning a song and we hope they are able to stay for the whole of their celebration. If needed, they may leave early to go back to their classroom.



As always, we are asking for donations of food. Please can your children bring their donations of non-perishable food to class at the start of the school day. All children will then take their gift into the hall at the start of their harvest celebration. We are again contributing the food to Burgess Hill Foodbank and below is a list of foods that would be particularly welcome.

Suggested donations:

Milk (long life or powdered), tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned spaghetti, fruit juice, bottles of squash, breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, tinned meat/meat pies/fish, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, instant mashed potatoes, rice, rice pudding, semolina, custard, tins of filled pasta e.g. ravioli, jam, marmalade, chocolate spread, tomatoes – tins and cartons, crackers, crispbreads.

In anticipation of your generosity: **THANK YOU!**

Parents meetings with teachers

17th October Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm (not Otters)

18th October Parents Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm

19th October Parents Evening 2.00pm - 5.00pm (Otters only)

All teachers will be based in the hall and classrooms will be open so you can look at your child's work. (different arrangements for Otters on 19th October) As usual, we are inviting pupils in **Years 5 and 6** to accompany their parents to the meeting with their teacher. This means they are more fully involved in understanding their strengths and ways forward for both learning and wider school life.

From **Monday 10th October**, you will be able to book your consultation time via a link on our website. Mrs Milton will send out any instructions for this in due course.

1st and 2nd November (Term 2) Appointments available with Ms Reilly (SENCo) for parents and carers of children who are on the SEN register). Booking arrangements to be advised.

Parking and Safety of Pedestrians

Unless you are a blue badge holder, you must not park or drop off your children by the gates of the main school entrance. It is not safe for pedestrians walking into school if you reverse out or swing round to leave. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Staff News

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Gemma Rogers and Mrs Sarah Theakestone have been appointed as Kingfishers After School Club leaders and will start as soon as the necessary paper work is completed. They will be supported by Mrs Martin on a couple of days each week. In the meantime, Mrs Martin and Mrs Shorter will continue to lead Kingfishers Club. Thank you to both of them for helping out in this way.

We have also appointed a new Forest School leader, Mrs Hilary Attfield. Foxes Class helped us in the interview process and some of them made lovely teasel hedgehogs in the session she led. We will let you know timetables and arrangements for Forest School as soon as possible.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life. I am generally available for a quick chat near the main entrance Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the start of the day, or at the gate in the afternoons. If you need a longer meeting, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Helen Smith
Headteacher