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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of this Autumn term. I hope you all enjoyed the break.

Parent Consultation Evenings - We have two formal parent consultation evenings for parents of children in years 3 – 7 scheduled for Tuesday 29th November from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m. and Thursday 1st December from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m. The appointments will be planned on the basis that they will be a maximum of 10 minutes to allow you to discuss your child's progress to date with the teacher. Appointment booking forms for each class in years 3 to 7 will be available in the science lab daily between 8.25 and 8.50 a.m. from Monday 7th to Friday 11th November for parents and guardians to select an appointment time with the class teacher. If you are unable to come in during these times please telephone the school for details of available times and to book appointments.

The Early Years, year 1 and 2 teachers have contacted parents separately about their parent consultation appointments.

Please remember that consultation evenings like these are formal occasions which enable you to see the teacher. You can always make appointments to see a member of staff at any time throughout the year.

Industrial Action – 30th November 2011 – You will no doubt have seen on the news that the public sector unions are balloting their members on whether to take industrial action in protest of changes to pensions. If the proposed strike proceeds it is likely to take place on 30th November. I will not know until much nearer the date whether we will have a sufficient number of staff, including qualified first aiders, to keep the school open on this date but wanted to give you as much notice as possible in case the school is forced to close on 30th November.

Parent Governor – I am very pleased to announce that Mr. Frazer Mackay has been elected as a Parent Governor and will serve a four-year term of office. Governors are looking forward to welcoming him to the meeting of the governing body next week. We are very grateful to parents who put themselves forward for this important role. If you are interested in such a position and would like to find out more information about what the role involves please contact Mrs. Churchill in the office.

Our five parent governors are:

Mrs. Mandy Ainsworth (children in years 6 and 2)

Mrs. Karen Cook (child in year 5)

Mrs. Sarah Haywood (children in years 4 and 5)

Mr. Frazer Mackay (child in Early Years)

Mr. Alex Medwell (children in years 5 and 3)

Remembrance Day Assemblies – Year 7 will be leading the school's remembrance assemblies on Friday 11th November, including the minute's silence. As in previous years, the Year 7s are also offering

British Legion poppies. Children are invited to bring a donation to school and the Year 7 students will visit classrooms making the poppies available.

Sporting News

Inter-House Cross Country – After the success of our inter-house cross country event in September, we are holding a second competition next Wednesday 9th November. Once again every child in the school will be encouraged to take part in a race suitable for their age and ability. Year groups will compete throughout the day, winning points for their house.

We aim to run the event whatever the weather, so please make sure your child has appropriate PE clothing and footwear. Please can pupils all bring in a t-shirt of their house colour to run in, it helps with scoring and enables the pupils to feel part of their house team.

Worthing Schools Cross Country Competition – A reminder that the Worthing Schools Cross Country Competition takes place on the morning of Saturday 19th November and once again will be held on the Gallops. Team letters will be going out this week. Mrs. Webb is organising the event this year and would really appreciate any assistance you can offer on the day. Please contact Mrs. Allen in the office if you can help. Friends of the Vale will be providing much appreciated tea/coffee and bacon rolls from the school on the day of the competition.

Year 6 Football Knock-out Cup – Our boys year 6 team made a fantastic start to their season by beating Downsbrook 8-0 last Monday. They are now through to the next stage and we look forward to hearing how they get on. A bit thank you to our coach Cally and Mrs. Tosey for supporting and training the boys.

Talent Show – Our annual talent show “Vale’s Got Talent” will be held during the Spring term and will once again be open to children in years 3 – 7. Auditions will be held early in January but I’m sure the children will want to start thinking about what they would like to do. The following are a few ideas they might like to consider: singing, acrobatics, playing an instrument, juggling, drama sketches, perform a dance, read a poem, do impersonations, comedy act or ventriloquist. The children might have other ideas too! I can’t wait to see what the children come up with.

Thriller Night – Friday 11th November

Reminder - Tickets are still available for the Thriller Night on 11th November at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £5 each and there will be a licensed bar. It’s an evening of fun for the ladies so come along and learn the Thriller dance or just come and watch the fun! Tickets are available from the reception desk now and will also be available for sale on the playground on 4th, 9th and 10th November. Fancy dress is optional. Over 18s only.

School Uniform

The children should all be wearing the winter uniform and must wear the school tie.

Some parents have queried the new p.e. uniform which is as follows:-

Dark green shorts (with house colour ribbon)

White round neck T-shirt (with school logo) either cotton or polyester wicking

Plimsolls (First School) Trainers (Middle School)

Dark green Vale School reversible waterproof fleece (with logo)

Black tracksuit trousers

Carpenter Sought – Miss McConnell would be pleased to hear from anyone with basic carpentry skills who might be willing lend us their skills. If you can help please contact Miss McConnell for more information.

Parking – We are aware that some parents are parking at High Salvington to reduce the congestion immediately outside the school at the start and end of the school day. While this is greatly appreciated, please can we ask you to consider the local residents when parking on Furze Road as the road is very

narrow and we have received reports of residents not being able to swing out of their driveways due to cars parked on the other side of the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fire Regulations

A reminder that for any school events fire regulations require the school to complete a personal emergency evacuation plan for any person with a physical disability who may require assistance in the case of an emergency. If this applies to you or someone accompanying you to a school event please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Attached is the list of clubs available to the children during this half term. Please see Mrs. Allen in the office if you have any queries regarding clubs. You need to complete a school club form for all clubs you wish your child to attend in order to secure a place. Clubs in bold also require a separate club letter to be completed and/or payment. This will be returned to you with your club confirmation. Please fill in all letters/forms for each club regardless of whether your child has already attended last term.

Flipitas Gymnastics – Flipitas is a general gymnastics club for boys and girls, all ages and abilities that runs classes every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Durrington Middle School. New classes including Freestyle are starting on Monday evenings from 7th November 2011. For further details and a free trial session visit their website www.flipitasgymnasticsclub.co.uk or contact Pippa and pippa.couch@hotmail.co.uk.

Children’s Pottery – Field Place, Goring. Make pots, models, use the wheel, glaze on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30 and 4.30-5.30 p.m. £7.50 per session. Contact Jane on 01273 844679 or email janeyskelton@googlemail.com.

Diary Dates

November 2011		
Wed 9 th November		Inter-house Cross Country
Fri 11 th November		Remembrance Assemblies
Fri 11 th November	eve	FOV Thriller Night
Sat 19 th November	a.m.	Worthing & District Schools Cross Country Competition, Gallops
Tues 29 th November	4-7 pm	Parent Consultation Appointments years 3 - 7
December 2011		
Thurs 1 st December	4-7 pm	Parent Consultation Appointments years 3 - 7
Tues 6 th December	2.00 pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"
Wed 7 th December	9.15 am & 2pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"
Thurs 8 th December	2.00 pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"
Tues 13 th December		EYFS Nativity
Thurs 15 th Dec	2.00 pm	Year 7 Carol Service at All Saints Church
February 2012		
Mon 20 th February		School closed for in-service day
June 2012		
Fri 1 st June		School closed for in-service day

SCHOOL TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Friday 2nd September – Friday 16th December 2011

Half term 24th – 28th October 2011

SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 30th March 2012

Half term 13th – 17th February 2012

SUMMER TERM 2012

Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July 2012

Half term 4th – 8th June 2012

AUTUMN TERM 2012

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December 2012

Half term 29th October – 2nd November 2012

SPRING TERM 2013

Monday 7th January – Thursday 28th March 2013

Half term 18th – 22nd February 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 15th April – Wednesday 24th July 2013

Half term 27th – 31st May 2013

Clubs – Autumn Term 2nd Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Changing	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Karate	All	Hall	Hall	3:15- 4:15pm	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Zumba	R-3	Hall	Hall	8-8:30am	Dani	£2 per session
Tues	Football	6-7	Field	TBC	3:15-4:45pm	Pro Star Soccer	£4 per session
	Netball	5	Playground	7DD	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Mckernan	None
	Brazilian Football	2-7	Field	Hall	3:15-4:15pm	Matt Wiltshire	£18 per half term
	Zumba	4-7	Hall	Hall	4:45-5:30pm <small>Please note time change from letter</small>	Dani	£2.50 per session
Wed	Kickboxing	5-7	Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Gymnastics	3-7	Hall	5MS	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Scott & Mrs Potkins	None
Thurs	Girls football	5-7	Field	7KC	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb	None
	Basketball	5	Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Worthing Thunder	£12 for 6 weeks
	Netball	3-4	Playground	4AF	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Finch	None
	Indoor athletics/running	4-7	Hall/Gallops	6EG	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb & Mr Barber	None
Friday	Football	5	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Julie Shannon	None
	Dance	R-yr 3	Hall	Hall	3:15-4pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
	Dance	3-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
	Football	4	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Jody Cutthbert Graham Pinn	None

Non-Sport Clubs – Autumn Term 2nd Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Woodwind	All	Music room	2.15-3.15pm	Mrs Govar-Nayer	Run by West Sussex
	Construction	KS1	2AP	12:30-1:00pm	Mr Pannell	None
	Art	5-6	5NV	3:15-4:15pm Every other week	Mrs Nichol	None
Tues	Piano	All	Music room	9.00am-1.00pm	Jo Keating	Run by West Sussex
	Violin	All	Music room	11.00am-12.30pm	Miss Bridgeland	Run by West Sussex
	Sewing	6	Yr 7 group	12.30-1.00pm	Mrs A. Smith	None
Wed	Acoustic Guitar	All	Music room	10.30-12.00pm	Miss Osborn	Run by West Sussex
	Sewing	5	5LK	1-1:30pm	Miss Kipping	None
	Construction	3	3SH	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Head	None
Thurs	Board games/puzzles	3-4	3JV	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Von Detten	None
	Choir	2	Hall	12:30-1pm	Mrs Granger & Miss King	None
	Countryside conservation	1-4	2/1 ATRC	12:20-1pm Every 3 weeks	Mrs Cotton & Mrs Blaker	None
Friday	Fimo Clay Modelling	6	Lab	1-1.30pm	Mrs Scott	£2
	Keyboard	All	Music room	AM	Mrs Tate	Run by West Sussex
	Drums	All years	Music room	Throughout the day	Jon Pugh	TBC
Friday	French	3-4	Lab	12:00-12:30	Fernande Finch	£4.82 per lesson + CD
	French	1-2	Lab	12:30-1:00	Fernande Finch	£4.82 per lesson + CD
	Spanish	3-4	4/3AF	3:15-4:15 pm	Tim Nicholls	

Music Clubs: Please indicate on the club confirmation form if you require the application form for a specific music lesson.