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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I do hope you all enjoyed the festive break. The staff would like to thank you very much for the generous gifts they received.

Last term we had many exciting Christmas events taking place which saw the children out in the community. Our Early Years team led a magical Nativity at Findon Valley Free Church, Year 1 & 2 performed "Are we nearly there yet", some Year 5 pupils sang at St Barnabas Hospice, Year 6 entertained the WI and Year 7 held a Carol Service at All Saints Church. Congratulations to all the children who were a credit to the school. I would also like to thank all the staff for their willingness to go the extra mile and provide these wonderful opportunities for the children.

Back in school our Year 5 pupils led two superb Christmas assemblies for middle school pupils. Thank you to the Year 5 parents who came to watch. Thank you also to everyone who came to join us on the playground for the whole school assembly. Although the sound system let us down, we coped and it was lovely to be able to spend time all together on the last afternoon of the term.

This term Year 3 and 4 will be rehearsing for their production which will be performed at the end of term.

Now that we are experiencing more wintery weather, can you please ensure your child has a coat at school each day? We do endeavour to give all children the opportunity to get some fresh air every day therefore it is vital they have suitable clothing.

We were sad to say farewell to Mrs. Louise Virgoe and Miss Naomi Hickford at the end of the last term and we wish them both every success and happiness in the future. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Anne Smith who has taken over as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 for the rest of this academic year.

Early Years Plea

Miss Leach is turning her role play area into a fire station and would be most grateful to receive any donations of fire-fighter dressing up clothes, wellington boots, fire helmets, old bits of hose, buckets etc. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A list of clubs available this term is attached to this newsletter. Please remember that you need to apply each term for a place and you will be receive written confirmation indicating whether your child has a place or is on the waiting list. Most clubs will start next week, with the following exceptions:-

- Year 3 / 4 netball will begin after half term on Thursday 23rd February with Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Northrop.
- Year 4 football will start on Friday 27th January.

- Art Club will start after half-term with Mrs. Nicholls.
- Please note that Mr. Garratt's card games club is now available to pupils in Years 5 & 6.

Dani would be delighted to welcome more children to her zumba classes on Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon.

Stars Gymnastics Clubs have lots on offer for any budding gymnasts. If you are interested in gymnastics for your child, please contact Amanda Wadman at Stars Gym Clubs (Steyning, Henfield and Lancing Leisure Centres). We take children from the age of 3½ to teens and deal in all disciplines for gymnastics including general, competitive boys and girls gymnastics, preschool, Parkour for teens and trampolining. Class times and venues are shown on our website www.starsgymclub.co.uk. Please contact Amanda Wadman by phone on 01903 800024 or email amandawadman@gmail.com for more information.

Diary Dates

January 2012		
Thurs 5 th January	12.35 pm	Year 5 & 6 Talent Show auditions
Fri 6 th January	12.35 pm	Year 7 Talent Show auditions
Tues 31 st January	eve	Talent Show
February 2012		
Wed 1 st February	eve	Talent Show
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

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 – Spring Term 1st 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		3:15-4:45pm	Cally Beaumont	None
	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 & Mrs Northrop	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 Cuthbert Graham Pinn	None

Non-Sport Clubs – Spring Term 1st 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
	Art	5-6	5NV	3:15-4:15pm Every other week	Mrs Nichol	None
	Piano	All	Music room	9.00am-1.00pm	Jo Keating	Run by West Sussex
Tues	Violin	All	Music room	08.30-10.00am	Miss Bridgeland	Run by West Sussex
	Sewing	6	Yr 7 group	12.30-1.00pm	Mrs A. Smith	None
	Acoustic Guitar	All	Music room	10.30-12.00pm	Miss Osborn	Run by West Sussex
Wed	Card Games	5-6	TBA	1.00-1.30pm	Mr. Garratt	None
	Construction	3	3SH	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Head	None
	Quiet Games	3-4	3JV	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Von Detten	None
Thurs	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
	Keyboard	All	Music room	AM	Mrs Tate	Run by West Sussex
Friday	Drums	All years	Music room	Throughout the day	Jon Pugh	TBC
	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.