

Bosham Primary School

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Dear parents / carers,
I hope you have had a good week.

Harvest Festival

Despite not being able to visit the church on Wednesday, we had a wonderful celebration out on the school field. The children sang beautifully and when each class stood up to deliver their individual piece, their voices were clear and loud enough for us all to hear. It was clear to see how hard the children had worked on their class presentations.

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations of food and toiletries; these were gratefully received by Chichester Foodbank.

Parent Governor and Staff Governor

Thank you to Jenny Brennan and Michelle Earnshaw who have stepped forward to be our parent and staff governor representatives. There were no other nominations so Jenny and Michelle have been duly elected and will join the FBG on 21st October.

Young Governors

Today I presented our Young Governors with their badges. I would like to thank all the children who stepped forward to participate in this. The process was quite rigorous and every child had an opportunity to vote for the person they thought would represent them best. We will meet next week to discuss questions they might ask our prospective deputy head when they are interviewed.

Covid 19

As you are aware, we have reported a rising number of positive Covid cases to the DfE and PHE. Following their quidance we will continue to:

- Maintain our rigorous cleaning routines
- Keep our spaces well ventilated

We have:

- Provided all parents, staff and governors with the 'Warn and Inform' letter (attached for your information)
- Increased the frequency of Lateral Flow Testing to daily for all staff
- Reintroduced strategies to reduce intergroup mixing indoors such as staggered lunch time and assemblies.

Please help us by not coming onto school property if you have Covid symptoms and please arrange for your child to be tested if they have close contact with a positive case or develop Covid symptoms.

Parents Evenings

The DfE and PHE have advised us to postpone large gatherings of people. We have, therefore decided to postpone parents' evening to after half term. We are keen to hold parents' evening face to face to give you the opportunity to come back into school and see you child's/children's class/classes. With our rising number of cases and staff absence we feel that this will not be possible next week.

Parent's evenings will now be held on <u>Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November</u>. Booking arrangements will follow. In the meantime, if you have concerns that cannot wait until after half-term, please contact us or talk to your child's teacher on the playground after school.

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Photographs

Closing date for the return of individual photographs is Tuesday 2nd November.

INSET

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 1st November for staff training.

Secondary Transfer

The closing date for applications for secondary school is 31st October, 2021.

From previous letters

Breakfast and after school club

We are now taking booking requests for the next half term. If you wish your child / children to attend any sessions and have not already booked please follow the link:

New entrants

Any parents with siblings starting school in September 2022 are reminded that the application process for school places opens on 4^{th} October, 2021. Further details can be found on

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for applications is 15th January, 2022.

Chimney

During the half term holiday, the old kitchen chimney is being removed. I have been assured that this should not cause disruption to those of you who live very near the school and anyone who lives in the immediate vicinity will be receiving a letter from the contractors.

Library areas

We are looking to re invigorate our reading areas and make them more inviting to our younger readers. If you have any cushion that you no longer use, we would be grateful if you would send them into school. They can be any shape or size but we do ask that they are clean and in good repair.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend, Kind regards,





