



Dear Parents and Carers

ADDITIONAL INSET DAY

Please be advised that on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the academy will be holding an additional INSET day for staff training. During this time we will be completing staff training to support the teaching and learning of maths across the academy. The decision to have an additional inset day is not taken lightly and we really do appreciate the impact that this can have on working parents. This inset is a key part of our strategic development as an academy and has been decided upon in conjunction with the school development team from the University of Brighton Academies Trust. If you have any comments or concerns about this, please do get in touch with us directly, rather than posting on social media, as the senior leadership team cannot respond to your concerns appropriately via Facebook etc.



Fancy Dress - World Book Day 2019 – This Monday

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We also encourage all children to bring a copy of their favourite book to school that day to share with other children. Please ensure this book has your child's name in it. The children will take part in various book related activities during the day and will also have the opportunity to mix with other children in different year groups and share their favourite stories.

As usual, children will receive a £1 World Book Day token which they will be able to use in participating bookstores to buy one of the £1 World Book Day books or to receive a £1 discount off of other children's books.

[Please find attached ideas for Costumes that may help you.](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair – Next Week

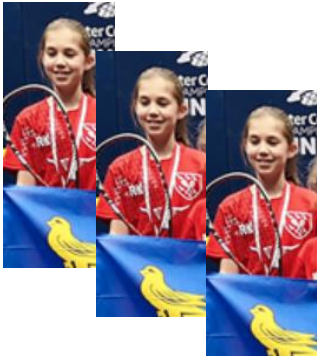
We are very excited about the Book Fair visiting next week. Your children should have brought home a flyer about the wonderful books that are available at our book fair next week.

Please come and join us after school 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. Your children will be visiting the book fair in school and may bring home a slip with a book they are interested in. You are under no obligation to purchase this book, however if you choose to, please return the slip and monies to Mrs Dabboussi in the office.



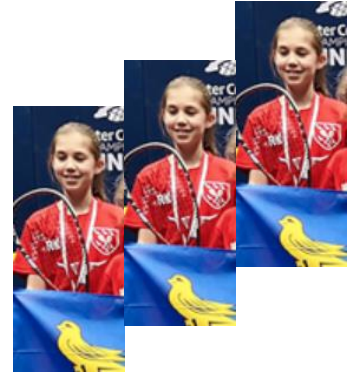
## Outstanding Payments - The Railway Children – Theatre Production

A Theatre Company will be visiting the school on June 20th to perform the classic story The Railway Children. All the students from Reception Class to Year 6 will be attending. Please ensure that you have made your £3 payment through Parentmail or through the office. If you need a new form for payment, please come to the office and collect one. This is for all children in all years (excluding nursery).



## **JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We are very proud to inform everyone that Reka Kemecei, Year 5 student from Hockney travelled to Nottingham two weeks ago as part of the West Sussex U11 team and they got into and won the final of the Inter-County Junior Squash competition.



<https://www.englandsquash.com/news/five-counties-share-junior-inter-county-honours>

She is doing so well and we are all very proud of her. Currently she is ranked number 4 on the National ranking for under 11 girls. Well done Reka!

## **WordFest – Family Day & Creative Writing Competition**

Please find attached information that has been passed to the school from West Sussex County Council. These events are not endorsed by the school, however we are passing on to you in case they are of any interest to you and your children.



## **Year 1 Walk to Tilgate Park**

We went to look for signs of Spring but also to make art work in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



## **Red Nose Day**

Just a note to say that although we will not be participating officially in Red Nose Day this year, the children are welcome to wear Red Noses if they would like to on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### Year 3 - Michelham Priory

Year 3 had a wonderful time on their trip to Michelham Priory. They enjoyed activities in the kitchen including washing, ironing, polishing and spice grinding. They also experienced life in a real life Victorian classroom, with a hand inspection on the way in and a very strict teacher who made them all sit up straight and had them writing beautifully with slate boards and pens. Behaviour was exceptional throughout the day and the children were commended by the staff and volunteers to say how lovely and polite they were. Well done Year 3!



### Mrs Mordaunt

We are very sad to say that Mrs Mordaunt will be leaving us today to move on to pastures new. She has been an asset to Desmond Anderson and has always gone above and beyond, helping with school community events and always ready to lend a hand whenever she saw the need arise. We will be very sad to see her go and wish her all the very best of luck!

### Good news!

We are delighted that Miss Pullen, the fabulous student teacher that has been in Van Gogh, finishes her training when Mrs Bates goes on maternity leave and has agreed to come back to teach the class until the end of the summer term! We are over the moon, as she is a fantastic teacher who loves Van Gogh class and this will give the children continuity as they complete Y1.



### THIS WEEK'S SUPERSTARS

Class	Superstar	Class	Superstar
Kandinsky	Dannu Estes	Klimt	Lucy Derrien
Cezanne	Isla Belle	Van Gogh	Oscar North
Mackintosh	Lacey May Shaw/Abid Mouali	Matisse	Chloe West
SSC1	Oliver Burley		
O'Keeffe	Sophie Davies	Turner	Daisy Froggatt
Monet	Zak Shala	Miró	Kelsey Wetheridge
Dali	Lee Powell	Escher	Charlie Powell
Hockney	Lewis McComb	SSC2	Tyler Smith



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

#### March

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day – Kids dress up as favourite character

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Class Photos

#### April

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Break up for Easter Holidays – 1.30 pm  
Easter Holidays  
Back to school  
KS1 Movie night  
KS2 Movie night

### May

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 - SATS Week  
**INSET DAY**  
Half Term

### June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Back to School  
Year 5 Lodge Hill Camp  
The Railway Children Theatre – Whole school event  
Summer Fair

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

### July

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Bikeability  
Transition Day/Moving Up Day  
Sports Day  
Scholastic Book Fair all week  
Reserve Sports Day  
Parents Evening  
Parents Evening  
School Discos and Year 6 Barbeque  
Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Bartram's Picnic 12.15 – School closes at 1.30 pm  
Inset Day  
Inset Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

**Have a good weekend!**

**Krista Elledge**

