



Newsletter #9  
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OFSTED says we are a GOOD school !

'Pupils bubble with enthusiasm about coming to school'- there couldn't be a better line to sum up what Desmond Anderson is all about. I am sure you all have had a chance to read the lovely report about the work that goes on at the academy. We are really proud of all the staff and children who work so hard every day and never give up and also proud of you, our families, who try hard amidst all the other pressures that you have, to support us and the children in our endeavor to provide an exciting learning experience for all. It was lovely to meet many of you at the parent evenings this week. You mentioned how proud you were of the school and felt happy that your children were being challenged and are making good progress. We still have lots to do and want to get even better. And again, we need to do this together. You can ensure that some of the basics like regular reading at home, learning time tables and spelling words are done regularly at home.

Have a good weekend everyone

Mrs M Powys

### SSC1 go on a nature visit

The children in SSC1 visited Tilgate Nature Centre last week for an education session, comparing humans to other animals. Children were able to stroke a water dragon and observe Fezziwig the barn owl. The children were able to recognise similarities and differences; humans don't have wings and can't fly but they do have two legs the same as Fezziwig.



## PTA - Christmas Fair this Friday

Mufti day (non-uniform) this year for the Christmas Jingle will take place on Friday 22nd November so children can be in comfy clothes for fun at the fair.

In exchange for the Mufti day the PTA would like to ask for donations for the tombolas

Reception and KS1 - a wrapped gift for a child (between ages 4-10)  
KS2 - a bottle - alcoholic or soft drinks.



Any queries, please email us on  
[Daapta@hotmail.com](mailto:Daapta@hotmail.com).  
*Thank you!*



### MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS - THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

The Local Board are delighted with the "GOOD" Ofsted result. Such hard work has been put in by the staff and the Inspectors were very keen to comment on how wonderful your children were. A huge well done and thank you to our whole school community.



### COFFEE MORNING

It was lovely to hear that so many of you came to Coffee Morning today. It is such a lovely opportunity to come along and meet other parents and for your children to play and have a bite to eat for breakfast.

Everyone, please feel free to come along, every Friday 8.45-9.30



### PARENTS EVENING

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING ALONG TO PARENTS' EVENING THIS WEEK AND FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN RAISING FUNDS FOR BOOKS FOR SCHOOL. IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE SO MANY OF YOU THERE.

## We welcome some visitors to our school

On Thursday we welcomed 8 Trustees from the Brighton Academies Trust to our academy. They had a tour of the school and saw our children in action in the classroom. But the highlight for them was talking to a selection of children. They were very impressed with how welcomed they felt, how hard the children were working and also how articulately the children spoke to them about their learning. Something else to be very proud of. Well done everyone !



## Hockney Class Assembly

On Thursday Hockney class shared some of their fantastic work at a whole school assembly. The written work that they did on The Highwayman was great as they used a range of very interesting vocabulary and phrases. We also saw some fantastic art work in the form of sketches and painting of the Titanic and icebergs, which is the topic that they studied. Some very impressive work Hockney Class. Keep working hard.

### Road safety code for parents

Park away from school gates  
Always hold hands with young children  
Remember – your child will copy you  
Every road means STOP, LOOK,  
LISTEN  
Never get children out of a car roadside

### School uniform

I just want to draw all parents' attention to our school uniform policy which is attached to this newsletter.

It has been noticed that some children are coming to school with trainers, not bringing in the correct PE kit , girls wearing very colourful and large headbands and inappropriate earrings. We want our children to be smart at all times as this fosters discipline and encourages confidence too.

Can you please make sure that you are sending your child appropriately dressed in their correct uniform, looking smart and ready for learning at all times .

## GIRLS:

### Summer:

Checked green dress (not striped)  
Green sweatshirt, cardigan with the school logo  
Fleece (for outdoor wear only) with the school logo  
White long or short socks  
Black school shoes **(NO TRAINERS OR SPORTS SHOES PLEASE)**

### Winter:

Plain white polo shirt with or without the school logo  
Green sweatshirt, cardigan with the school logo  
Fleece (for outdoor wear only) with the school logo  
Grey skirt, tunic or trousers  
Grey tights, or white or grey long socks  
Black school shoes **(NO BOOTS\*, NO TRAINERS OR SPORTS SHOES PLEASE)**  
NO leggings or jogging bottoms  
NO coloured socks or tights

## BOYS:

### Summer:

Plain white polo shirt with or without the school logo  
Green sweatshirt, cardigan with the school logo  
Fleece (for outdoor wear only) with the school logo  
Grey shorts or trousers  
Long or short grey socks  
Black school shoes **(NO TRAINERS OR SPORTS SHOES PLEASE)**

### Winter:

Plain white polo shirt with or without the school logo  
Green sweatshirt, cardigan with the school logo  
Fleece (for outdoor wear only) with the school logo  
Grey trousers  
Long or short grey socks  
Black school shoes **(NO BOOTS\*, NO TRAINERS OR SPORTS SHOES PLEASE)**  
NO jogging bottoms  
NO coloured socks

**Boots may be worn on snow days only, they are not suitable for daily wear in school.** Wellies may be worn to school in severe wet weather and children change into school shoes on arrival. Earrings may be worn if they are studs (not for PE). No hooped earrings. No make-up or false nails.

## Physical Education (PE)

**Children MUST have a change of clothing for PE, including outdoor footwear.** For safety reasons, jewellery must NOT be worn during PE. No earrings.

### Boys and girls:

Drawstring bag  
School white PE T-shirt with logo  
Black PE shorts  
Any (old) tracksuit for colder weather  
Black plimsolls  
(Plain swimming costume for Y4)

## Additional information:

Long hair should be tied up at all times. Extreme hairstyles e.g. dyed hair, hair gel or shaved patterns are not appropriate for school.  
All uniform items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.  
If you have any difficulty providing your child with the correct form of dress, please contact Mrs Powys, who will deal with the matter in the strictest confidence.

## Dates for your Diary

### November 2019

Monday 18th November	Year 2 Trip to British Wildlife Centre
Friday 22nd November	Mufti-Day (Non Uniform) <b>Reception and Years 1 &amp; 2</b> - a wrapped gift for a child (between ages 4-10) <b>Years 3, 4, 5, 6</b> - a bottle - alcoholic or soft drinks.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Jingle Celebration – Christmas Fair – after school until 5.00 pm

### December 2019

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R – Nativity Performance PM
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R – Nativity Performance Evening
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Governors Day/Glitter Day/Party pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	SSC1 Trip to Bluebell Railway
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations Year R-6
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 – Singalonga Evening performance
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 – Singalonga afternoon performance
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 – Singalonga Evening performance
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch - Please book online with Chartwells
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomime – Beauty & The Beast
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 & Y2 – Christmas Afternoon Performance
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 & Y2 – Christmas Evening Performance
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	SSC Christmas Celebration 1.30 (Studio)
Wed 18th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – Evening
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 & 6 – Christmas Carol Service 2.30 and 6.30
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up from school at 1.30 pm</b> <b>Christmas Holidays</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays



Stars of the week!

### KS1

Van Gogh – Isla  
Cezanne – Annabelle  
Mackintosh–Ella  
Matisse– Oscar

### KS2

O’Keeffe–Niko  
Turner–Esme  
Miro–Cameron  
Monet–Lionor  
Picasso–Connor  
Dali–Joshua  
Hockney–Beth  
Escher–Alfie  
SSC2–Teddy

### PTA

Any queries, please email us on  
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*Thank you!*



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