



Summer Term

26th April 2024

newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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Welcome

Dear All,

We hope you all had a relaxing Easter break! The summer term is now upon us and hopefully the weather will continue to improve.

We were delighted to be able to finally share our latest Ofsted report of which we are very proud! 😊

You should all have received your class curriculum information letters now, lots of exciting topics and diary of events coming up!

The Saplings breakfast and afterschool club offering has got off to a great start – further information can be found below.

Many thanks again to you all for your wonderful support for our FoTS Cake Sale which raised a fantastic amount of £195.90!!!

Please see information further in the Newsletter re. a new link to the Chartwells West Sussex website.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

If there has been any change to when you gave consent for the school to administer school kept medicine i.e. adverse reactions to paracetamol/antihistamine, please notify the School Office ASAP.

Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Jacob (Marley)
Joseph Marley
Max (Franklin)

Una (Beatles)
Tamira (Marley)
Alia (Wonder)

Isla (Beatles)
Fynn (Marley)

Ella (Franklin)

Hall of Fame

Olive (Marley)
Pollie (Franklin)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **97%**

Wonder Class: **97%**

Marley Class: **96%**

Franklin Class: **95%**

Our School Values

CARE – COURAGE – AMBITION – RESPECT – ENJOYMENT

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

Lucy was part of the cast of Legally Blonde with Sandra Wilson's School of Performing Arts over the Easter holidays . She was in the senior group and played two characters - well done Lucy!



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School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

Saplings Wraparound Care

Our brand new Breakfast Club and After School Club- "Saplings", with Matt & Pippa, has been open for 2 weeks now! It has been wonderful to see the children enthusiastic about the variety of activities on offer and how keen they are to go! Lego, junk modelling, forest school time, marble run challenges, painting, messy play, board games and construction are just a few of the things they have been up to so far. They can choose what they do during their free play time and Pippa will even hear them read if there is a quiet moment! The children enjoy a filling breakfast at Breakfast Club so there is no need to feed them beforehand and a healthy afterschool snack helps to get them through until dinner.

Quotes from Parents "Booking them into breakfast club makes our mornings so much easier"

"He loves coming to Saplings and says it is one of the best bits of his day!"

"She loves the calm, quiet drop off in the morning"

"It means I don't have to rush from work in time for 3.15"

September booking onwards is now open so don't forget to include us in your childcare arrangements for the next academic year too!

Book your child's sessions using this link: <https://bluebell-bushcraft.pembee.app>

*there is a discount for siblings

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Bone Canis (dog behaviourist) visit to Beatles class



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Year 5/6 Quad Kids Tournament

Several of our YR 5/6 children took part in an athletics event against other local schools where they had a lot of fun trying out many different activities!



Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6's learning road safety on local roads this week!



Thakeham Reporters



Charlie & Daniel - Thakeham Reporters

On the 23-25/4/24 all of Year Six did their Bikeability test. Before you were allowed to ride on the road, you had to check your air (checking if your tires had air in it), brakes and your chain which is called the ABC test. Every year six child has passed their Bikeability test and they had all got a second level Bikeability badge. As a second level rider, they can ride on single roads and use junctions.

Primary road position - taking the middle of the lane - gives you the greatest controls of your lane space. It offers the most options of avoiding most hazards and gives you other road users the best visibility. It should be used when there is not enough space for you to be overtaken (such as on narrow roads and at junctions) and when riding in the stream of traffic.

Secondary road position - giving up some of the lane - provides sufficient space and visibility when you need to share the road, riding to the left on the traffic stream should be used when there is plenty of space for the cars behind to overtake.

To pass over vehicle correctly you need to look behind and ahead and understand who has priority:

- you must observe behind and ahead before you reach the outside edge of the vehicle,
- when there is time and space in both directions you should move out and pass with enough space to clear a car doors width,
- If passing requires riding on the other side of the road you should give way to oncoming traffic, waiting behind the vehicle where you can see and be seen.

Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 6th May 2024 – Public Bank Holiday
- Monday 27th-Friday 31st May 2024 – May half term
- Friday 5th July – Sports Day and Summer Fayre
- Friday 12th July – Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on the 5th)
- Friday 19th July – Last day of term
- Monday 22nd July – Inset Day
- Tuesday 23rd July – Inset Day
- Wednesday 4th September – Return to school

Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

D-DAY
6TH JUNE

80 YEARS
1944-2024



**Menu swap with Friday 7th
June**

MAIN

Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegan Balls in Tomato Sauce and Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad

SIDES

Baked Beans or Peas

DESSERT

Chunky Chocolate Brownie



Order at www.ParentPay.com no later than Thursday 23rd May 2024
Special diet menus will remain in place



Chartwells

So much more than fantastic food

We have been listening to feedback from schools and parents, and we are very pleased to be able to share with you the brand new website link for Chartwells West Sussex:

Web: [West Sussex | Chartwells](#)

Scan me:



Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, Chartwells' direct contact details.

A vibrant illustration of various children in colorful superhero costumes. Some are flying, some are running, and some are holding up their fists in a celebratory gesture. The background is white with faint blue lightning bolt and cloud patterns.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL IS CALLING ON **CREATIVE PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN** IN THE DISTRICT TO **DESIGN A THANK YOU CARD** FOR OUR FANTASTIC **COMMUNITY HEROES**.

There are so many lovely people who make our District a great place to live. From the nicest neighbours to inspiring coaches cheering you on, we would like you to draw or paint a design to celebrate them.

The winning design will be made into cards which our Chairman will present at a special thank you tea party in June for all our wonderful local heroes!

Grown-ups can submit entries by sending in a scan or photo of the design, which should fit on a sheet of A4 paper, along with details of their little artist to: communications@horsham.gov.uk by **1 May 2024**.



Full details of the competition can be found on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/communityhero



Horsham
District
Council

NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY HERO



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES
A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?

Perhaps your postie goes the extra mile, your neighbours are there when you most need them, or your children have a coach giving it their all.

From individual impact to people with a tireless drive to serve your community, we want to say thank you to the everyday heroes of the District at a special tea party hosted by our Chairman.



NOMINATE ONLINE BY 1ST MAY AT:
WWW.HORSHAM.GOV.UK/COMMUNITYHERO



Pulborough Pop-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)

From 9am - 11am

@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact
Isla Moran 075 226 89948

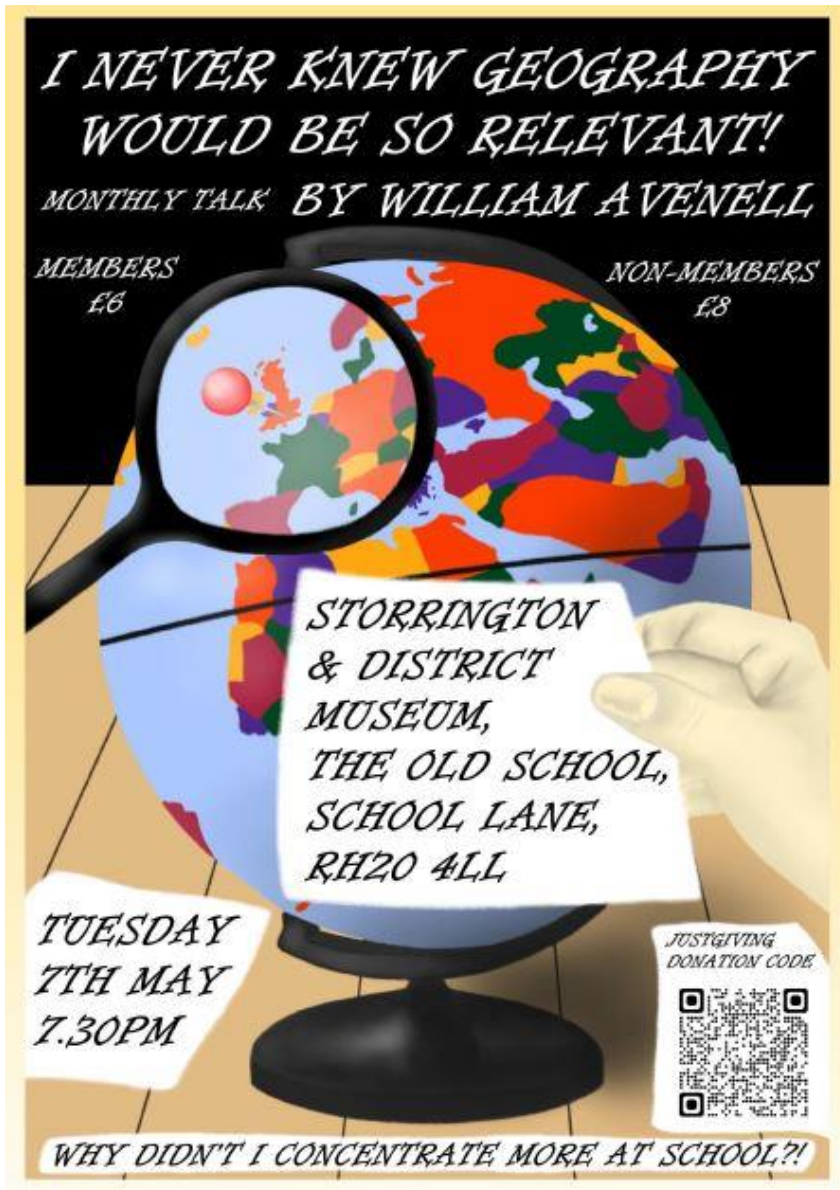
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www.pdcca.org.uk





I NEVER KNEW GEOGRAPHY WOULD BE SO RELEVANT; WHY DIDN'T I CONCENTRATE MORE AT SCHOOL
by William Avenell.

May 7th at 7.30 p.m. at Storrington Museum,

The Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL.

An amusing look at how geography impinges on our everyday life .For example, why do motorway traffic jams suddenly disappear ?

The talk has plenty of good-natured humour and demonstrates some insightful local knowledge. Bill Avenell has a passion for unusual features in the landscape. He is a specialist in topography and taught geography at a public school. Most of us were taught geography at school, but not topography, which is a field of geoscience, studying forms and features of land surfaces.

Bill will explain the impact that physical geography has made on our daily lives

Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome

A HISTORY OF CHURCH STREET, STORRINGTON

The Storrington Local History Group in conjunction with Storrington Museum are starting a project to look at the history of Church Street. When were the houses built? Who lived there? What were the shops in Church Street?

To do this, we are researching using the 1788 Bainbridge map and Apportionment, the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment, the Censuses (1841-1921), the 1910 (Lloyd George) Valuation and the 1939 Register as well as Sussex Directories and local newspapers. The Museum also

has an unrivalled collection of photographs of the street.

The research is not as straightforward as first thought as the Censuses often do not indicate house numbers or names nor indeed did the Enumerators go house by house sequentially (rather it seems they dodged around depending on who was in). The Directories are similar – no house names or numbers.

Apart from Forge House, the West Sussex Records Office has no detailed records of the houses or trades conducted. We are therefore asking if YOU or any family/relatives have any information on Church Street house history or information and/or photos of who lived there and what they did.

The History Group are planning an open day at the Museum on 1st June to see what information or knowledge local residents have of the street, which they can contribute to the project. Please do come along; you will be able to see what we have found and what we need to discover.

Any assistance you can give would be most gratefully received.

With thanks

Local History Group

Contact details:- storringtonmuseum@hotmail.co.uk



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Easter Intensive 5-day Course.
Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April

Summer Intensive 5-day Course
Monday 29th - Friday 2nd August

Cost, £80.00 per child

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These 30-minute lessons are for **children aged 4 years and over.**

We have small classes for all abilities and take place in the morning at the same time each day. Our teachers and team of Helpers are in the pool with the little ones.

To book your spot on a course email
Office Penguin; info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you 😊



Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme
offering up to date thinking and links
to research-based evidence for parent
carers of autistic children
and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication differences may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family.
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children.
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together.

Course outline:

The six sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. These recorded sessions can be watched when convenient to the family, followed by the one hour weekly group meeting. This provides opportunity to participate in discussions and ask questions via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

Topics covered by session:

Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory impact and social differences.

Exploring Autism Welcome Video:

<https://youtu.be/JqGPImJHRMs>

Dates:

Spring 2: Every Thursday 12-1pm from 22nd February to the 28th March 2024.

Summer: Every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm from 18th April to the 23rd May 2024.

Summer 2: Every Wednesday 1-2pm from 5th June - 10th July 2024.

Summer Holidays: 6.30-7.30pm Dates TBC.

For further details please contact:

Email: ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk

Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.

WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

- 22ND FEBRUARY AVOIDANT/RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID)
- 26TH MARCH MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR
- 16TH APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15TH MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13TH JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY



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[https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/
id/1206#/](https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1206#/)

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

Winter Timetable: Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles'



If you are a parent or care giver to a child or young person and supporting them with their mental health, you may feel alone at times and need some support.

Did you know peer support from others who are experiencing similar situations can help with increasing confidence and learning new skills like coping with challenges? We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience, who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

The Parents Service at West Sussex Mind has lots more to offer:

- Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, i.e. Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking, Supporting siblings and more . . .
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us at:

ADUR (Lancing)

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street,
Lancing BN15 8AJ

- THURSDAYS - 22/02/24 and 14/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 12:30-14:00

ARUN (Bognor Regis)

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove,
Bognor Regis PO22 9HT

- THURSDAYS - 18/01/24 and 21/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Crawley)

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square,
Crawley RH11 8XW

- TUESDAYS - 02/01/24; 06/02/24; 05/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Horsham)

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN

- TUESDAYS - 09/01/24; 20/02/24; 12/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 13:00-14:30

WEST (Midhurst)

South Downs Centre, North Street,
Midhurst GU29 9DH

- TUESDAYS - 30/01/24; 27/02/24; 26/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

WORTHING

Methold House (The Annexe), North Road,
Worthing BN11 1DU

- TUESDAYS - 23/01/24 and 19/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups. Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org