St. Mary's C. E. Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No. 7 - Friday 20th October





FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30th October Back to School

Head Teacher Message

The first half term has whizzed by. All of those post summer nerves about transition and settling in are behind us and we now head towards the winter confident in our new classes.

We have made some excellent strides this half term and these are being recognised by stakeholders both within our school community and by external visits.

We all remain committed to our ongoing development. For such a small team, we are achieving a lot.

I hope you all enjoy the half term; Christmas is next!

- Mr. Murray

Parent's Evening
Thank you to all those who attended and gave us feedback. We enjoy the positive communication and know it helps us to move forward together.

WEEKLY REFLECTION -

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord – Psalm 31:24

Christingle Help

As part of our ongoing relationship with the Church, we have organised a Christingle Service this Christmas. We would love for you to attend.

I am looking for volunteer helpers to come and help the children make their Christingles.

This would be on Monday 11th December. Please come and let me know if you can help?

Thank you.

Thank You

I have been aware of the number of volunteers helping in school.
Whether this is reading, forest school, local walks, heading to church or school trips, we are so grateful that you continue to support us in providing these opportunities for the children.

This community approach to the children's education is what we all want. They reap the benefit of our best endeavours.

Please come and get involved.

Mrs Chapman

It is with some sadness but also with excitement for her, that I need to inform you that Mrs. Chapman will be leaving us at Christmas. She is wanting to spend more time with her own two children and after 24 years teaching feels like she might like some time for herself.

Mrs. Chapman leads history and geography in school as well as being involved in our choir. As with all of our staff, she does a huge amount of unseen work to make sure we are able to provide for our children.

We wish her all the best for the future and know she will be working hard to make the next half term as awesome as possible. I will update you further about staffing in due course.

If you have any news, children's achievements out of school or community events you would like to see in the newsletter, please do let Mr. Murray know.

Term Dates

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This is not an exhaustive list. I will add new dates in red as they come in.

Teachers may message via Dojo with class related information. Wednesday 1st November – Police visit for Farrant and Oliver Thursday 2nd November – Influenza Nasal Spray Day Thursday 2nd November – Outdoor Classroom Day Monday 6th November – Jenkins Church Visit

Tuesday 7th November - Open Morning

Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in Church @ 09:30

Thursday 9th November – Open Afternoon

Friday 10th November - Safeguarding Review

Tuesday 14th November – West Sussex Progress Review Visit

Thursday 16th November – Farrant and Oliver Church Visit

Thursday 30th November – Jenkins Class Assembly

Tuesday 5th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Wednesday 6th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 09:30

Monday 11th December - Christingle making morning

Wednesday 13th December - Christingle and Carols in Church @18:00

The Quiz

This was a massive success and a great atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who came along, played in the right spirit and helped us all to have a fun evening. It was lovely to spend time in each other's company in a more relaxed environment. Look out for the next one.

Health and Safety

The fence on the outer boundary near the path to Clymping street has been fixed. A massive thank you to Mr.

Stanley (one of our governors and also responsible for Health and Safety monitoring) for coming to mend it. He repurposed all the materials from school which was very eco-friendly.

Please look out for the parking and road safety email sent earlier in the week.

Thank you for supporting school with this. Keeping the children safe at the beginning and end of the school day is hugely important.

IPads

We have had a generous donation of iPads made to school to support the Teaching and Learning in school.

We have moved to more exploration based learning in our K\$1 curriculum. As part of this shift, we are finding new ways to capture learning so we can assess children's understanding and move their learning on.

This generous donation from Shelley Motors means that each of the adults can use an iPad to capture learning and upload it to Tapestry to keep clear records of children's outcomes.

This makes a massive difference and we are incredibly grateful for their continued support.

Ask your children about Star Jobs and the memorable experiences they are having.

Thank you.

What the children say? Your best part of this half term:

Ben, Year 6

I've really enjoyed studying Cosmic (our class text) and Mr Day reading out all the funny characters.

Fred, Year 5

It's been great going to sports events after school and also our assembly where I go to rap!

Tiger-Lilly, Year 4

English has been my favourite. I've enjoyed writing really long stories!

Max, Year 3

I've really enjoyed singing in music. We've been singing 'home is where the heart is' and I like the chorus.

Elodie, Year 2

The best thing was going on our trip to the beach. We spotted lots of things!

Cleo, Year 1

Well, I've loved playing and sharing with my friends because I like sharing.

Ezra, Reception

I like doing phonics, but I also like going to break to play with my friends!

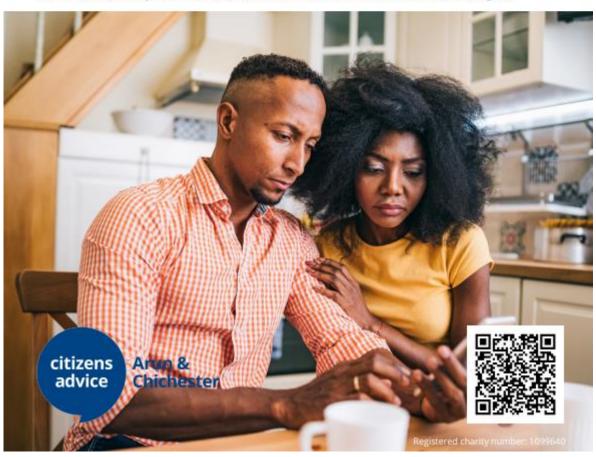
Cost of Living Survey 2023

Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice would like to understand the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on Arun and Chichester residents, including on their physical and mental health.

This annual survey helps us understand what support is needed for which wards/districts in our community. Your responses help us to tailor our service to meet these needs. We would like to gain a representative sample from all sections of our community. Whether this is your first year completing the survey or you have done so before, all answers are important and help us to see if anything has changed in the past year, and the various impacts the cost of living is having.

This survey is anonymous and should take no more than 10 mins to complete. Thank you for taking the time to help.

To access the survey scan the QR code below or visit www.arunchichestercab.org.uk



Have a safe HALLOWEEN Lucky 13' safety tips

- Younger children should always walk with an adult or grown-up goblin.
- Older children should walk in a group. Plan your spooky route and tell your family.
- Only call at houses with Halloween decorations on display.
- Do not knock at homes displaying 'no trick or treater' signs.
- Never go inside a stranger's house. Only take treats at the door.
- Carry a torch, glow sticks or reflective strips to light your way and make it easier to be seen at night.

- Cross roads safely and never from between parked cars or pumpkin carriages.
- Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure that cars or flying broomsticks aren't pulling in or out.
- Walk or slither don't run.
- Make sure costumes and masks fits properly to avoid trips and falls.
- Only carry soft and flexible costume accessories.
- Do not eat any sweets or jelly eyeballs until an adult has checked them.
- And....

HAVE A SPOODOOOKY TIME!





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