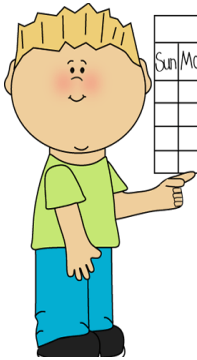


William Older

Newsletter Summer Term (2) 2024



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Term Dates:

Second half of Summer Term:
Monday 3rd June - Thursday 18th July 2024

Return Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Dates for your Diary:

- Mon 3rd June - Visit from Kite Surfing Champion, Lewis Crathern
- Mon 17th June - Library Bus (pm)
- Tues 18th June - Pirate Day (all day)
- Mon 24th June - Fri 28th June - Safety & People that Help Us Week
- Thursday afternoons - Hartbeeps
- Thurs 18th July - Last Day of Term
- Thurs 18th July - Leaver's Party with Magic Marty (pm)

Pirate Day - Tues 18th June - ALL DAY

It would be lovely if your child came dressed as a Pirate today (but they don't have to!). We will hopefully be joined by the young pirates of St Wilfrid's Reception class during our morning session and they will be replaced by St Margaret's Reception children during the afternoon. We will be having lots of fun, piratey activities going on during the day, including tattoos (so please let us know if you do not want your child to have these).



Safety / People that Help Us Week - Mon 24th to Fri 28th June

This week, we invite 'People that Help Us' to visit. This year, this will include a visit from the Fire Brigade. We also teach our older children some safe practices regarding Sun Safety, Road Safety, Internet Safety and Personal Safety. We use some age appropriate videos to help us with these messages, here are the names of the videos, which can be found on YouTube, if you would like to look at them and share with your children at home:

- THINK! Hedgehog Crossing: Road Safety
- Sid The Seagull (Slip, Slap, Slop, Seek & Hide): Sun Safety
- The Pantasaursus Song: Personal Safety
- Smartie the Penguin: Internet Safety Story
- I Won't Go With Strangers Book Read Aloud: Stranger Danger

Leaver's Party - Thurs 18th July - pm

Today is the last day for many of our children before they leave us for Primary School. We like to celebrate with a party! We invite all leavers to wear their tie-dye t-shirts today (this will make sense nearer the time). We will be joined by Magic Marty at 1.30pm, who puts on a fun magic show to round off the day. If your child leaves us for school this year but does not usually attend on a Thursday afternoon, then you are invited to drop them in at 1.20pm this afternoon in their t-shirt at no extra cost. Please fill in the slip attached at the bottom of this newsletter so that we can staff accordingly to prepare.

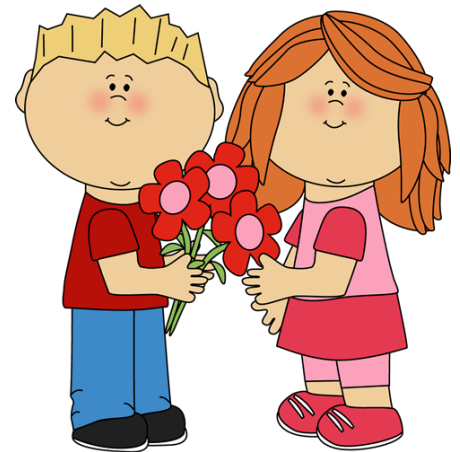
Hartbeeps

Becky will not be doing her last session on 18th July as we have Magic Marty in but will be doing a fun, end of term session on Wednesday 17th this week.

Angmering Flower & Produce Show

This event is held on Sunday 14th July at Angmering Community Centre between 2 and 4pm.

Last year, we entered several of the craft classes with our children and two of them ended up winning trophies! We will be doing the same this year. There are lots of classes for all the family and different age groups so, if you would like to participate independently as well or just go along to it, then I have a few spare schedules if asked but I am sure they will also be available from the Parish Council Office - any queries, contact Jenny on 01903 785852 or email: angmeringflowershow@gmail.com



Floral Displays

This half term, we will be planting up as many available areas as possible, to give the children gardening opportunities and help the local wildlife. This year, we have used Culberry Nursery, who are local to us in Dappers Lane, known for the quality of their produce and their specialist knowledge of herbs and medicinal plants. They were extremely generous to us and we send out a massive THANK YOU, from all of us.

Book Bags

All children in their last year with us will have been lent a red Book Bag to share books with their families. We would like them back so that we can clean and recycle, ready for next year. Our leavers will all be getting a new Book Bag from their receiving Primary School. Please return your child's Book Bag during the week commencing Monday 1st July. Many thanks and hope you've enjoyed using it.

Carry-Over Children

For all those children continuing their journey with us next year, we are busy planning ahead and staffing for this. You should have all been given a letter with offers of hours for the Autumn Term and onwards. Please return these asap so that we can staff appropriately. If you have not had a letter, then please see Sue.

All About Angmering Magazine

Look out for our feature on our recent Dinosaur Day in the next issue.

New Families

Welcome to our new starters, here are a few reminders for you:

Snack / Lunches

We provide a healthy snack each morning with milk or water as an accompaniment. We ask for voluntary monetary donations to help cover the costs of this. We have a snack pot outside the front entrance that can be used for cash but we also accept donations via bank transfer using the following details. Please use the reference 'SNACK' for payments made in this way:

Sort Code: 30-95-09 Acc Number: 00626350

Acc Name: William Older Playgroup

Fees and monies for t-shirts, hoodies etc. can also be paid for via bank transfer with the reference 'UNIFORM'.

We ask you to provide a healthy and not too large lunch for children that are with us all day or in the afternoons. If unsure of what this might be, we have some literature in our foyer to read. An example would be perhaps a cheese sandwich, yogurt and piece of fruit (always pre cut grapes in half, length-ways, if in lunchboxes please). There are lots of alternatives but we ask for no sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks and would ask consideration with crisps, cake bars etc.

We do teach children about healthy foods and it is lovely to look at healthy options in lunchboxes. We have a '**No Nuts**' policy in case of severe allergies—this includes products such as Nutella. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

For those children in all day, a named water bottle is an essential. We will always top-up if needed.



Rucksacks - Most children bring a rucksack in daily. If in nappies, a good supply plus wipes and bags is great. A change of clothes also useful, not just for toileting accidents which can happen to any child but also for water play etc. as it can get quite boisterous! Please name as much as possible, we find many children (especially the younger ones) enjoy visiting their bags and occasionally emptying the contents! Labelling / naming helps us enormously.

Car Park - The school car park is only for staff of St Margaret's and William Older Playgroup. There have been reported incidents of cars following in staff and those who have been permitted entry by the school via the intercom, whilst the secure gates have been open momentarily. Please park on the surrounding roads safely and with consideration to local residents. Thank you for your understanding.

Illness - It is our policy that all children should be kept off for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhea. This is to protect other children and staff alike. Children who also on antibiotics or taking Calpol are also much more comfortable at home so please do keep them off when they are poorly so they can fully rest up.

Summer Sun - As the Summer progresses we are hoping for lovely weather. You are welcome to look at our sun procedures online but we ask for all children to bring a named sunhat that they will be strongly advised to wear (not always possible with our youngest children).

Our expectation is for children to be brought in with a strong suncream already applied and suitable clothes. For example, strappy dresses on a very hot day are not as suitable as capped sleeves or a t-shirt, Crocs / flip-flops can cause tripping so summer sandals etc. are preferable.

Named suncreams can be left in children's bags and the older children may be able to apply their own top-ups. We will assist appropriately if needed. We also keep some cream here ourselves for emergencies. We do not want to stop children enjoying the outdoors so will apply to any child that looks like they could be going to burn unless we have had reasonable instruction from a parent as to why they would not want this.

Please provide a change of clothes in a small bag to go on your child's peg (including underwear and socks) as we're all very fond of water play on sunny days!

And Finally...

This time of year is both happy and sad, as we say goodbye to many of our families and to some of you, for the last time. We hope you and your children have enjoyed your time with us and that you feel we have made a positive difference. We know our children will all be entering a new, exciting chapter of their lives and wish them well (we are sure we will bump into most of you again, either up at St Margaret's or, more likely, in the aisles of a local supermarket - don't forget to say 'Hi!').



Also, it is with sadness on our part, that we say goodbye to two of our long standing staff members this term, who are moving on to pastures new.

Chris started as a Mum bringing her three young children to us and then went on to train with us for two years, attaining her Level 3 in 2014. For the last 10 years, she has been an excellent Keyperson to scores of children, thoughtful and attuned to the many different needs of the children in her care. She takes control of many of the seasonal events such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, many of the Christmas crafts and our end of year tie-dye t-shirts for the leavers and there is already panic running through the team as to who will take over these tasks and do them so well!

Alongside Chris, we are also sadly losing Suzanne. Suzanne came to us from Findon Village Pre-School around 2010 and it is hard to imagine William Older without her. Apart from her fantastic art projects she has initiated year after year, what will we do without someone who can actually sing in time AND play the guitar?! Aside from her more obvious talents, Suzanne has been wonderful with the children, always kind and caring whatever the situation. She has been a fantastic team player and friend to us all and I am sure you will all join me in wishing both her and Chris every success and happiness for the future.

Sue & the Team



My child _____ does not usually attend on a Thursday afternoon but I would like to bring them in at 1.20pm on Thursday 18th July for the Leaver's party. They will wear their tie-dye t-shirt. I will pick them up at usual collection time of 2.50pm / 3pm.

Signed _____ Parent / Carer of _____