

QEII Newsletter

10th July 2026

THIS WEEK

Car Park Access: Please don't block neighbours' driveways when waiting to enter the school.

Suncream: Now that the weather is getting warmer and sunnier, please can you apply suncream to your children before they come to school and send them in with a hat. If you would like them to have it reapplied during the school day, please send a bottle of suncream in their school bag, with their name on it.

Sports Day: Our rescheduled Sports Day will be held next **Friday, 17th July**. Please note the timings are now different, with Primary classes having their turn **from 9.45-10.30** and Seniors classes from **10.45-12.15**. Parents and carers are welcome to join their children at these times.

QEII Connections: The next QEII Connections event, the last one for this school year, is on **Friday 17th July**. It will be a coffee morning. This is the same day as Sports Day, so parents & carers are invited to come over to the Studio for a chat either before or after their child's activity time as applicable.

The first Connections event for the next school year will be on **Thursday 17th September**. Please see the attached poster for full details.

Celebration/Leavers Assemblies: These will be held on Wednesday 22nd July (the last day of term). Primary Assembly at **11.00** and Seniors at **1.45**.

Parents and carers are invited to join us (please note that for Beachcombers class, only students who normally attend school on a Wednesday will be attending.) Both Assemblies will be held in the Studio at the School site. To allow time for College students to get back to the College site for the end of the day, the Leavers Assembly will now start at **1.45**.

If you would like to attend please complete the online RSVP form sent out to parents/carers last week.

Springboard Project: Please see the attached posters from The Springboard Project about their upcoming events.

Reaching Families: Please see the attached posters from Reaching Families about their upcoming events.

Read to the Beat: Please see the attached poster about West Sussex Libraries "Read to the Beat" events.

MCAS App: Following on from our letter issued this week, On Monday 13th July, all Priority 1 contacts with parental responsibility will receive an activation email with a link to set up your new MCAS App. Please make sure you check your junk emails in case it goes in there! To make sure you receive all new notifications from the MCAS App please ensure that notifications settings are turned on in your phone as well as on the app.

Any parents/carers who are listed as Priority 2 contacts with Parental Responsibility will receive their activation emails later in the week providing we have an email address for them. If you experience any difficulties setting up the MCAS App, please speak to Reception and we will be more than happy to talk you through the process.

Teachers will begin to communicate through MCAS on Monday 20th July.

YOIMOJI OF THE WEEK

This week's Yoimoji was Sampson the enthusiastic bull.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Thurston, Pioneers - Amazing hydro swimming, dunking his head under the water independently.

LETTERS HOME

All Classes: Golden Lions Hickstead tickets letter.

CLASS NEWS FROM DIVERS

Divers have enjoyed our topic "On the Beach". We have explored lots of different Tuff Trays that have replicated rock pools. We have also enjoyed digging sea animals out of ice to help them break free. We have put together different outfits for pirates and absolutely loved playing with the sand and making sandcastles or looking for buried treasure. We have enjoyed reading lots of different stories and our favourite book was Pirates Love Underpants! Following on from reading this story we made a treasure map, described a pirate and made our own wanted posters to try and capture the pirates. As part of our enrichment we have all enjoyed our donkey rides and we absolutely loved the petting zoo where we spent time interacting with donkeys, a goat, a sheep, rabbits and guinea pigs gently stroking them.

CLASS NEWS FROM MOUNTAINEERS

Mountaineers have continued to enjoy their topic 'Scented Garden' this term and have had the chance to learn and explore lots about plants in all subjects. We have used plants to paint, grow, smell and taste this term and read a variety of different stories all linked to the growing of plants, including fruit and vegetables. Mountaineers used vegetables from the story "Oliver's Vegetables" to print as well as chop and taste. Many people have tasted fruit and vegetables that they may not have tried before and loved adding them to different fruit bowls, salad pots and perfumes! Whilst in the outdoor learning space, Mountaineers have had time to be calm and independent in exploring the natural world around us, learning about the different parts of a plant and observed how the area has changed this term. We especially enjoyed sharing the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk". We created our own magical beans and learnt about the different types of beans we can eat including green beans, kidney beans and black beans out on a Tuff Tray, as well as retelling the story using key repeated phrases including "Fee, Fi, Fo Fum!"