

*Small School  
Big Opportunities  
Great Achievements*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022






Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write this newsletter I can hear story time taking place in Acorn Class; the discussion of go karts and custard possibly needed for Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole in Oak Class; French phonics in Maple Class and I can hear Elder dancing in PE to 'Home Again' from The Greatest Showman! The school is buzzing with learning and happy children.

We had a visit from our School Advisor this week and Chair of Governors, Kate Nolan, who are both pleased with the teaching and learning taking place in the school.

As our one of our lead First Aiders, Mrs Bowbrick has written a short report on how we are handling the affects of long corvid here at school, which you will find attached with this letter.

### Who are we celebrating this week?

Positive, Persevering Perry	Co-operative Caring Chloe	Headteacher Award	Reflective, Reviewing Rowan	Curious, Questioning Cleo
				
Talia-Angel (Acorn) Reggie (Oak) Teela-Mae (Oak) Stanley (Oak) Lily (Elder)		Lucy (Maple)	Oliver (Elder)	Robyn (Acorn) Eddie (Oak) Rudee (Maple) Austin (Maple)

### Time to Shine



Recently, Erin, in Maple, was invited to play for Henfield football club. She played with great confidence and went on to score a fantastic goal for the team. She has also been photographed in the local BN5 magazine this week for the score some smiles campaign, in which her football team wrote Christmas cards and collected gifts for the local care home. Erin gave the cards and gifts to the residents just before Christmas Day. What an all round shining star!

Lucy for her certificates for Young Carer's animation design and voice acting as well as one for excellent teamwork at the Premier Sport holiday club in Worthing.

### Reading Ladders

The following children have reached the top of their class Reading Ladders. This means they have consistently completed their reading HW and developed that life-long love of reading.

Well done to:



**Reggie, Joseph,  
Bertie and Jacob  
(Oak)**

**Elliott, Rudee and  
Max (Maple)**

**Emily (Elder)**

## Parent Governor Role

We continue to seek a parent to join our Governing Body. It continues to be a busy time for the school and we really do hope to have a full complement of governors to continue to support our vision and aims. You could be the person we need to help shape the future of the school.

If you are interested in supporting the school in this way we would love to hear from you. I have included an information leaflet below for further information about the role.

## FoTS & Fundraising with Amazon Smile

I am sure there are many of you, like myself, who turn to Amazon to do your online shopping. Did you know that FoTS (Friends of Thakeham School) are set up on Amazon Smile? As a consumer, if you register with Amazon Smile, you can select FoTS as your chosen charity. Every time you make a purchase, then Amazon donates an amount of money to that cause. There is no cost to the consumer or charity for registering with Amazon Smile. Please consider it when you next shop online as it is a small and simple way to support our school.



## FOTs Meeting

The FOTs team met on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January on Google Meet and have a very exciting range of activities lined up for the rest of the school year.

## Covid-19 Update

Please continue to keep us updated of any Covid-19 in your household. It is a requirement that everyone in your household and contacts, self-isolate in line with the latest guidance. I would like to emphasise that these are the government rules that we must follow and not ours as a school [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do-coronavirus-covid-19/)

Currently, we do have a number of cases across the school. We have sought DfE advice this week and they are confident all elements of our contingency plan are in place and are effective.

## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Next Tuesday is the national Safer Internet Day and this year's theme is 'All Fun and Games'. The Digital Leaders have chosen a set of activities for the whole school to work on during the day. We will follow this up with a second day in June for an interactive activity they wish to set up in the main hall. The objective of the day is for the children to reflect on the 'etiquette' of online gaming and their interactions with those they play with. Our school online safety message remains: **Stop! Think! Tell!**



## Year 6 KS2 Tests Information Meeting

I will be leading a KS2 Tests information meeting on Google Meet on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. The video call link is <https://meet.google.com/bsm-ffgd-azj> and an invite has been sent through your child's google account. At this meeting I will explain to you the format of the tests and how we work with the children to ensure they are prepared for the week.

## Parents' Evening

If you haven't already, please sign up for your parent evening slot.

Acorn Class: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Oak, Maple & Elder Class: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Mrs Mullineux: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

## Sussex Academy of Music (SAM)

The Sussex Academy of Music are offering a free taster - Guitar / Drum Kit / Piano / Vocal - online lessons after school from home – Enquire at [www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)

Best wishes, Mrs Emma Hopkins (Acting Headteacher)



## School governors are volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. They do not need to be education experts or have formal qualifications.

### The most effective governors are those who:

- listen, think and ask questions;
- believe that education is important;
- take an interest in the role of schools in the community;
- can work with others and assimilate a wide range of information and data;
- have a willingness to learn;
- have sound communication skills; and
- are prepared to give time to doing the job well.

### A governor performs a vital strategic role as part of a governing body. Governors need to make time to:

- attend full governing body meetings, usually twice a term;
- attend committee and working party meetings about once or twice a term;
- attend school events;
- read reports and background

- papers before meetings;
- visit the school during the working day;
- take part, if necessary, in staff appointment panels, pupil exclusion panels, complaints panels and staff discipline and grievance hearings; and
- attend training.

### The governing board

- Individual governors have no power or responsibility. It is only the full governing body that has legal duties and powers. However, all governors share in that corporate responsibility;
- The school's direction is agreed by the governing board, headteacher and senior leadership team, who also make sure the school is meeting its targets;
- The headteacher and staff manage the school on a day-to-day basis.

### Excerpt taken from Governance Handbook, October 2020

'Governance has never been more critical to the education of our nation's young people. As Minister for the School System I see at first hand the impact of governors and governance professionals. The governance duty is, above all, to drive relentless ambition for the young people served by our schools system, whatever the circumstances'

Baroness Elizabeth Berridge, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools

### All governance boards, no matter what type of school or how many schools they govern, have three core functions:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

### Schools are looking for governors. People with the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity who:

- understand the purpose of governance and the role of non-executive leadership and have all the necessary skills, as outlined in the department's

- Competency frameworks for governance and professional clerking, to deliver it well;
- include an effective chair and vice-chair with the ability to provide visionary strategic non-executive leadership;
- provide sufficient diversity of perspectives to enable robust decision making;
- are recruited through robust and transparent processes against a clear articulation of required skills which are set out in a role specification;
- use active succession planning to ensure the board, and the whole organisation, continues to have the people and leadership it needs to remain effective; and
- employ a professional clerk, and as necessary a company secretary, to provide expert advice and guidance and to ensure the efficient and compliant operation of the board.

Quotes from West Sussex governors

"Great satisfaction in knowing I am contributing to the education of our future generation in a positive way."

"In investing in the education, ethos and vision of a school you can be looking at the future of our society in terms of values and social cohesion."

"Making a difference for all the children in our community – not just in our school."

"You are not alone! There is a really good support team at County to help you with queries."

## Links and contact details

**Governance Handbook**  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook)

**West Sussex Services for Schools**  
<http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Services/3164>

If you are interested in becoming a school governor you could either contact a school directly or please email: [governor.services@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:governor.services@westsussex.gov.uk) or phone the West Sussex governance team on 0330 222 8887.

School Support Officers contact details for further information

**Jackie Gatenby**  
[jackie.gatenby@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.gatenby@westsussex.gov.uk)  
 Phone: 033022 24080

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 Phone: 033022 24205



# Becoming a school governor

## Guidance for potential governors







## **Exciting News - Music Lessons Available - Thakeham Primary School Friday 4th February - Enquire in Playground at Pick Up Time!**

**Does your child wish to learn an instrument or sing? Try a free, no-commitment taster lesson!**

**SAM Music Service**, who provide the one-to-one online music lessons on behalf of Thakeham Primary School, will be performing an assembly demonstration on Friday 4th February. They will also have a stand in the playground at pick up time, should you wish to enquire about trying a free taster lesson.

Click the **link** below to watch a video about SAM's online instrument lessons

<https://sammusicservice.com/>

- Free, no-commitment taster lesson, try an instrument
- Playback videos of your lessons, helpful for practice
- Progress through Grade exams, also available online
- Performance opportunities in school assemblies and concerts
- Online weekly 30 minute 1:1 lessons **Mon-Fri** after school and **Sats 9-5**
- Learn to play Guitar / Drum Kit / Piano (Keyboard) / Vocals from home
- Enquire by visiting [www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com) or calling 0800 756 9411

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*"Both my daughters look forward to their individual weekly lessons. They are both making excellent progress and have a great rapport with their teachers. It's easy and straightforward to connect online for lessons! Highly recommended with 5 stars!! ★★★★★"*

Mrs Wellman-Bailey

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SAM Music Service provides **30 minute 1:1 online music lessons**, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the **guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard** or to **sing** from home.

Lessons are weekly and affordable at £16.50 per lesson and £15 in the holidays, suitable for both children and adults, and the **first lesson is free!** SAM also offers **gift vouchers** to purchase here: <https://www.sammusicservice.com/gift-vouchers/> - the ideal musical gift!

**To enquire**, complete the short contact form on SAM's website ([www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can email [lessons@sammusicservice.com](mailto:lessons@sammusicservice.com), or call **0800 756 9411** to speak to one of their friendly team. Or reach out on social media **@sammusicservice**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Temporary closure of Rock Road, Washington CP, 8th February 2022

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that from the date specified below, West Sussex County Council has temporarily closed to all traffic Rock Road, Washington CP, in the Horsham District under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, on Rock Road for a distance approx 157 metres

The temporary closure is scheduled to commence on 8th February 2022 for up to 5 days (It is estimated to be completed on 10th February 2022) and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while BT undertakes Road Closure between the junctions of Merrywood Lane and B2139 Storrington Road with works taking place outside Hampers End for replacement of a decayed pole

The restriction will be in place **day-time only** from 09:00 until 14:45

An alternative route will be signed on site but please visit <https://one.network/?tm=124184046> for more details.

Access for emergency service vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

For information regarding this closure please contact BT on 02476642814 who will be able to assist with scope of these works.

Dated: 8th November 2021

Matt Davey

Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

### West Sussex County Council

[Report a problem with a road or pavement](#) or raise a [highways related enquiry](#)

Follow us at [@WSHighways](#)

Email: [tto@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:tto@westsussex.gov.uk)



## ACE Football Academy

### FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOOTBALL FUN

#### LANCING

SIR Robert Woodard Academy, BN15 9QZ

Date	Time	Age	Session
22/23/24 February	09.30am – 15.30pm	4-12 Years	Football Camp

#### PORTSLADE

Portslade Leisure Centre, BN41 2WS

Date	Time	Age	Session
15/16/17 February	09.30am – 15.30pm	4-12 Years	Football Camp

#### STORRINGTON

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, RH20 4BG

Date	Time	Age	Session
22/23/24 February	09.30am – 15.30pm	4-12 Years	Football Camp

#### WORTHING

Worthing Leisure Centre, BN12 4ET

NEW 2022

Date	Time	Age	Session
22/23/24 February	09.30am – 15.30pm	4-12 Years	Football Camp

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR ANYONE AGED 4-12 YEARS. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.  
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### Cumnor School & Windlesham School Pools

Book a free taster swimming lesson at one of these venues:  
Each session is 15 minutes in a 121 lesson with an instructor.

Saturday 26th February, Cumnor House Sussex, Danehill, RH17 7HT

Sunday 27th February, Windlesham House School, RH20 4AY



**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

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On our camps, our fully qualified coaches ensure every child is safe while they move, play and make new friends. Make their half-term fun, physical and one to remember!

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## Holiday camps near you

Worthing

West Park Primary School, BN12 4HD  
Multi Activities,  
Performing Arts &  
Gymnastics

Worthing

Lady of Slon Senior School, BN11 4BL  
Multi Activities &  
Performing Arts

Barnham

Barnham Community Hall, PO22 0AY  
Multi Activities

Pulborough

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, RH20 4BG  
Multi Activities

\* Worthing Leisure Centre, BN12 4ET  
Multi Activities Book directly with  
Worthing Leisure Centre  
[www.southdownleisure.co.uk](http://www.southdownleisure.co.uk)

All camps 9-4pm drop off from 8.30am  
£19.99 per day, single day bookings  
Use online code WS25 for 25% off

Our Activity Professionals have additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

In the event these courses are cancelled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

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Please bring

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Lots of energy!



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## Foodbank Support

We provide a parcel of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. Contact us on **0300 124 0204** for information on how to obtain a food voucher.

## Other Crisis Support

Horsham Matters can also help individuals and couples as well as families with the following: If you need to top up your gas/electric meter, if you need essential furniture or items/white goods. Email: [Support@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:Support@horsham-matters.org.uk)

## Household budget support: benefit and debt advice

As well as providing immediate crisis support, we aim to help our clients to tackle the root causes of their financial hardship. We can help clients maximise their income, review their expenditure and set a sustainable budget. We are also able to provide benefit and debt advice.

Please contact us if you need assistance: 0300 1240204 or [info@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:info@horsham-matters.org.uk)

### Foodbank Schedule from January 2022

Mondays 2.30-4.30pm –	Supermarket Foodbank Horsham United Reformed Church St Andrews, Roffey
Tuesdays 10am to midday –	
Wednesdays 10.30 to midday –	Foodbank Warehouse, Redkirk Close
Thursdays 4 to 6 pm –	Supermarket Foodbank, Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Denne Road
Saturday 10am to midday –	Supermarket Foodbank, Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Denne Road

### Our Horsham Matters 'Hub on the Move' (to include a food-bank), will be located at the following venues :

Mondays 10 to 11am Billingshurst Library Car Park, and 11.30am to 12.30pm St Johns Church Car Park, Broadbridge Heath
Wednesdays 1 to 2pm Steyning HDC Car Park, Tanyard Lane, and 2.30 to 3.30pm Storrington Library Car Park
Thursdays 10 to 11 am Sports Pavilion Car Park, Rectory Close, Pulborough, and 11.30am to 12.30 pm Southwater Lintot Square Car Park
Fridays 10 to 11am Warnham Village Hall Car Park



[www.horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Horsham District Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches facilitated by Horsham Matters Ltd. Registered charity number: 11362153. Registered in England and Wales.



## 1:1 COOKERY COURSE

Create six simple and delicious dishes that are healthy and budget-friendly to help you gain confidence in cooking

### Who:

Residents of Horsham, Pulborough, Billingshurst and Storrington

### How:

six x 20 minute, weekly telephone calls

### What will I Learn:

- Healthy eating on a budget
- How to minimise food waste
- Nutrition knowledge

### What is included:

- New recipe card to follow each week
- Easy to follow, fun and engaging cook-a-long videos
- Nutrition guidance based on your individual needs, with a Nutritionist

*\*All abilities/disabilities/dietary requirements are catered for. Participants can attend with a support worker if required*

**FREE**

**To register**

[www.ukharvest.org.uk/1-1-horsham](http://www.ukharvest.org.uk/1-1-horsham)

[NourishEdLearning@ukharvest.org.uk](mailto:NourishEdLearning@ukharvest.org.uk)

Please note, spaces are limited



## HORSHAM COOKING COURSES



**Learn cookery skills**

**Fight food waste**

**Eat healthily**

Join the NourishEd Team for a free, online cook-along and learn to fight food waste from your kitchen!

Discover the impact food waste has on the planet while learning simple ways to make the most of your food. We'll help you to cook delicious meals as you learn essential skills and make healthy food choices.

**Online | Tuesdays**

**8th February - 15th March 5PM - 7PM**

For residents of Horsham, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Storrington.

**FREE**

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**[UKHARVEST.ORG.UK/LEARN-TO-COOK](http://UKHARVEST.ORG.UK/LEARN-TO-COOK)**







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## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 11th April

Tuesday 12th April

Wednesday 13th April

Thursday 14th April

8.45am - 3pm

Option to add on Breakfast Club and stay Late

Based in Storrington Primary School

Everyone welcome ages 4 - 11  
years

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Email: [hiveafterschool@hotmail.com](mailto:hiveafterschool@hotmail.com)