



# Newsletter 6th October 2023

*Learning, growing and achieving excellence together*

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that a good weekend lies ahead!

We have had a very busy week with Bikeability in Year 6, a photographer taking some beautiful photos of our school "in action" for display across the school, important and exciting meetings with the Trust to mention a few.

Unfortunately, we were also dealing with drain blockages! On that note, a big public thank you to the office staff and Mr Fish for the way they dealt with it and for reacting so quickly.

This week on the gate I had a useful conversation with a parent asking whether children who play football at lunchtime can change into trainers / PE footwear. The answer is yes, for the duration of lunchtime only – it makes complete sense!

Finally, I want to inform all parents and carers that Holly Whittingham will be joining our team as Headteacher's PA / Communications Manager. This is a very welcome addition to the team. Also a big welcome to Dan Keohane, our new LSA in Early Years. We look forward to their important contribution to our team.

**Brian Ball – Interim Headteacher**

## Year 6 Bikeability

It is the end of a successful first week of Bikeability! Earlier on in the week, half the children completed session 1 and have successfully progressed to session 2 which involved riding on public roads. It has been lovely to hear the impact it has had on children, giving them the confidence and skills to venture out on their bikes after school. Please be aware of slight changes to next weeks' timetables – your children should know about it!

## **Parents' evenings**

17th October 4-7pm

18th October 3.30-5.30pm

**Parent E-Safety webinar**

22nd November 7-8pm



## **Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Villa**

On Friday last week, Year 4 visited Fishbourne Roman Palace. We were lucky to take part in a workshop which taught us a lot about what life was like to live in the palace during the Roman era. There was also the opportunity to visit the museum on site as well as spend time exploring the remains of the mosaics and the reconstructed Roman gardens. An amazing time was had by all.

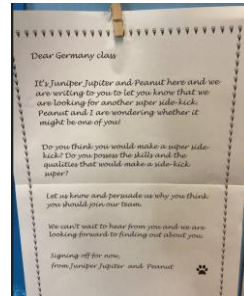


## Year 1 letter from a Super Hero

On Monday morning, Year 1 got a special delivery from the postman. A letter had arrived from Juniper Jupiter and her dog Peanut, and they were looking for a new sidekick to join them.

The children have been working on identifying their own strengths and how they would be able to support Juniper Jupiter on her adventures.

The children have written about being kind, strong, fast and a good friend. All excellent traits of a superhero sidekick!



### Play equipment:

The new play equipment for both KS1 & KS2 is finally here, and its arrival has been a great success. Each day this week, children from a different house has had a chance to play with a selection of equipment. Children have enjoyed playing with a sticky target, bucket stilts, hoops, skittle sets, cup and ball sets and many other fabulous equipment. A huge thank you to the BPSCA for funding this project and the staff working-party who have facilitated it.



## E-Safety – Is your child safe online?

This week, West Sussex County Council visited our school to speak to your children about online safety. KS1 and KS2 children had a special assembly where they were reminded about how they can stay safe online and how they should use the internet responsibly. All teachers in school also had special training session to ensure we are all up to date with advances in technology and how we can educate children to keep them safe.

### Parent Webinar – Date for your diary

On **Wednesday 22nd November 2023 – 7:00pm to 8:00pm**, you are invited to join an online webinar with WSCC. The session will focus on keeping your children safe online at home and we hope you will be able to join us. More information to follow closer to the date.

Make sure you check out the E-Safety – Awareness for Parents guide sent with this newsletter.



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**Message from the Chair of Governors:** Earlier this week, I wrote to advise that Billingshurst Primary School will be joining Sussex Learning Trust in April of next year. An initial meeting has already taken place between school leaders, members of the governing body and the Trust's senior team to plan the next steps for our future partnership. The next few months will be busy but exciting as we move through the academisation process and begin the recruitment process of our next Headteacher.

**Message from BPSCA:** We will be holding our AGM next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm, in school (room to be confirmed). We will report on the last years fundraising and activities and elect the new committee, any parent or carer at the school is welcome.

#### Goodwood winning house !

**Cowdray**  
468

**Goodwood**  
505

**Parham**  
498

**Petworth**  
470



#### Upcoming dates:

**11th October** Yr 3 & 4 Multiskills festival

**17th and 18th October** Parents' Evenings

**Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October** Half Term

**30th October** School INSET day

**31st October** Back to school

**6th November** Year 5 Planetarian visit (in school)

**22nd November 7-8pm** Parent E-Safety webinar

#### Letters home this week:



2024 Admissions Open Day

2024 Admissions letter

Flu immunisation letters x 3

E-Safety Awareness for Parents

Book Nook information





## THE BOOK NOOK

# Book Fair

**Billingshurst Primary School**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**All sales go towards new books for your school!**



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