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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter No 7

Parking – again

Please see below the message sent out in Newsletter 2, September 16th

Parking

There are one or two parents who continue to park inconsiderately on Saunders Road. I have already had a number of complaints from neighbours living on the road. Please do not block the entrances to driveways or on the grass verges. You may think that you will only be there for a short while, but if there was an emergency that our neighbour needed to get to they would not be able to get to it until you returned!

There are also parents who park on the main entrance verges, which are getting really churned up, or block the main drive. Please do not do this.

Thank you to all the parents who do not block the driveways, and are thoughtful and considerate to our neighbours

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I will be coming outside when I have the opportunity to see the situation for myself!



Maternity Cover

Congratulations to Mrs Hart (Leeds Class) and Mrs Kington (Lewes Class) who as I am sure you are all aware are expecting!

We have now recruited two excellent teachers to cover their classes when they go on maternity leave. Both teachers will be fulltime and will remain with us until Mrs Hart and Mrs Kington return.

Mrs Scott will be teaching in Leeds Class from early December and Mrs Haynes will be joining Lewes class towards the end of January. We are delighted with this arrangement as it means that we can provide excellent teaching which is consistent and the new teachers will be part of the team.

Mrs C Lambert Year 1 Bodiam

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lambert at the end of Term 2. I'm sure you'd all join with me in wishing her the best with her future plans. We have started the recruitment process and hope to be able to give you news of her replacement soon.

Attendance 10th October to 14th October

Congratulations to Camber who topped the attendance table this week, and to Pevensey who will be receiving the award in the whole school assembly (reception do not attend yet)

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	99.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	100.0	99.0
EY Windsor	94.7	0.0	5.3	0.0	100.0	94.7
Year 1 Arundel	95.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	100.0	95.8
Year 1 Bodiam	94.1	0.0	5.9	0.0	100.0	94.1
Y2 Leeds	96.7	0.0	3.3	0.0	100.0	96.7
Y2 Pevensey	98.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	100.0	98.4
Y3 Lewes	98.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	100.0	98.1
Year 3 Deal	97.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	100.0	97.5
Y4 Dover	92.5	0.0	2.5	5.0	100.0	92.5
Y5 Hever	96.8	0.0	3.2	0.0	100.0	96.8
Y6 Rochester	94.8	0.0	5.2	0.0	100.0	94.8
Totals	96.2	0.0	3.3	0.4	100.0	96.2

Phonics Meetings KS1 and EYFS

Key Stage 1 and Early Years will be holding their phonics information meetings on Wednesday 2nd November. The meetings will be held in one of the year group classrooms. The purpose of the meeting is to advise parents of which phonics steps will be taken in the school year. Early Years will be holding their meeting at 9am so please stay at school after you have dropped your child off. Years 1 and 2 will be holding their meetings at 2.40pm. Please make every effort to attend as parents can really help their children's progress by understanding and supporting the phonic s programme.

Eggs ☺

The chicks that the current year 3's hatched last year have now grown up and laid their first eggs. We're hoping that the chickens will eventually become 'self-sufficient' and fund their food by children giving a donation of 15p per egg. If your child would like to have an egg or two please return a named egg box to the school office with the donation inside. As they are currently only laying 1 or 2 a day we will have to limit the requests to two, and year 3 children first.

Have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you and the children on **Monday October 31st**