

COLDWALTHAM, ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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Friday Flyer - 16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a glorious morning it is as I write this – the sun is shining, the birds are singing and there is a fresh, summery scent of flowers in my garden. We are so privileged to live in a setting where, when summer finally arrives, it is so vibrant and beautiful. In school, over the past two weeks, the children have been able to take advantage of this and have enjoyed some lovely events that have been so much fun and provided opportunities to learn and play in our gorgeous outdoor setting. More details below!



Covid-19 update

We are now reaching the end of the school year and, goodness me, what a year it has been! There have been numerous challenges that have faced us all in the face of the continuing spectre of Covid-19 and our school community has risen amazingly to these. At the time of writing, we have been able to keep the school fully open with no bubbles 'bursting' – many local schools (primary and secondary) around us have not been so fortunate and we wish them all well through very challenging circumstances. We have everything crossed that our bubbles will not burst in our final week!

Arrangements for September

As we reach the end of one academic year, our thoughts naturally turn to the coming one in September. These are exciting times at St. James' and we are looking forward to a new year with a new class structure in place. One of my jobs this weekend is to finalise a letter that will contain details that you will need to know for the start of the new academic year; I look forward to being able to send this out to you early next week.

Sports Day 2021

Congratulations to all the children who, enthusiastically and with verve, took part in Sports Day. It was lovely to see one of our core values of teamwork being demonstrated by all the children as they supported each other and putting 100% effort into their events. In a very close contest, the winning house was Vikings but all the houses worked together excellently to create very high final scores.

A huge thank you needs to be extended to Mrs Holt, our PE Subject Leader, who, along with Matt and Joe from 1:1 PE Coaching, organised a fantastic afternoon of events. Sports Day organisation is not an easy task and we are very grateful to Mrs Holt, Matt and Joe for the amazing effort and dedication with this. Thank you!



Below, there are a few of the photos that were taken on the day for you to see. However, a gallery of Sports Day pictures can be seen on our website using the following link: <https://www.st-james-coldwaltham.w-sussex.sch.uk/OurSchool/Sports-at-St-James/>

We look forward to being able to welcome parents/carers to an extra Sports Day event in September as we know many of you were disappointed not to be able to attend; thank you for respecting the decision of the school about this; it is highly appreciated. More details will follow about the September event when I have them.



Young Voices – The Biggest Sing

The Biggest Sing organisers have been in touch to thank our magnificent choir for taking part. Unfortunately, difficulties for all schools in submitting their results mean that it cannot be confirmed that a Word Record was broken. Never-the-less it was a lovely event to be involved – thank you to Mrs Douse who organised our participation.

Whole School Art Week – 5th to 9th July 2021

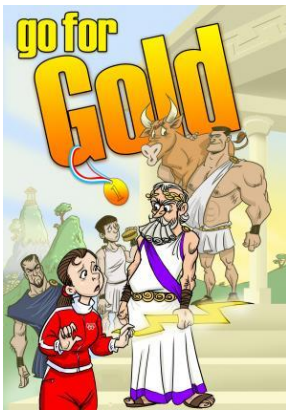
Art Week 2021 was a resounding success with many opportunities for creativity and expression; it was centred around a focus on the theme of “Summer in Coldwaltham”. All the children were able to walk to some local places and sketch interesting items from the natural environment. Amongst an array of activities provided, Ash Class used inspiration from Monet to create a fabulous display; Elm Class created woven flowers inspired by the summer colours around us and Yew Class honed their sketching and watercolour skills, particularly thinking about tone and texture.

Many pieces of the children’s art have been submitted for exhibition at Petworth Pop-up Art Festival from 14th to 17th July 2021. Details of the exhibition can be found at the end of this flyer. Please visit the exhibition this weekend to see the fantastic work that has been created by the children at our school. We will also be holding a further exhibition

in September where the children's art work will have been framed and parents/carers will have the opportunity to buy their child's framed piece of artwork.

Also, as part of Art Week, Mrs Singleton worked with the children to create ideas for a new wall mural in the Ash Class outside space reflecting the five core values of the school; respect, kindness, positivity, honesty and teamwork. Mrs Singleton has taken these ideas and will create the design (made from the children's designs) and will be painting it on the wall in the first week of the summer holidays ready for next year.





Production News – Go For Gold!

At present, we are still planning on holding the the school production during the afternoon of Friday 23rd July 2021, with parents/carers being able to attend. We will be putting in place a maximum number of **2 adults per family (with younger siblings welcome too)**. The production taking place and parents/carers' attendance is subject to change should we, unfortunately, find that we have any positive cases of Covid-19 in the school causing bubbles to burst. As I said earlier, I am very much hoping that this will not be the case but I appreciate your understanding should arrangements need to change at short notice.

Record of Achievement Feedback

Records of Achievement were emailed to parents/carers last week. Please may I ask you to take a few minutes to send your comments using the on-line form which can be found at the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeewGEJg2sgvB-EsozRt0H8IPqNrWdBxH4IY6HUaXsmnD6ttg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Parental Survey

You may remember that a letter was sent out asking parents/carers to take a few moments to share their thoughts about the school via an online survey. Thank you to those of you who have already done this; it is very helpful and offers us a good insight into parents/carers views of the school which will help us to continue to improve and grow.

The survey is due to close on **Sunday 18th July**. Please may I urge you to take a few moments to complete the survey before this time so that we will have received as many responses as possible. You can find the survey at:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/voelVjYH>

Governing Board Vacancies

We are extremely fortunate to have a fantastic Governing Board here at St. James'. The Board, chaired by Ray Jackson and vice-chaired by Richard Charman, are responsible not only for our school but also for Amberley CE Primary School, our partner school in the Arun Villages Federation.

The Governing Board is absolutely vital to the running of the school indeed, it is the Governing Board who are statutorily responsible for many of the procedures and process that we have in place and have to follow. The Governing Board here is populated by passionate and committed individuals who work tirelessly for both of the schools in their own time and without financial recompense.



Some of these very hard-working individuals have served for many years on our Governing Board and are now at a point when they need to step down from their roles. Therefore, we are looking for new recruits who would enjoy the opportunity to learn more about how schools work and contribute in a rewarding and positive way to the life of both schools in the Arun Villages Federation.

If you feel that this is something that would be of interest to you, please contact Mrs Kirby via the School Office who will be able to put you in touch with Mr Jackson who would be able to give you some more information about what is involved in being a governor. I have also attached a PDF leaflet provided by West Sussex Local Authority outlining the role of a governor for you to read.

Local Offer- Local Information and Services for Families with SEND

The West Sussex Local Offer website (<https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>) has information and events to support and entertain families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The July newsletter can be read here <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/bulletins/2e6dd00>

Jo's Holiday Club at Chuckleberries

Jo Kent (Chuckleberries' preschool supervisor) will be running a summer holiday club on the 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th August 2021, from 9am - 3pm (from 8am - 4pm is possible, if required). If you would be interested in a place, please be sure to call Jo on 07709 211487 to book a place and complete a registration form; this needs to be done by Friday 23rd July 2021. Places need to be booked and paid for in advance on receipt of an invoice.

A Final Note of Gratitude

As this will be the final Friday Flyer of the year, please may I take this opportunity to personally thank you for your support of me as Head of School at St. James' throughout this year. As you will be aware, I will be changing role in September to become Executive Headteacher of the Arun Villages Federation and I am very much looking forward to taking on this role and leading our federation forward.

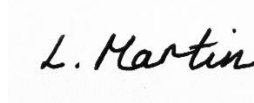


I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Stephanie Gibson who has been our Executive Headteacher during this past year; she has worked tirelessly on behalf of both Amberley and St. James bringing in some much-needed changes and leading us with a passion and zeal that has been contagious.

I will miss being Head of School of St. James and, indeed, I will miss being a full-time class teacher – it has been my joy and privilege to facilitate the learning of so many of your children. However, I am excited about the future and am looking forward to continuing to work with you as parents/carers to provide the best possible educational experience for your children and to see St. James' flourish and grow even more.

Have a very restful and relaxing summer break; I hope that you have wonderful plans and will be able to have quality time with your families and friends.

Kind regards,



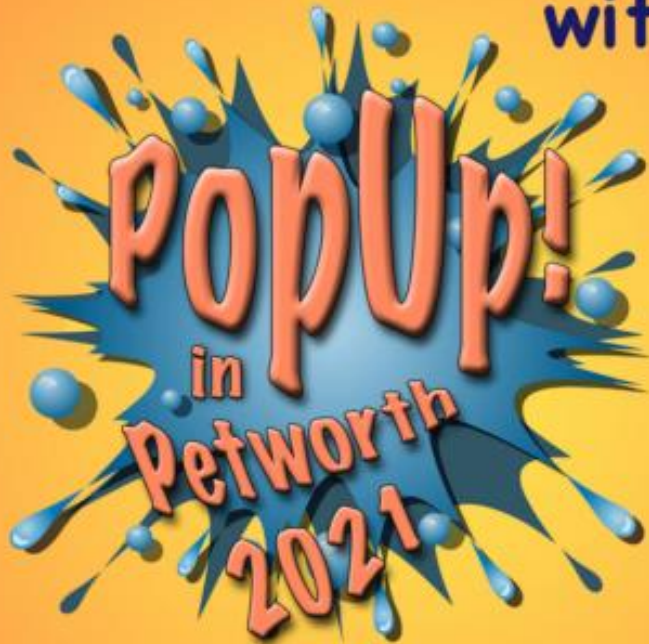
Mrs L Martin
Head of School

Important Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Whole School - Transition Afternoon and Stay and Play Afternoon for new Reception children.
Thursday 22 nd July 2021 – 9.00am	Leavers' Service at St Giles' Church Year 6 parents will be the only parents permitted to attend the service; details to follow for them
Friday 23 rd July 2021	School Production
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Last day of term
Thursday 2 nd September	Summer Terms Starts/Inset Day
Friday 3 rd September	Inset Day
Monday 6 th September	Children return to School (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 7 th September	First morning for new reception children –separate letter for details of arrangements for September.

Celebrating Young Artists

with Jon Edgar



Leconfield Hall,
Petworth
Saturday 17 July
11:00 to 12:00
Admission Free

20 Participating
Local Schools

Vibrant & Diverse Art Exhibition

Previewing at
The United Reformed Church,
Golden Square, Petworth
10:00 to 16:30 - 14 to 17 July
Admission Free



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COURSES, DATES, VENUES

SPORTS SCHOOL

JUL: 27th, 28th, 29th

Amberley Primary School

SOCCER SCHOOL

AUG: 2nd, 3rd, 4th

The Weald School

SOCCER SCHOOL

AUG: 9th, 10th, 11th

Watersfield FC

SPORTS SCHOOL

AUG: 17th, 18th, 19th

Amberley Primary School

SOCCER SCHOOL

AUG: 24th, 25th, 26th

Watersfield FC

THE DETAILS

- ALL COURSES RUN 9AM TO 3PM
- RUN BY FA QUALIFIED COACHES
- FUN GAMES, DRILLS, SPORTS, CHALLENGES AND MORE TO SUIT ALL AGES, ABILITIES AND INTERESTS
- ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, PLENTY OF DRINKS AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR THE WEATHER

PRICES

DAYS

1 DAY = £25, 2 DAYS = £45, 3 DAYS = £60

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Watersfield Village Car Boot Fair

in partnership with Lodge Hill



Lodge Hill have kindly offered their beautiful hilltop grounds for a special car boot sale with refreshments and a chance to enjoy the view over the Coldwaltham Brooks. There will be vintage stalls, plants, crafts, cakes and so much more!

We are fundraising for playground equipment for the under 5s at Alban Head recreation ground in Watersfield. It will be appreciated if buyers make a donation on entry to the grounds.

£10 a pitch if booked in advance or £15 on the day if space allows.

If you have any questions, please email watersfieldbootfair@gmail.com or please go to [facebook.com/watersfieldvillagebootfair](https://www.facebook.com/watersfieldvillagebootfair) to download the booking form.

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