

Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 7 February 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

With online parents/carers evenings and restricted numbers at other events, it may be some time before I get to meet you all in person. So I thought I would send this week's message to you in the form of a short video.

Please <u>click here to view</u>.

Jo Meloni

School Notices

COVID

Please can we ask all families to ensure students continue to take two lateral flow tests each week on Wednesdays and Sundays? Cases have far from disappeared, and the more we work together on this, the greater the number of students who will be able to safely enjoy in-person education in school. Spare test kits are always available from the year offices or reception if needed.

The consent window for covid vaccinations on Tuesday is now CLOSED. Please do not call or email us asking to be added as we are not able to do so.

Thank-you!

We Will Rock You

Tickets are still available for the Wednesday and Thursday shows of *We Will Rock You.* On Monday, tickets also go on sale for the live stream.

All tickets are available from *ticketsource*.

February 2022 Half Term Activities Available for Children Receiving Pupil Premium

West Sussex County Council is funding **activities during the half term break for children who receive the pupil premium** to support them as they catch up on their learning. Providers will be



offering a wide range of activities aligned to the core subjects as appropriate for each age group. It is hoped that this offer will broaden children's experiences by enriching their learning and sustaining it throughout the half term. The full list of available activities with hyperlinks is <u>here</u>. Some are a long way distant of course, but others are in the Mid Sussex area.

Parent Governor

We have received two nominations for the vacant parent governor position.

In accordance with election arrangements, we will send out a ballot paper on Monday next week which includes details of the candidates. Each parent/carer is allowed a vote so you will be provided with two ballot papers. Paper copies are available in main reception.

Your votes are important to the election process and we look forward to receiving completed forms by 9am on Thursday 17th February 2022. Please place ballot forms in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot Paper" and send to school for the attention of Mrs H. Rodgers.

If you are relying on student post, please ask your child to hand your envelope containing your ballot paper(s) to main reception.

Year Notices

Year 10 and 11

Free webinar from Seneca

A lot of our subject areas use Seneca free online resources to support learning.

Later this month they are offering a free webinar entitled *Empowering the Teaching Triangle: Student, Parent, and Teacher.*

Here's what they say.

Have you watched your child



struggle with schoolwork? Would you like to know how best to help your child with learning? Patrice Bain (@PatriceBain!), teacher and parent, has worked with cognitive scientists for over 15 years in identifying principles and strategies that increase learning and decrease anxiety. Author of Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning and A Parent's Guide to Powerful Teaching, Patrice will discuss evidence-based tools and strategies that work.

It is a free event happening on the 15th of February, 5.30pm (UK time). Click <u>here</u> to register.

Year 8 and 9

HPV vaccinations

Here is a message from the NHS Immunisation Service following this week's HPV vaccinations.

The Immunisation Service have recently attended Sackville for the HPV vaccinations. If you have already completed a form and your child missed it in school, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form.

However, if your child did not receive the HPV vaccination, and you would like them to be vaccinated, it's not too late. Please ensure that you complete an online consent form, if you have not already done so. The online consent form will re-open at 11am today and is available for completion.

How do I consent / refuse to my child having these vaccinations?

- 1. Visit the following web address: <u>https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV</u>
- 2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
- 3. Enter the school code: SX126089
- 4. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.

How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated?

- Click the link in automated email you will receive on submission of your completed consent form(s) to book an appointment at one of our Community Catch up Clinics, for your child to receive the vaccination(s) – You will require your booking reference number which can be found in the email.
- 2. Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to their clinic appointment.

Careers Information

Mrs Smith our Futures Leader collects together all career and apprenticeship opportunities on a dedicated web page which you can see <u>here</u>.

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week, and we expect a number of apprenticeship opportunities to be made available. We will share them on careers opportunities page.

Key Dates

Monday February 7 Tuesday February 8 Wednesday February 9 Thursday February 10 Thursday February 10 Friday February 11 Wednesday February 16 Thursday February 17 Friday February 18 Monday February 21 – Friday February 25

Year 8 options information issued Second COVID vaccination clinic Year 13 monitoring grades issued Year 7 reports issued Year 13 parents' evening Year 8 Monitoring grades issued School show: *We will Rock You* School show: *We will Rock You* School show: *We will Rock You* Half term

Wellbeing Weekly

Next week, 7th - 13th February, is Children's Mental Health Week championed by Place2Be. This year's focus is **Growing Together**, encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown emotionally this past year. If you are interested in what Place2Be are up to this week please visit their <u>website</u>. They also have another section which is focused on supporting parents with their children's mental health and wellbeing, you can find that <u>here</u>.



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19th & 20th February 2022 7:30pm

Trinity Methodist Church Lingfield Rd, East Grinstead, RH19 2HA

Tickets £12 Advance, £13 On the door

Tickets available at www.oddments-theatre.co.uk





Calling all parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities



We want to hear your views and ideas on the West Sussex Short Breaks programme

A new Short Breaks programme will launch in Spring 2023 and we want to hear what you think it should look like.



- What Short Breaks do you like most?
- Do you want more family days?
- Are there activities that you want included?
- When is the best time for Short Breaks?

You can find out more information about Short Breaks on the Local Offer

We'd love for you to join a virtual session

Thursday 27 January **1pm—3pm** Wednesday 2 February **4pm—6pm** Tuesday 8 February **9am—11am** – bullehin Tuesday 15 February **6pm—8pm** (bullehin



Please email your name and preferred session date to: <u>SENDCommissioningTeam@westsussex.gov.uk</u>

We look forward to hearing from you!