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Headteacher News

Welcome back to all our families after a lovely summer break even though mostly the weather was not particularly summery! We do hope you all had a good break and a rest with time to see some of your family and friends. Thank you so much for the lovely cards, messages and gifts that were given to staff at the end of term – very generous and so appreciated by us all.

It has been lovely seeing the children's smiley faces and hearing chat and laughter throughout the school again. We are so impressed that your children have come back and settled in so well to their new classes. It is like they have never been away. We hope that they have told you all about their first few days in their new class.

I would particularly like to welcome all our new staff, children and families who are beginning their learning journey with us at Sissinghurst this term.

Please feel free to catch leaders or Mrs Ridgway (our FLO) at the gates in the mornings or at the end of the day should you have any questions that you would like to ask. We believe passionately in working

together and would encourage you all to speak with your child's class teacher should you have any concerns. Teachers can email or send you a Studybug message or give you a call if you prefer at lunchtime or at the end of the school day. We are delighted that Mrs Evans continues in her ELSA role across the school to support them emotionally so that they can be successful.

YR Parents

Welcome to Sissinghurst Primary School if this is your first child joining us. The children in Lions are settling in beautifully and already showing our school values of courage and kindness.

Feel part of the school day - <https://x.com/sissinghurstVA>

Have a look on X / Twitter - if you do not follow us please do – we are delighted to be able to Tweet as we go so you will be able to see your children in 'real time.' We try very hard to ensure a variety of school life is shown over the week so please keep looking to see what your children are up to in school. Please note, we may have back or side-of-head shots of any pupil but they should not be recognisable if we do not have your permission to put them on our website or Twitter account. Please do always speak to the class teacher or let the office know if you have any queries about Twitter so we can assist you.

Thank you

Special thanks go to our cleaners and Mr Humberstone who have worked tirelessly to ensure the school has been cleaned from top to bottom in time for the start of term. Thank you also to James Miles and his colleague Greg for his time in the holiday with a tractor to move the sand from the front of the school to the sand pit. The children are enjoying the sand pit hugely, please look on twitter for some amazing photos.

Finally, thank you all for getting your children in this week, on time and looking so smart in their new uniform and shiny black shoes. I have not stopped commenting on how smart your children look and what pride they are taking in themselves and our school.

An exciting year at Sissinghurst has definitely begun and the children have been amazing of course!

Kind regards

Sarah Holman and the team at Sissinghurst



[Click the link to see Dates for Diaries](#)

URGENT - Road Closure - Friday, 6th September - Common Road, Sissinghurst

We have been advised that to enable urgent carriageway patching to be carried out by Kent County Council that it will be necessary to close Common Road, Sissinghurst from 6 September 2024 for up to day. The whole length of the road will be closed, but access will be maintained for residents when it is

safe to do so. It is planned that the road will be closed between 09.00 hrs and 15.30 hrs. Please therefore expect some possible delays on this day.

Reminders

Thankyou for ensuring your children are back to school looking so smart and on time in the mornings.

A few reminders below for your information.

Pupil Information

Could you please let the office know if you have changed your mobile numbers, doctors, any emergency contacts or if there are any changes to your child's dietary requirements or medical needs. It is important for us to have up-to-date information at all times.

Fruit and Water

Please can we remind you that we only provide fruit / vegetable snacks for children in KS1 as part of the government scheme. You are welcome to bring in similar healthy snacks for children in KS2 (Y3-6).

Children need a water bottle freshly filled each day please and especially in this weather to wear sunscreen and bring in sunhats to protect them as best we can.

Letter from your teacher

A letter from each class teacher will be coming to you this week for class specific information about the curriculum and PE lessons, but in the meantime please note forest school times below and that PE kits can stay in school for the term and go home at the end for washing so you do not have to worry about another thing to remember!

Forest School – Tuesday afternoons – if you can help please contact the office – we always need helpers to make this run successfully.

Year groups are linked to term number to try to make things easier – children should wear long sleeves and covered legs on this day, not uniform as they will get messy. Forest school will not be cancelled this year as this caused confusion last year. If we do not have enough parent volunteers for certain activities (eg campfires) then we will just run other activities that may be on the school site for safety.

Term 1 (now) – Year 1 Giraffes

Term 2 (Nov – Dec) - Year 2 Elephants

Term 3 (Jan – Feb) – Year 3 Zebras

Term 4 (Feb – March) – Year 4 Rhinos

Term 5 (April – May) – Year 5 Eagles

Term 6 (June – July) – Year R and Year 6 – more info nearer the time from our forest leaders about how this will work

Car park

Please can we remind you to park safely, ideally when you drop or collect your children you do this quickly to clear space to keep things as safe as possible. Please do not double park also anywhere in the school site as this makes moving in and out of spaces dangerous.

Also just a reminder that we only have four designated disabled bays and there are children at the school that need to use all these bays. Please therefore do not park in them if you do not have a disabled badge.

Thankyou all for your ongoing support.



Flower Show - Saturday, 14th September

FROM 2.30PM IN SCHOOL HALL

Please enter one or more of the following categories:

- **Young Person's Photography (16 years and under)** 'At the seaside'
- **Children's Classes - 11 years and under** (free to enter) - 4 Animal cupcakes (own recipe) or A 3D model of a spider in its web
- **Children's Classes - 16 years and under** (free to enter) A decorated photo frame, maximum size A4

In exchange for your child's entry to the show they can wear their own clothes on Friday 13th September. Please bring your entries to the School Hall on the Friday morning at drop off and place your entry on your class table.

Child's own work with minimal adult help. Entries from children at other schools are welcome. To be judged in school year age groups.

Please mark your entries clearly with your name, class and age.

Please take this fantastic opportunity to get involved with the local flower society. It's great fun and you can visit the school hall, where it's all taking place to find out where your child's entry has come. If you're new to the community, it's a lovely way to meet people and take a look at all the entries and see the fabulous things they can grow in their gardens and bake in their kitchens.



Twitter/X

Do follow us on Twitter/ X @sissinghurstva to keep up to date on all the exciting activities/lessons the children are taking part in.



SISSINGHURST & FRITTENDEN CHURCHES present



ALL Year 7-13'ss are warmly welcome to this exciting new LOCAL opportunity! TN17 2JL

For more information: Claire/Pete - 01580 852275

Sissinghurst & Frittenden Churches also have a vacancy for a part time administrator to work with Rev Pete in preparing weekly notices, Powerpoint slide decks, publicity material, Wedding, Baptism and Funeral administration and a range of other tasks. Flexible working for nine hours per week, but a one hour meeting with Rev Pete each week is essential. We are looking for someone who is well organised, unflappable, competent, a self starter and interested in supporting the growth of the churches. If you are interested and would like more details please get in touch with John - john@sissandfritt.org - and please pass this on to anyone who might be interested, thank you!

News & Events

For upcoming local events in the parish of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/>

Sign up to receive 'Be In The Know' emails from the parish council:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

Or follow the Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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