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"The Splash!"

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SCHOOL NEWS

Over the summer holidays we are having a new front lobby built, with changes to the Office. We know that the security at the front of the school and your child's safety has been an issue and we will now be able to address this with our new secure entry system. Plans of the new school entrance will be available for parents to see at the PTA fete on Saturday.

Lost Property will be put out on tables in the Infant and Junior playgrounds on Tuesday 6th July.

On Monday 5th July the **judges** for the 'Village in Bloom' competition will be visiting the school, and so would bikes and scooters please not be left in the front outside the office window, but use the cycle park around the side of the building behind the kitchen instead.

Cool Cats winners for the highest attendance this week are Willow and Birch, both almost 98%, well done!

On Tuesday morning residents of Upper Close phoned to complain once again about the inconsiderate **parking** of parents, and also that children were walking up the road rather than on the pavement. In the interests of everyone's safety and relationships with our neighbours would you please park at the Community Centre instead of Upper Close. Thank you.

CLUBS:

The **choir** will be performing at 2.45pm on Thursday 15th July for anyone who would like to come and listen, instead of Friday 16th as previously advertised as there are school trips on this day. We would like to thank Delia for all her hard work with the choir this term and for helping them to achieve such wonderful performances. Next term, choir will initially be for year 5 and 6, and will be taken by Mr Allison.

We are already thinking about a programme of after school clubs for next term and would like to hear from any parents who have a skill/hobby they could volunteer to share with the children. Several parents expressed a desire for more varied after school clubs on the last parent survey, and we would love to hear from you if you could offer to run a drama workshop, board games club, needlecraft, arts and craft, languages or cookery club.

SEN: A letter outlining the provision we make for children who have special needs is being sent out with the Splash this week in response to a variety of points brought up in the parent questionnaire

PTA NEWS

- Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle is on Wednesday 7th July (next week)
- The fete is fast approaching – Please sign up to help man a stall
- Don't forget the fancy dress competition and the animal out of a vegetable competition
- Each child needs to bring in their filled jam jar by next Friday, 9th
- Cakes and produce etc are all needed by Friday, or cakes and salads on Saturday morning
- Spare hands needed to help put up marquees after school on Friday

Finally, Sariah's **Big Swim** is tomorrow and it is not too late to sponsor her. The form will be in the Office all next week. Good luck Sariah – only 1 mile in the Thames – shouldn't be too cold!

KITCHEN NEWS

A lot of children are coming to lunch without their dinner money and this affects the kitchen accounts at the end of the week as well as creating more work chasing up missing money. **Please** ensure that your children have their money. Thank you. Alison.

MEET THE GOVERNOR

This week pupils have interviewed the Chair of Governors, Mr Ken Marke.

Name:	Ken Marke
What is your role as a governor	I am the chair of the governors; I arrange all of the meetings, do lots of work with the head teacher and enjoy representing the school.
What do you enjoy most about being part of the governing body?	My silly answer is: the end of meetings. And my more sensible answer is being able to help the school.
What do you least enjoy about your role?	Another silly answer is: The start of meetings. Then another sensible answer is: Making difficult decisions.
Were you nervous about Ofsted coming to the school?	No, I was not nervous because I had confidence in the school and what we had done.
What changes do you think the school will face in the future?	A new head teacher. Plus new energy and new ideas.



Parent Governor Vacancies

As from 1st July, we will have a number of parent governor vacancies. Governors are volunteers and play a vital role in guiding the school. They set policies and practices, establish targets for improvement and generally hold the school to account. Once appointed, they are expected to provide independent views drawing on their own experiences.

There is obviously much more to the role than can be explained here so if you are interested and would like information about governorship and qualification criteria, please feel free to contact me, any other current governor or Katy Batory our Clerk to the Governing Body. Contact details are available from the school office or otherwise email me at chair@forestrow.e-sussex.sch.uk.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 19th July at 12 noon. If there are more nominations than there are vacancies, we will arrange a ballot early in September. Nomination forms and instructions will be available from the school office or our Website (under "Governors") www.forestrowschool.org.

Ken Marke

Chair of Governors

COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to the HeartSong Acappella Choir's end of term 'Happening': Wed 7th July, 8-9.30pm. Free of charge! Delia's 'adult acappella choir' will sing a few songs, then there will be refreshments and an opportunity to learn and sing a few songs all together - just for the fun of it! This is quite a magical experience. It is a really enjoyable, uplifting event so do come and join us if you are free- kids, parents, grannies and all welcome!

Chailey School are once again running an exciting programme of summer activities for children aged 4 upwards. Fliers will be sent home next week, or ask for details in the Office.

MUSIC NEWS: Just to clarify that the Young Musicians Summer Course is being run by The Forest Row Orchestra and will be held in the hall at the Baptist Church.