



"The Splash!"

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SCHOOL NEWS

This letter has been received by the Health Protection Nurse:

*I am writing to let you know that there has been a suspected case of **measles** in a student attending Forest Row School. Measles is a preventable viral infection that usually causes a fever, rash, cough and "flu like" symptoms which may last about a week to 10 days. Measles can be very serious and complications include pneumonia and ear infections. Measles is spread from person to person by coughs and sneezes and can be passed on to others even before any significant symptoms are showing.*

The following symptoms would suggest that someone has measles:

- *High temperature **and** a rash **and** at least one of the following: cough, cold symptoms, conjunctivitis (sore, red eyes).*

Measles is highly infectious but can easily be prevented by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose is usually given at 13 months of age (but if you have missed this dose it can be given at anytime). The second dose is normally given before school entry.

If you think your child may have measles please call your GP. If you need to visit the surgery it is important to ensure that they are aware of the possible diagnosis, so that they can make arrangements to ensure that the disease isn't spread to others. If measles is diagnosed your child will be infectious until 4 days after the rash first appeared. Your child should be kept at home and contact with other people minimised until this period has passed.

Thank you – to the parents of Birch class for their co-operation and understanding yesterday and to Year 6 parents for their support at the leaver's service and for Romeo and Juliet, which was a great success.

Uniform – several parents have contacted me following my letter about our expectations from September, and all of your comments have been appreciated, thank you. Following this, we have decided that plain polo shirts will be acceptable as uniform, and that we will be looking into the cost of logo-ed uniform in the future.

Cool Cats for attendance this week are: Oak and Sycamore classes.

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at your local library

Encourage your children to have fun with reading this summer by taking part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge at your local East Sussex public library. This year's theme is 'Circus Stars'. The challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. The challenge is aimed at children in the four to twelve age group. If your child is not a confident reader they can still take part by sharing their books with you. If they have special needs or are visually impaired they can take part using Bag Books or audio books. For more information about the challenge for children with special needs and / or visual impairment please contact Claire Morley (Librarian, North Area East Sussex) on 01273 336286.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library ticket. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family.

Children signing up for the challenge get a Circus Stars membership card and sticker. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the challenge they will get a medal and certificate which can be presented in school or at the library.

Children can take part in the challenge any time from the 9th July until 10th September. You can find out more about the challenge at: <http://www.circus-stars.org.uk/> or by asking in the library.

CLUB NEWS

Here is the latest **chess report**:

In the final of the Sussex Schools Cup Forest Row came fourth. Congratulations to Brian Tarhon, Indie Udsholt-Clayton, Oscar Udsholt-Clayton, Arash Mirzaei and Scott Shepherd who played at various times in the competition. Also, last weekend Brian played on board 2 for the Sussex U13 (that's year 8(!) and below) second team at Eton in the national U13 county team final, scoring a very creditable 1.5 points against very strong and older opposition. Lastly good luck to the four children, namely Sam O'Gorman, Brian Tarhon, and Oscar and Indie Udsholt-Clayton, who are playing in the area round, the gigafinal, of the UK Chess Challenge at Wellington College next weekend. This is a national tournament for 70,000 children and there only about 2000 left in.

Premier Sport are offering half price summer holiday activity days especially for us, as they are aware that their service has not been as good as it could have been this term. This means that the cost of a whole day is only £10. Courses will be held in Hartfield, Ardingly and Copthorne. Application forms can be collected from the lobby and must be submitted by 20th July.

PTA NEWS

Kidz on the Catwalk tonight has unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of support from children wanting to be models and adults willing to help on the evening. However all offers of adult help are gratefully received this evening to set up for tomorrow.

Summer Fayre tomorrow – do come along – amongst all the lovely stalls, a reminder that there is a dog show at 12.15pm.

KITCHEN NEWS

The kitchen is still owed a lot of money from parents who do not send dinner money with their child but request a school meal. Please settle your debts next week.

Updated calendar - see the whole calendar on our website

July

Friday	1st	Kids on the Catwalk 5.00pm CANCELLED
Saturday	2nd	PTA Summer Fayre 11am - 2pm
Mon - Tues	4-5th	Chailey School Induction for Year 6
Tuesday	5th	Beacon Community College open morning for Year 5 pupils & parents 11.45am
		Picnic Tuesday for Year 3 and Birch class
		Guitar lessons 9.30am - 11.30am in place of Thursday 7th.
Wed - Fri	6-8th	Sackville School Induction for Year 6
Thurs - Fri	7-8th	Year 5 residential at Broadstone Warren
Monday	11th	Full Governors meeting 4pm
Tuesday	12th	Picnic Tuesday for Year 5 and Oak class (from 21st June which was cancelled)
Wednesday	13th	Ash/Oak children picnic 12noon with new September Reception children
		School nurse visit 9.30am
Thursday	14th	Guitar recital 2.30pm
Friday	15th	Reports published