



**Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome** to the start of the new school year! It was wonderful seeing all the children back and the whole team are looking forward with excitement to 2017-18!

Miss Kim Wilcox, Headteacher



Maypole Dancers at Damerham Village Fair

Thank you and well done to **Isabella Watt, Sienna Adams, Romalie Berjaoui, Lydia Calais, Connie Trewin, Lily Miller, Maisie Joy, Millie Calais, Zoe Hansen, Maddie White, Georgina Downing, Amelia Jacobs and Anna Garrett** for giving their time to dance at the Damerham Village Fair at the start of the holidays. Despite being a very rainy day, their dancing brightened the show! Thank you to **Miss O'Brien (Mrs Miller)** for teaching the children.

Reminders

- The jacket potato menu has now started again, see attached menu
- Dinner payments - the cost for every day this half term is £73.10. Please try to pay termly or weekly in advance.
- Music lessons - we have spaces for guitar, flute, keyboard and piano lessons. The cost is £80 per term (£240 per year). If interested please contact Mrs Redding.
- Please return your Data Collection forms asap, even if there are no changes, so that we can ensure we have the correct details.



Community News

Rockbourne Roman Villa is taking part in England's Free Heritage Festival this Saturday 9th September. 11am – 5pm, with children's activities and cream teas !

Please see attached flyer for more information

News from the Friends of Western Downland

This month, The Friends of Western Downland has been chosen as one of the charities for 'Community Matters' in Waitrose in Ringwood. The scheme chooses 3 local good causes each month to take a share of £1000. So if you buy something there please remember to collect your token and vote for us. The more tokens we get, the bigger share of the £1000 we get.

We have our annual **Tea & Tissues** meeting on **Monday 11 September, 9-11am** at The Compasses, Damerham. Drinks and cake are on us! Everyone is welcome, not just parents/guardians of children who are new to the school.

It's our **AGM on Thursday 14th September, 7.30pm at The Compasses** and we will be voting for the 2017/18 committee. The current committee are standing down so there are roles up for grabs. As always, everyone is welcome whether or not you want to get involved actively, or sit on your hands and watch. If you would like more information on this, please get in touch.

Letters/Notices this week...

- Data Collection forms
- Year 3 & 4 Natural History Museum Visit
- Clubs Letter



Can you help ?

Helen Adams is going to be running a jewellery club and an arts and crafts club at Rockbourne - she would appreciate any donations of glass jars (with or without lids), or any other resources which may be useful. Please had them in to either office, or to Mrs Adams (Sienna's mum, Y5). Thank you.

Teacher name change

Year 5 teacher **Mrs Ruth Miller** has now changed her name to **Miss Ruth O'Brien**.

Western Downland Primary School Diary

Autumn Term 2017	
Mon 4 th September	INSET DAY
Tues 12 th September	Welcome to Year 1 & Year 2 meeting for parents (3.20-3.50pm@ Damerham in classrooms)
Thursday 14 th september	Friends' AGM @ Compasses, 7.30pm
Mon 18 th September	Reception Class welcome service @ St George's Church, Damerham 9.45am
Mon 18 th September	Welcome to Year 3 & Year 4 meeting for parents (3.30-4.00pm@ Rockbourne in classrooms)
Tues 19 th September	Welcome to Year 5 & 6 meeting for parents (2.30-4.00pm @ Rockbourne in classrooms)
Tues 19 th September	Year 3 & 4 visit to the Natural History Museum
Weds 20 th September	Phonics Workshop for parents @ Damerham site 7pm
Fri 29 th September	Harvest Festival @St George's Church, 9.45am
Tues 3 rd & Thurs 5 th October	Parent Consultations
Tues 10 th October	School Photographer
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October	Half-Term
Mon 30 th October	INSET DAY
Mon 4 th December	Flu Immunizations – Infant site and Years 3 & 4
Wed 13 th December	School Christmas Services (pm & evening)
Wed 20 th December	School Disco
Fri 22 nd Dec – Weds 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term 2018	
Thurs 4 th January	Return to school
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half-Term
Mon 19 th February	INSET DAY
Fri 30 th March-Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2018	
Mon 16 th April	Return to School
Mon 14 th -Fri 18 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs
Fri 25 th May	INSET DAY
Mon 28 th May –Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Mon 4 th -Fri 8 th June	Year 6 Wales Residential