

30 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to all the parents who came to support our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon today and for all the amazing donations of cakes which looked and tasted incredible! Thank you too to our new PTA members who came to support and managed a very busy cake sale so well! It was so lovely to end the week sharing tea and cake together, whilst raising money for a good cause. We shall let you know how much we raised for Macmillan once we have done the final count.

We did have some cakes left at the end of the sale so if students would like to bring some money into school on Monday, we will hold a mini cake sale at break time in The Hall.

Encouraging our students to have a sense of social responsibility is so important to their social development and their connection to their community. Instilling this notion of giving and showing empathy to others is vital and is something that we are immensely passionate about at Undershaw. Our Junior Rotary Club, "Interact", meet every Friday as part of our Discovery Day offer and plan enriching opportunities to encourage a sense of social responsibility across the school through their planned fundraising events. They are supported by The Haslemere Rotary Club and Leilah, our Head of Employability and Life Skills Faculty. We look forward to sharing with you their next exciting project soon!

Vehicle gates / Homework Club

As those of you who are local to the area will have noticed, the land formerly owned by *Andrews*, just opposite Undershaw on the Portsmouth Road, has now been blocked off to vehicles. As a result, our limited parking spaces onsite may become even more constrained, and therefore we are going to trial having our vehicle gates closed again after pick-up, and then not re-opening until 5pm. Consequently, if your son or daughter is in Homework Club, please announce yourself at the gates, and Abby or Karen will buzz you in. Thank you for your patience while we trial this new procedure.

KS2 trip

This week saw our intrepid KS2 classes venture out to *The Living Rainforest*, as part of their work on rainforests, where an amazing time was had by all – do take a look at our Facebook page for some wonderful photos! The Living Rainforest is an exciting learning environment with over 850 species of tropical rainforest plants and animals, including free-ranging birds, butterflies and small reptiles. What a fantastic way to bring their learning to life!

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

We also have an Instagram account if you prefer to follow us there: undershaw_education_trust

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Data Collection Sheet

As I mentioned in my letter last week, a quick reminder regarding data collection sheets. Can I ask that you complete and return your child's DCS to the front office as soon as possible please, if you have not already done so. We do have a responsibility to ensure that the data we hold is updated and correct. Thank you.

Fundraising

A big thank you to The Hogs Back Brewery who are hosting a charity quiz night with donations made on the night coming to us at Undershaw. We are always so grateful for any support from the local community, and this will go towards our current fundraising project to buy play equipment for our outside spaces.

Newsletter

Please see the link below for our September issue of *This is US*:

<https://undershaw.education/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2022/09/This-is-US-Undershaw-News-Sept-22.pdf>

Positives of the week!

We really do appreciate it when parents and visitors take the time to email in and give us feedback, so please let us know if you have anything you would like to share. Here are some comments that we received this week...

These from parents in response to recordings by Yr 10 students:

"Just wow!!! I'm so proud! Thanks so much for sharing. He isn't always the first to shout about his own achievements. Thanks for your ongoing work and support with him and I can't wait to share this with him later!"

"Thank you so much for emailing me these sound clips – she is so loving her music and I love hearing how well she is doing. Her confidence has come on in leaps and bounds. Many thanks again."

Upcoming dates

Here are our upcoming dates – and please note these are not exhaustive and updates will be communicated.

Date	Time	Event	Organiser
Wed, 5 Oct	am	West Surrey Immunisation Team visit	
Fri, 14 Oct	1.30-2.40pm	Futures Forum (Yr 10 – Post 16) at Tower Rd	Employability
Wed, 19 Oct	Open Morning	for prospective families	Admissions
Tues, 11 Oct	Afternoon	Founders' Day (more info to follow)	
Thurs, 20 Oct	3.30pm	KS4 and Post 16 Parents' Evening (more info to follow)	
Thurs, 20 Oct	6-8pm	The Petersfield School Careers Fair (Yr 9 – Post 16)	TPS
Fri, 21 Oct	End of ½ term	– normal finish time of 3.05pm	

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Mon 24 – Fri, 28 Oct	October half-term		
Mon, 31 Oct	8.30am	Pupils return – first day of Autumn Term 2nd ½	
Tues, 8 Nov	6.00pm	Post 16 Open Evening at Tower Rd	
Wed, 16 Nov	3.30pm	KS2 and KS3 Parents’ Evening (more info to follow)	
Thurs, 17 Nov	3.30pm	KS2 and KS3 Parents’ Evening (more info to follow)	
Fri, 18 Nov	“Children in Need”		
Fri, 2 Dec	Afternoon	Christmas Fair (more info to follow)	
Fri, 16 Dec	Celebration Assembly Last day of term – finish time of 12 noon		
Tues, 3 Jan 2023	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Wed, 4 Jan 2023	8.30am	Pupils return – first day of Spring Term 2023	

And finally, thank you for your continued support, and please do get in contact should you have anything that you would like to discuss.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

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