

Dear Parents/Carers

This year we are fundraising to support Stringer families who may be in need of some extra support this Christmas. We are hoping to raise enough money to be able to provide some financial support to those who need a little help this Christmas.

If you would like to donate please use the link provided: https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/the_stringer_fund.aspx. This week students on the Alternative Curriculum group came together to do a big shop to support a local food bank.

Movember

A special thanks goes to Team Stringer Bros who took up the Movember Challenge during the month of November. They reached their target and raised an amazing £1,200 with the support of our students, parents, carers and staff. Well done and thank you to all those involved for supporting such a fantastic cause. Check out the newsletter for a photo of Stringer Bros.

These are a few examples of the Stringer Community coming together to support others; we are very proud of their efforts.

Covid Updates

Thank you to all families who have supported our students with the return of face coverings around the school. We continue to follow the national guidance and have not been informed of any second vaccinations (for students aged 12-16) which are part of the government programme.

Adults, and those eligible, can of course book their booster vaccines and if we are provided any further information from the local authority we will send this out to our community. A reminder that in the colder weather coats can be worn inside (over the school jumper) so we can continue to ventilate accordingly.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-adults-to-be-offered-covid-19-boosters-by-end-of-january>

End of Term

With only two school weeks before the end of term there is still lots going on around the school. On Wednesday 15 December, Christmas lunch will be served in the canteen. There are also a number of fixtures and trips scheduled involving many of our students. The Carol Service will go ahead but unfortunately numbers are limited so we have only been able to issue tickets to members of the choir and musicians. The Carol Service will be recorded and posted on our website for the whole community to watch.

The sheep have returned to the Butterfly Haven on Stringer Way

We are very excited to see the return of Sussex Wildlife Trust's sheep who will be grazing in our Butterfly Haven on Stringer Way from 2nd to 9th December.

Over several centuries' sheep created the right conditions for rare wildflowers and insects to survive. Without their grazing many species over the downs would be lost.

Current by-laws do NOT permit the walking of dogs on the Surrenden campus. However, as safety is a priority, please advise anyone you know who walks a dog on our campus to avoid letting their dog get too close to the sheep or the fence.

Any problems with the sheep please contact: The Shepherd – Tom Parry - Mobile: 07884 496807

In the event of a dog attack contact the Shepherd or if a dog attack is in progress, please call 999.

Please Note: Pregnant women should avoid direct contact with the sheep, because of the slight risk of contracting Chlamydia, which can lead to miscarriage or abortion.

We hope you will come along to Stringer Way to visit the sheep over the coming days.

Christmas decorations

The Young Entrepreneur Club (YEC) is Dorothy Stringer's extra-curricular club where students design, create and market their ideas. The YEC students have designed unique Christmas decorations which have been laser-cut to create a range of beautifully coloured decorations. A percentage of the profits will go to the Stringer Christmas Appeal.

Please follow the link to view and order the decorations: <https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/YEC.aspx>

Unwrap a book each day in December!

Not sure what to read, need a good book recommendation? Come along to the Library at lunchtime and unwrap one of the fabulous books we have for you to borrow! Each school day until the holidays you will be able to unwrap one of the new books we have. Don't despair if it's already been snapped up, come along and borrow another of the great books we have on display.

In sporting news

It's been a busy time for the PE department with students taking part in a wide variety of sporting fixings, home and away. The results are as follows:

- Year 7A Boys Football 1-1 with Newman
- Year 7 Interhouse Football was won by Surrenden
- Year 9 Girls Football lost 1-0 in a tight game vs Varndean in the Brighton League
- Year 8a Netball drew 4-4 and b team lost 2-3 both to Newman.
- Stringer's U13 Table Tennis came 2nd place in the County, just missing out on the national final.
- Year 11 Boys Football won 4-0 vs Blatchington Mill

Well done to all those who took part in these sporting events and representing the school so well.

Root Word of the Week – Mech; machine (Greek root word) Mechanistic; Mechanism; Mechanise

Key Dates

- Friday 17 December – last day of Autumn term – early closure at 12.30
- Tuesday 4 January 2022 – start of Spring Term (Week 1 of timetable)

Key Dates 2021/2022 are on our website: https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/key_dates.aspx

Take care and stay safe.

Matt Hillier