

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another term as it seems not long ago that I was writing to you and wishing all an enjoyable summer break. Now, here we are so close to the end of 2022.

With this, I remember that I set out 3 simple steps to follow for your child while they are studying at WSAPC. They were:

- To attend school
- Be at the right place at the right time
- And to stay safe

Attendance is getting better across the whole school, but we have a way to go yet, and I strongly urge you to support us with making sure that your child attends regularly to access the education that WSAPC provides.

There are many other AP schools and providers that **do not** offer the wide range of courses and experiences that your child can tap into, and we are set up to ensure that your child is well equipped to reintegrate back into the mainstream or to another educational setting, knowing that they are ready to learn in any environment.

Once your child is attending regularly, they will need to be following the timetable and to engage in lessons. Quite simply they will only learn if they are accessing the education that is on offer.

Lastly, it is a genuine team effort in making sure that your child has a positive future, and we urge all parents to be mindful of where your child is and what they are up to outside of the school day. A healthy start to the school day begins with a fresh focus after a good night's sleep. Young people need sleep far more than adults, so a reasonable amount of rest is crucial to good learning in the classroom the next day.

Finally, we will be focusing on reading in our centres and to bring back the joy of what a book can give both to young and not so young people! It is something that is so crucial to everything we do in life and reading not just helps with your child's literacy but also expands their minds and views about the world that we live in! Your support in helping your child to read will be greatly appreciated and as a school we promise to make sure we give access to this with books on offer in all classrooms.

Wising you all a restful winter break and a happy New Year

Yours, Doug Thomas Executive Head Teacher



## **Arrangements and Timings**



The Autumn Term ends Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and we return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January for the start of Spring Term.

Half Term runs from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February inclusive.

## Uniform



Pupils should attend school in full APC uniform after the winter break. If you wish to purchase new t-shirts/jumpers, please contact the centre before your child is due to return to school. Where family circumstances make this financially difficult, we would encourage you to talk to us in confidence and we will do all we can to help.

In addition to the APC t-shirts pupils will need to wear -

•Dark Trousers / Skirt / Shorts

•Dark Trainers / Schools Shoes / Plimsolls

# What's happened this Term?

### Trip to Goodwood



Students from all our centres were invited to Goodwood to take part in the enterprise scheme.

Our stall earlier this year raised over £2000.



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#### **Robotics at Lancing**



Students enjoyed a STEM activity with Albion in the Community. They worked with robotic spheres, controlling the robots using a programme on an iPad. They enjoyed using the equipment and had fun learning how to manoeuvre them on the mat.

They used the spheres to practice football skills, like dribbling and weaving through the cones. Later on, these skills were put to the test in a robotic football match. Next time, the students will be able to do the programming themselves. All the students took part and enjoyed the new experience.

#### **Reading corner**



APC Chichester has finally moved into the newly renovated building on the North Mundham site; it was an enormous task to pack up everything from our small band of pupils and try to set up a welcoming classroom ready for their return after the half term break. Many thanks to the Chichester team for their efforts to accomplish this. As you can see in the photo there is a welcoming classroom.

It is a work in progress and the children have been busy creating displays to make the space "their own". The Jackson Pollock style paintings are, I hope you will agree, almost indistinguishable from those of the artist himself.

We have welcomed new pupils to our little group, and I am proud of the way our "oldies" have offered them friendship and helped them settle.



#### **Dissections in Science Class**

At Lancing, students have been involved in dissections carried out by Jim Thomas, Science Teacher. Students enjoyed the experience and some even handled the heart and lungs!



#### **Raising disability awareness in Sport**

APC Lancing enjoyed taking part in a workshop with Albion in the community this October. AITC delivers disability awareness training to local schools, colleges, and businesses. One of the people responsible for that delivery was Kieran Green, he began life with AITC aged just seven as a regular at one of its football sessions for people with a disability. Now 23, Kieran is а player/coach at Brighton & Hove Albion Cerebral Palsy FC and a core member of AITC's disability coaching



team. Kieran ran an inspirational session for our pupils raising disability awareness within our school community. Pupils were fully immersed in wheelchair basketball as well as learning about many different sports, both nationally and internationally.

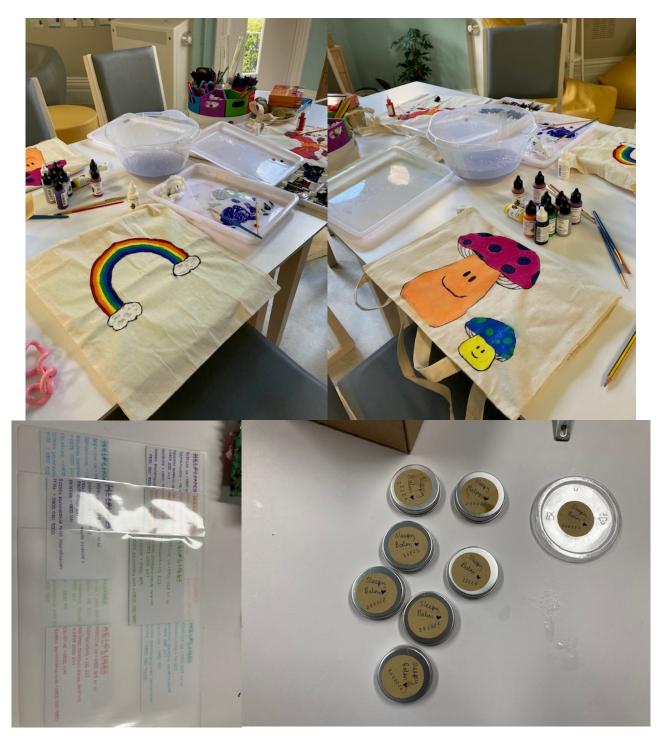
#### **Trips to the Adur Centre**

As part of whole school enrichment, students have been attending the Adur Centre in Shoreham-by-sea to take part in climbing and have really enjoyed learning new skills.



### Inclusion

At Springtide, the project to develop care packages for refugees is well under way. We had a hive of activities going on, making face masks, painting canvas bags, making lip balm and starting to package our shower steamers. A massive thank you to the Lancing team for their generous donations these will all be so gratefully received.



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## **Internet Safety**





# **Our Contact Details**

Please don't hesitate to contact your centre at any time if you have any questions or concerns- telephone numbers are below:

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