

Petworth C of E Primary School

Spring Newsletter No.12



7th April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Another term completed and when you sit back and reflect on the term just gone, it is wonderful to remember the variety of activities, experiences and challenges that we have all experienced since the cold, dark days of January. There has been a sleepover, residential trip, burning of Pudding Lane...twice, Google Expeditions, numerous sporting events, dance festival, installation of our willow dome, Eucharist, several trips... It is always easy to forget what we all have contributed to ensure our children get the best education possible. Our children constantly *inspire*, *nurture* and *challenge* each other and it is imperative that we mould this, so our children reach their full potential. In the words of the Senior County Advisor. 'Overall, the school is working well to raise achievement and engagement with good challenge and effective progress of pupils. *The change in quality over the last year is remarkable.*'

I would like to thank the children for accepting the countless challenges we offer them. The children's resilience, perseverance and independence are improving and will assist them in their education journey. Our year six children are now in the midst of revising for their SATs and this is always a difficult time for them as they are so determined to do their best. It is now up to the teachers to ensure they see this as a valuable learning experience and there is no such thing as 'fail'; that label is only given to children by the Government!

I would also like to thank the parents for their continued support and working with us. It is always easier to complain and not be realistic, however with your support during our 'Coffee Mornings', meetings' or just chatting in the playground the school is evolving. I am so grateful for your input.

Our Governors work tirelessly, and have a thankless task, as they challenge the leaders of the school. They attend countless meetings, complete training and put up with me waffling on. Every member of staff is so grateful that they are so supportive and challenging.

Our PPSA group are remarkable! They are very supportive and always willing to give up their valuable free time to raise important funds for the school. This year they have organised a Film Night and School Disco, which were both well supported. In addition

to this they have organised us to be one of the organisations that the Co-Op are supporting. Thank you so much.

As you are aware Father Mark leads Collective Worship every Thursday and he also organises the Easter Service and our termly Eucharist. These are invaluable learning experiences for the children and we are very fortunate to have someone so enthusiastic.

Finally I would like to thank all of the staff, who are working tirelessly to ensure our curriculum inspires, nurtures and challenges each child. From all of the staff we wish you all a happy Easter and see you all on Monday 24th April. ☺

Football and Netball



On Wednesday we hosted a football tournament and a netball training session at our school. Our netballers welcomed back Mrs Duffy, who alongside Mrs Ford, led a skills session with children from Fittleworth and Coldwaltham.

Our football team played a tournament against St. James (Coldwaltham), Duncton and Fittleworth. It was a splendid afternoon with the sun shining as the schools played a round robin of matches. There was some superb football skills on show, with a fair amount of respect for each other, determination shown and sportsmanship throughout the event. Our first match was against St. James and this was a very even game.

Eventually we won by 3 goals to two. Duncton were our next opponents and we won this game 2-0, although both teams had many chances.

Our final game was against Fittleworth, who had beaten us on a couple of occasions this year. Again it was a very close game with Ollie J scoring the winner with only a minute to go. The eventual score was 2-1 to us and therefore Petworth were the overall winners having being unbeaten. Well done to our players: Ollie J, Keegan, Joseph, Josh, Ben, Jacques, Oliver and Lloyd.

Children's Work

Rowan Investigators

The first draft and edit version of part of the Easter Story the children chose to write about.

Jesus ~~had~~ ^{had} died on a cross
and went in a tomb. ~~AA~~ ^{few} days
later Mary ~~magalen~~ ^{magalen} and an angel were
to the tomb. The angel moved the bolder
and saw ~~NOTHING~~ ^{Mary magalen} she had lost her beca
friend because she only saw a pile of
grave clothes. So she prayed. When she said
Amen she saw a stranger he spoke
and she ~~recognised~~ ^{recognised} the body and voice.
IT WAS JESUS! And Jesus said: "GO to my
~~disciples~~ ^{disciples} and say: I am alive." So she
did. "Everyone Jesus is alive." "We don't
believe you." ^{disciples} "Believe her I have
risen. I am going to my Father."
"But before I go I am going to see
the fish." "How many fish have you got?"
"NONE." "Hm... Put it the other side." "OR?" "WOW
great! These hundreds of fish." And every one
sated when he went to heaven. "BYE Good
bye bye bye."

By Caitlin

on Thursday Jesus and his
 disciples wanted a supper because
 Jesus was going to die on the
 cross. Jesus had a piece
 of bread he said this is my body
 then he ~~pick~~^{picked} up a
 white towel the
 disciples to eat and drink
 it. ~~meanwhile~~^{meanwhile} after the
 supper some men
 and 30 pieces of silver
 came to the man
 came with the men to
 the man 30 pieces of silver
 arrested him and held him
 on a cross

By Jacob

Eucharist



Cello Assembly

Maple Class showed their cello skills to their parents yesterday.



Mathletics Questions and Answers Session

You are all welcome to come and see Mrs Sandon-Webb at 3.15pm on Tuesday 25th April when she will be available to answer any questions you have with Mathletics programme that the Year 2 to Year 6 children are currently using in school.

School Council Poster Competition

The School Council would like to put up posters around the school to help remind the children of the British Values within the school. Therefore they have decided to run a competition to create posters for around the school to promote and remind the children of their manners and ways to show respect to others. During the holidays if you would like to be part of this competition and would like to see your poster around the school, please create your form on the poster sent home and return it to your class teacher by **Friday 28th April**.

PPSA Easter Egg Competition

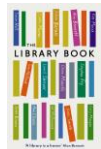


We would like to challenge our children and see who can decorate a polystyrene egg the most imaginatively. The PPSA have kindly donated prizes for the egg, which stands out from the crowd. Eggs will be handed out today and we will be judging them on **Wednesday 26th April**.

Rowan Explorers and Rowan Investigators SATS Meeting

There is a meeting for parents of children in Rowan Explorers and Rowan Investigators on **Wednesday 26th April** at 2.30pm to discuss what the tests.

Outstanding Library Books



Mrs Groves asks you to check if your child has any library books which need to be returned to school after the holidays on **Monday 24th April**. Thank you.

Cricket Club



We still have spaces in the After School Cricket Club which starts next term.

Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

We are looking to employ two midday meal supervisors to work from 11.45am to 1.15pm Monday to Friday, however we are happy to consider fewer days as part of a job share. Please see the advert attached to this e-mail for further details. If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, please come and have a chat with me.

School Crossing Patrol

There will be now school crossing patrol for the **whole week** we return after the Easter break week beginning the 24th April.

Inset Days 2016/2017

26 May 2017

05 June 2017

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

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| Fri 7 Apr | END OF SPRING TERM |
| Mon 24 Apr | BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SUMMER TERM |
| Mon 24 Apr | Year 3 and 4 After School Cricket Club 8 weeks £16 |
| Tues 25 Apr | Archery Year 1 and 2 with Premier Sports 5 weeks £19.95 |
| Tues 25 Apr | Matletics Question and Answer Session with Mrs Sandon-Webb 3.15pm |
| Tues 25 Apr | Year 1 and 2 After School Cricket Club 10 weeks £20 |
| Wed 26 Apr | Year 5 and 6 After School Cricket Club 10 weeks £20 |
| Wed 26 Apr | Beech Class (Group 2) Forest School Session weekly until 24 th May |
| Wed 26 Apr | Easter Egg Competition Assembly 2.45pm |
| Wed 26 Apr | Rowan Explorers and Rowan Investigators KS2 Meeting 2.30pm |
| Mon 1 May | BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tues 23 May | Year 1 and 2 Planetarium Trip (TBC) |
| Fri 26 May | INSET DAY |
| Mon 29-2 June | HALF TERM |
| Mon 5 June | INSET DAY |
| Tues 6 June | Archery Years 3-6 with Premier Sports 7 weeks £27.95 |
| Sat 24 June | PPSA Summer Fair |
| Wed 28 June | MRC Transition Day |
| Thurs 29 June | Sports Day time TBA |
| Tues 25 July | END OF SUMMER TERM |
| Mon 4 Sept | START OF AUTUMN TERM |
| Mon 11-15 Sept | Year 6 Bikeability |

Yours sincerely



John Galvin
Headteacher

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancies Part Time Term Time only

Grade W02 SP10 £7.43 per hour.

Required to start as soon as possible

We currently have two vacancies for Midday Meals Supervisors to start as soon as possible. The posts are for 7.5 hours a week, term time only. The hours will be 11.45am - 1.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. However we are happy to consider fewer days as a part of job share.

Your role will include setting up the hall and supervising lunchtime with the children, supporting play activities, providing pastoral support for the children and generally ensuring they are safe and happy.

This is an opportunity to join our friendly and supportive staff and make a real difference to the children in our school.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Carter for further information or to arrange a visit and an informal chat with Mr Galvin (Headteacher) on 01798 342369 or by email at office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk