



# Petworth C of E Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter No.14

16 December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again this term has been a busy time with the various activities our children have had the opportunity to participate in. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team, who endeavour to engage, enthuse and entertain the children, so they can perform to their best ability.

The Petworth community is such a thoughtful place and this is typified with the generosity of our parents and children giving presents to children of Nagyberég School in the Ukraine. Christmas is the time for sharing and thinking of others as well as hopefully recognising how lucky we are.

All of the governors and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a richly blessed Christmas, as well as much peace and joy over the holidays.

### Thank You PPSA

Last Friday our Key Stage One children were visited by Hobgoblin Theatre Company and on Tuesday all of the Key Stage Two children visited The Capitol Theatre in Horsham to see Aladdin. We are very grateful that our very hard working PPSA team, who heavily subsidised these activities. I took the decision to change this from previous years for a variety of reasons e.g. traffic congestion, hindering fire engine from fulfilling its duties.

During our Horsham theatre visit a fire alarm was set off and our children were amazing. The children had to congregate at the bandstand in Horsham Park where they preceded to sing Christmas tunes to the bemused passers-by.



## Children's Work- Willow Class

"What is Christmas?" Max exclaimed as his mother mentioned it.  
 "It is a distraction to work!" Minnie answered.  
 Max Impact lived and worked in a hi-tech laboratory. Max's head was filled with horrid thoughts of Christmas. As in 2156, Christmas didn't matter to the boy who had never been outside his lab.

On the evening of the second day on the third day, at 6 minutes past three to eight, Max settled himself in his testing tube for bed. He was woken by a mysterious song, a young girl singing "Silent Night". The song changed to a heavy breathing echoing through the muted corridors. The computer sitting at the end of the testing chamber suddenly forced its way to Max's face. It glitched, pivoted, and a familiar face appeared. It was the corpse of his father.

"Pa?" Max whispered to the deceased. At once, Max's father's mouth moved:

"Beware! Ebenezer's Scrooge's Haunting!"

Terrified, shocked, confused, Max ran for his life, down one big corridor. He was running for about a minute until he was swallowed by a black coat.



As if in a giant tornado, his surroundings were sucked into a grey tunnel. Max finally got a chance to look at the towering, black coated

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spirit. "I haven't had a nightmare for ages!"  
 Agony, ear piercing, quiet voice mumbled.  
 "You are not dreaming..."

"You can talk! Who are you spirit?"

"I am Ebenezer Scrooge. You and your mother need to understand..."

Max did not reply as he was so bewildered. The tunnel faded into a graveyard, a spirit - exactly like Scrooge - walked through the gates with which looked like the most miserable man in the world.

"Who are they?" Max asked.

"That is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come and my live self. I was like you and your mother, watch what happens."

The ghost took Scrooge over to a coffin, then he pointed to a grave. Max heard Scrooge exclaiming a number of things, breaking down crying.

"You see? If I didn't like Christmas I would suffer a painful death."

"Is it the same with me?" Max asked.

The spirit did not reply, but hovered through the gates. Their surroundings suddenly changed back to Max's lab, he was in his mother's room. Minnie was laying in her bed coughing and spluttering. Her face white as a sheet.

"What's happening to her, spirit?"

"Minnie's death, Max Impact, is caused



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by her attitude to Christmas. If you carry on like this, your life will soon be at its end."

Full of tears, Max knelt by his mother's bed pleading for his terrible fate to end. Max straightened up and made a speech:

"I will change mine and ma's thoughts of Christmas."

Everything went back to normal. Max knelt down by his mother's bed remembering what Ebenezer Scrooge had told him.

"Minnie?" he said. "Are you awake?"

"I just had the weirdest dream, a ghost called -" Minnie didn't have time to finish as Max interrupted with Scrooge's instructions.

"Do you remember when I was little? The three of us would decorate the tree while singing carols," said Max.

"The good old days!" Minnie replied.

"See! You don't hate Christmas, just remember how fun it is!"

So, as planned, the Impacts had a merry Christmas!

By Henry



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## Would you like to join our Governors and help develop our school?

Being a governor plays a crucial role in the strategic planning of any school and we are now looking for two parents to join our team. If you would like to know more about becoming a governor, please come in and have a chat with me.

For a glimpse of what governors do and have done at Petworth C of E Primary School please look at the Governing Body webpage on the schools website (<http://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/governing-body/19226>).

## Christmas Parties



The children of Ash class were invited to Lord Egremont's Christmas Party at Petworth House on Monday. The afternoon consisted of tea, a magic show, a visit from Father Christmas and finished with carols with the Petworth Town Band. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the party.

## The Giving Tree



Yet another thank you to everyone who has most generously given a gift (or gifts) for the children of Nagyberég. The response has been amazing this year, Mrs Fogden has never seen so many presents under the tree and I know that all these gifts will be gratefully received by the children.

## Exhibition of Nativity Scenes at St Mary's Church

The children's Nativity scenes will be on display as well as other exhibits from Local Churches and other groups within the Petworth Area from the 12<sup>th</sup> December until 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## Considerate Parking



I appreciate that the majority of you consider the residents in South Grove and Wyndham Road when you drop off and collect your child from school. Unfortunately I am still receiving complaints from residents that a few parents are still parking in front of drive ways and are parking on the green in South Grove. Please can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that they should not be coming onto the site for drop off or to pick up their children. Only blue badge holders should drive onto site and park in the disabled space.

## West Sussex Music Service String Start

Do you have a budding young musician aged 4-7 years? Come and be part of our exciting new String Start Programme. Group violin lessons with musicianship classes specifically designed for young children, starting in January 2017 at the Chichester Music Centre. For more information and to apply visit [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk)





## New Year, New Career!

Do you want to help children realise their potential? Looking for a career change? Then we want to meet you!

We are looking for people who have the potential and life experience to be brilliant teachers.

Each year we need 35,000 trainee teachers for schools all over Britain. As part of this effort, TESLA Teaching School Alliance is hosting a Train to Teach event on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 5:00pm - 7.00pm at Bohunt School, Liphook.**

TESLA runs an annual recruitment drive which plays a key role in attracting high-quality new entrants to the profession. The team at TESLA will be on hand to help you make sense of the different routes to teaching, and take you through the application process.

One route into teaching is via School Direct, which allows individuals to learn alongside some of the best teachers working in our classrooms today, and be part of the team from day one.

So, if you would like to know more about how you could become a brilliant teacher, come along to **Bohunt School Liphook, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, between 5:00pm - 7:00pm.**

## Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

We are looking to employ two midday meal supervisors to work from 11.45 am to 1.15 pm 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.

## Inset Days 2016/2017

03 January	2017
17 February	2017
26 May	2017
05 June	2017



### Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Fri	16 Dec	School Christmas Parties and Lunch
Fri	16 Dec	<b>END OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Tues	3 Jan	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wed	4 Jan	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SPRING TERM</b>
Mon	9 Jan	Y4 Swimming at Billingshurst 1pm weekly until 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Tues	10 Jan	Children's Work from 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Fri	13 Jan	Parents' Coffee and Open Morning 8.45am
Thurs	16 Feb	PPSA Film Night
Fri	17 Feb	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon	20-24 Feb	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Fri	31 Mar	PPSA Spring Ball (disco)
Fri	7 Apr	<b>END OF SPRING TERM</b>
Mon	24 Apr	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SUMMER TERM</b>
Mon	1 May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri	26 May	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon	29-2 June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon	5 June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wed	28 June	MRC Transition Day
Tues	25 July	<b>END OF SUMMER TERM</b>

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](mailto:office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk)