

Petworth C of E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No.11



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Dear Parents/Carers

Change the World and Children in Need



Last Friday we used Children in Need day to encourage our children from year one to year six to look at how they could change the world. We challenged the children to think about, discuss and focus on one aspect they would like to change. After an input from the teachers the only ceiling on the children's learning was their imagination. The children did not disappoint!

The children worked in mixed age groups and this gave them the opportunity to work with children they haven't worked together before; help nurture each other's ideas; promote collaboration and communication as well as encourage them to be more curious of the world around them. Throughout the day the children created different ways to promote their ideas, which ranged from film making to poems. In addition to encouraging the children to become curious and enquire about the world around them, the children were engaging in many



of the subjects in the National Curriculum.



After the children spent the day planning, creating and communicating their ideas, some of the groups had the opportunity to share their thought processes and ideas to the rest of the school. Some of the children's ideas included; pipes with a filter to ensure that areas with a water shortage has purified water; Bully Monster, which helps sorts our issues by placing bullies in a web; Eco Mobile, which uses renewable energy and cuteness to power it. Also it stops pollution without losing power and 'street cred'. One group focused on combating food shortage across the world, two projects which focused on ensuring everyone has the chance to be educated as well as creating drones, which reduces litter.

Then I noticed a sight... the sighter said...
"Lost Property Open on Sunday!" I sighed and said "we've
got to come back tomorrow..." My mum said "OK."
My mum drove me home earlier. It was bad.
When I got home I lifted upstairs sadly
up to bed. In the morning my mum woke me
up early she said "time to get Peter!" I got
up quickly. I didn't have any breakfast because
I was in such a rush. I am so excited for
today!" I said to mum. When I got to the train
station I ran to the Lost Property... Found my
teddy and squeezed him tight like I could never
forget him. I was so happy I felt like a dream
come true. When I got home we had a lovely hot
pencil. It was like the best day EVER!

The

End

By Charlotte

Flute Lessons

Julie Twite will be sadly leaving at the end of this Autumn Term 2016.

Flute and fife lessons will continue and will be run by West Sussex Music Trust.

To sign up for lessons in January with the West Sussex Music Trust please follow this link and fill in the forms:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=application-for-music-lessons>

For further information about the lessons with the music trust you can visit:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=music-lessons>

Please do keep in touch and let me know how the pupils get on in the future!

Non-uniform Day for PPSA Christmas Fair Bottle Donation

On Friday 25th November there will be a **non-uniform day** when we would be pleased if everyone could bring some kind of bottle into school. Anything would be acceptable, for example, ketchup, bubble bath, or wine and spirits. Everything will gratefully accepted!

Chartwell's Christmas Lunch

Please remember to return your forms by **NOON the 25th November**, if your child would like to have a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. If your child is in Beech, Maple, Elm and/or Willow Class and they do not have a free school lunch the cost is £2.30 per child. If your child is in Oak, Ash, Rowan Explorers or Rowan Investigators the meal is free, but we still need to know if your child would like a lunch to prevent the school being charged for unwanted meals. Only turkey meals will be ordered unless we are advised of any child being a vegetarian.

Parent Governors

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor and we are inviting nominations from parents/guardians who are interested in the role. Please return the nomination form which was sent out on the 10th November, to the office in a sealed envelope marked "Parent Governor Nomination" by **9am on Friday 25th November 2016**. Spare forms are available from the office or can be found in the letters section under Letters Home Autumn 2016 on our website www.petworth.eschools.co.uk

PPSA Christmas Fair

PPSA Christmas Fair is on Friday 2nd December 6-8pm in the Herbert Shiner Hall.

Christingle

Crafts and Fun at 2pm followed by **Christingle Service at 5.00pm at St Mary's Church, Petworth on Sunday 4th December**.
The Candle collection boxes can be collected from the office.



Diarrhoea and Sickness

The sickness and diarrhoea bug is still going around at school. Please could I ask that you keep your child **at home for 48 hours** after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea. Hopefully by doing this we will be able to eradicate this bug in time for the Christmas holiday and celebrations in school.

Maple Class Cello Assembly



As you may be aware the year 4 children have been learning to play the cello. On Thursday 1st December at 1:40 pm we would like to invite family members for an assembly to show you what the children have learnt.

If any of the children would like to continue to learn to play the cello next term, please visit <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=home>

to book lessons. If you eligible for Free School Meals, and would like your child to have further lessons, please come and see me.

PPSA Calendar

The PPSA calendar is now on sale from the school office £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.
Get them quick while stocks last!

Reminders

School Drop Off

I would like to thank all of the children and parents who have supported our new policy encouraging the children to become more independent. Year One (Ash Class) and Two (Rowan Explorers/Investigators Classes) children say their goodbyes at the class door, whereas all of Key Stage Two (Beech, Maple, Elm and Willow Classes) children say goodbye at the fence by the climbing frame. Please can everyone support us with this.

Wet and Cold Weather

Please could you ensure that your child has a school jumper and a coat or warm jacket **in school every day as even if it is very cold or drizzling with rain the children go out at playtimes.** If you come to school by car your child will still need a jumper and coat for playtimes, etc. Thank you.

Nail Varnish/Jewellery

Nail varnish must not be worn in school and if your child wears studs they must be able to remove these for PE. If this is not possible please could you remove your child's earrings on the days they have PE as we are unable to use tape to cover the studs.

Trainers

Sensible shoes **not trainers** must be worn at all times, any children who come into school not wearing sensible shoes/trainers will be asked to change into their plimsolls.

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.

Teaching Assistant

We are looking to employ a Teaching Assistant to work from 12pm to 3.15pm Monday to Friday. Please see the advert attached to this e-mail for further details.

Inset Days 2016/2017

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

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Fri	25 Nov	Maths Calculation and Reasoning Strategies 9.00-10.00am
Thur	1 Dec	Maple Class Cello Asembly at 1.40pm
Fri	2 Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Sun	4 Dec	Crafts and Fun at 2pm followed by Christingle Service at 5.00pm
Wed	7 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 1.30pm
Thurs	8 Dec	Carols at Petworth Cottage Hospital 11am
Thurs	8 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 6pm
Fri	9 Dec	EYFS/KS1 Peter Pan Panto in school 1.30pm
Mon	12 Dec	Year 1 only Petworth House Christmas Party
Tues	13 Dec	KS2 Panto Horsham 1.30pm
Wed	14 Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thurs	15 Dec	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church at 9.30am
Fri	16 Dec	School Christmas Party and Lunch separate letter to follow.
Fri	16 Dec	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Tues	3 Jan	INSET DAY
Wed	4 Jan	BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SPRING TERM
Mon	9 Jan	Y4 Swimming at Billingshurst 1pm weekly until 27 th March
Thurs	16 Feb	PPSA Film Night
Fri	17 Feb	INSET DAY
Mon	20-24 Feb	HALF TERM
Fri	31 Mar	PPSA Spring Ball (disco)
Fri	7 Apr	END OF SPRING TERM
Mon	24 Apr	BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SUMMER TERM
Mon	1 May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri	26 May	INSET DAY
Mon	29-2 June	HALF TERM
Mon	5 June	INSET DAY
Wed	28 June	MRC Transition Day
Tues	25 July	END OF SUMMER TERM

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

Teaching Assistant

Grade 3 Point 11-13 £15,507 - £16,191 (pro-rata)

16.25 hours per week, term time only 12 noon to 3:15 pm

Actual salary £5,658 - £5,908

The Governors of Petworth C of E Primary School are seeking to appoint a temporary, part time Teaching Assistant, to start on Wednesday 4th January, to provide one to one support for a specific child until the end of the 2017 summer term. The hours are from 12 noon to 3:15pm as we are looking for someone to support a child during their lunch time as well as supporting this child in class and away from the classroom focusing on specific tasks.

We are looking for:

- An enthusiastic and caring individual to support a child with special educational needs.
- An inclusive individual, with high expectations of every child.
- A Teaching Assistant who can demonstrate good interpersonal skills, be an effective team member and be prepared to use their own initiative.

The successful candidates will:

- Be patient, flexible and adaptable, who is able to feedback to the class teacher.
- Be committed and keen to work as part of a team.

Petworth C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to pre-employment checks, including an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service with barred lists check. This will be done by means of applying for a DBS certificate through the Disclosure and Barring Service. Disclosures include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings as well as convictions, spent or unspent. As the role will be working with children under 8 the successful candidate will be required to sign a declaration form declaring they are not disqualified from undertaking this work under the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. To arrange a visit or for further information please contact Karen Carter, on 01798 342369 or email office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 9.00am

Shortlisting: Wednesday 30th November 2016

Interviews: Monday 5th December 2016