

# Petworth C of E Primary School

## Summer Newsletter No.8



3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### Children's Work Willow Class



#### The Little Ships – Dunkirk from different perspectives.

I could see English and French soldiers flooding into boats,  
Trying to evacuate,  
I tried to hold up my gun, but I couldn't do it,  
With all the murder, I question why I participate,  
I could see soldiers running into the Dunkirk water,  
Being weighed down by their kit,  
All I could do was watch and wait as soldiers died,  
I may be the only one,  
Who felt the mercy for the other side.

I stood on the somewhat disfigured beach,  
Staring into the souls of my German enemies,  
Thinking; how did they defeat us?  
Who do the Germans think they are?  
Stealing my home country!

As I stared at the body-filled waters of Dunkirk,  
I felt depression that cannot be described,  
I hear the screams of a thousand people,  
Filling my brain with terror.

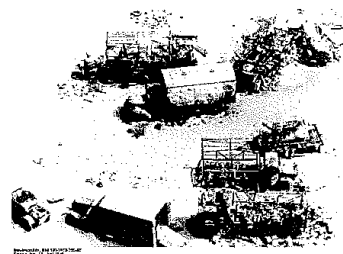
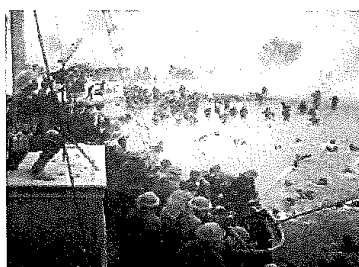
I sailed the gloomy waters to Dunkirk,  
As I got closer and closer, the sound of gunfire exploded in my ear drums,  
The snakes of blood would scar the once spotless beach for life,  
Soldiers scrambled to escape the hell hole, known as Dunkirk,  
The very last of them scrambling to board our half full fisherman's boat,  
Purple, swollen bodies littered the beach of death.  
The boat next to us sunk and soldiers desperately tried to escape the roaring tide,  
Some made it to our ship,  
Others drowned.

I feel the wind blowing through my hair,  
I watch the soldiers viciously race for the boats,  
Our country is being mowed down by guns,  
Watching people; becoming distraught.  
The murky, Dunkirk waters, filled with floating corpses,  
Creating a disfigured beach.  
As we were on the boats, escaping,  
People were screaming, "Help us! We are going to die!"

As I stood on the damp beach,  
I stare at the bobbing bodies floating in the sea,  
I can hear the repetitive bang, echoing,  
The fisherman come towards us,  
Rescuing the British and French,  
As the beady eyes of other soldiers,  
Glare at me, begging for help.  
I could smell the putrid blood,  
As it oozes out of innocent people.

I looked over the dunes of Dunkirk,  
I see the English channel covered in vessels,  
Coming from port to port, to rescue these precious men.  
I felt relieved to see that the English soldiers were home,  
So I didn't have to see them die on the beach.  
Their bodies lying in the sea as others struggled to get to boats for safety,  
So they did not drown in the swelling sea,  
Or get crushed in the heavy waves.

By Willow Class



## PPSA Summer Fair and Concert

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, set up and run stalls for our fantastic Summer Fair. Marie, our PPSA Chair, does a fantastic job and is superbly supported by the parents, who consistently attend the PPSA meetings. I am always amazed at how many people take time off work, get up early and help put up gazebos, move countless tables and chairs, create Peter Pan crocodiles and much more to support our school. In addition to all of our parents, we are also well supported by the Petworth Community, who not only lend us their gazebos, but also come and put them up and take them down again.

Also thank you to all of our Year Six children who participated in our latest enterprise challenge where they had to back as much money from a £5 investment. The children were creative and sneaky as they become ruthless business entrepreneurs. They managed to raise a grand total of £186 which they will be donating to local charities.

I would also like to thank all of the parents, grandparents and friends, who visited the Summer Fair and helped make this event a success.

It is not just the Summer Fair though as we also have our annual 'gig', which again was well supported. Ben Pryor and Ed gave a very good performance and thank you to all of the people who attended and bought copious amounts of raffle tickets.



## Sports Day

Last Thursday we held our annual Sports Day and it was slightly different this year. Once again we put siblings together and this year the children had eight activities to navigate. The children spent three minutes on each activity which ranged from 'Bombing Beanbags' to 'Giant Balls' to 'Hurdle Mayhem'. Then every child participated in the sprint race. Throughout the afternoon the children were trying to gain as many points as possible and this year Lombard (Yellow) were victorious.



## Petworth Area Schools (PAS) Sports Event

On Friday six schools, year 2 and year 5 children, visited us during the day to participate in different sporting events. These sports were running, tag-rugby, handball, athletics, tennis, boccia and goalball. The event was to celebrate National School Sports Week as well as give our children the opportunity to compete against our local schools, while trying new sports. I would like to thank our year six children who managed the event superbly.

## Year 4 Coultershaw Pump Visit

Maple Class had a lovely day when they visited Coultershaw Pump learning about local history.



### **Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral**

The Year 6 children attended the Diocese Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral last Friday. A big thank you to Mrs Welch for redesigning the school banner, it looks amazing. It was lovely that so many parents able to join us for the service and picnic afterwards.



### **Parents Open Afternoon**

You are most welcome to come and look at your child's work and speak to the teacher at our Open Afternoon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 3.20pm-5pm.

### **Petworth Festival Popup Art Exhibition**

Some of the children's work will be on display at the Popup Art Exhibition being held in the United Reformed Church in Golden Square, Petworth, from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, open every day from 12pm to 5.30pm with the official opening on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm. It is well worth a visit, please support the exhibition if you can.

### **Ash Class Sharing Assembly**

Parents and family are welcome to come along to the **Ash Class Sharing Assembly** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.

### **Inset Days 2017/2018**

**04 September 2017**  
**05 September 2017**  
**20 October 2017**  
**09 February 2018**  
**04 June 2018**

### **Dates for your Diary 2016/2017**

Tues 4 July	No Flute Lessons this week
Thurs 6 July	Last Forest School Session for Oak and Ash Class (Group 3)
Sat 8 July	Year 5/6 Fete in the Park at 12.15pm
Mon 10 July	New Reception Children visit to school 1.15pm-3pm
Wed 12 July	Elm & Willow Class performance of Shakespeare Rocks 6pm
Thurs 13 July	Elm & Willow Class performance of Shakespeare Rocks 6pm
Thurs 13 July	New Reception Children Home Visits
Thurs 13 July	Petworth Festival Service at St Mary's Church at 7pm
Thurs 13 July	Ash Class Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm
Fri 14 July	New Reception Children Home Visits
Fri 14 July	Eucharist and Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Mon 17 July	Parents' Open Afternoon 3.20-5pm
Tues 18 July	Year 6 only Sports Evening 3.15-5.30pm
Tues 25 July	<b>END OF SUMMER TERM</b>
Mon 4 Sept	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 5 Sept	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wed 6 Sept	<b>START OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Mon 11-15 Sept	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 27 Sept	MRC Transition Day (details to follow)
Fri 6-Mon 9 Oct	Year 6 IOW PGL Residential
Fri 20 Oct	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 23-27 Oct	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 30 Oct	<b>Back to School</b>
Fri 3 Nov	School Photos
Wed 20 Dec	<b>END OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Thurs 21-3 Jan	<b>School Holidays</b>
Thurs 4 Jan	<b>START OF SPRING TERM</b>

Yours sincerely



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