

Petworth C of E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No.3



23 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for helping us settle the children into the new term and it is great to see the children enjoying their learning. Our push for making the children independent appears to be really working as we strive to encourage our children to hang their own jackets and bags on their peg. Please can you continue to allow your children to come into school on their own.

Social Media

Social media plays a huge part in the some people's life due to one reason or another. It is something we have to embrace and ensure we use it appropriately. Some people choose to use social media to celebrate aspects of their life, share amazing experiences or, like my friend, show the world what meal he is having. In the 21st century we are lucky to live in a society where free speech is promoted and it is our entitlement. However, on occasions people use this social media to vent their frustration, which can be upsetting.

Some people will choose to post positive news about *their children* on social media, which is great. However I implore every stakeholder of Petworth CofE Primary School to show respect for each other and **not** use social media to chastise, belittle or use words which will cause anyone to be upset. It is really difficult to get all of the facts and there is normally more than one side to a story and words posted can be taken out of context.

Our children are on an incredible steep learning journey, which encompasses academic, social and spiritual aspects of their life. Every child will make mistakes, which we encourage and work with them to ensure they learn from them.

Volunteering

I am so pleased so many people are giving up their precious time to help our children in school. We have parents, who are helping out in the classroom, reading one-to-one with the children and helping the children learn their times tables. If you are able to volunteer in school, we are always looking for parents or grandparents to help out in school and see the school in full flow.

PPSA News



Our incredible PPSA team are working closely with Co-op as part of the Co-op Local Community Fund scheme. It means that we will get a contribution towards equipment for our school. But we need your help! The more support we get, the more funding we could receive. So if you are a Co-op member login to your Co-op membership account and choose us (www.coop.co.uk/membership). If you are not a member, please join us and support us.

PPSA Annual General Meeting

We are very lucky in Petworth Primary School to have such an active Petworth Primary School Association committee; they have raised a considerable amount of money over the last academic year and without their support the cost of many visits would be considerably higher and "treats" such as the pantomime visit at Christmas, Easter eggs, book tokens, etc. would not happen. **On Monday 26 September we are holding the PPSA Annual General Meeting at 6.30-7.30pm in the school hall. The committee are always looking for new ideas and offers of help so if you would like to be part of this committee or would like to know more about their fundraising activities please come along even if it is just for the wine and nibbles.**

Walk, Scoot, Park and Stride to School

The children are very keen in sharing how they travelled to school and it is great to hear how keen they are to try and walk, scoot, park and stride or bike to school. If the children are riding their bike to school please can they wear a helmet.

There have been incidents where children have been injured by scooters when coming into school. Please can we remind you that if your child comes to school on a scooter or bike that they ride it responsibly and that scooters should not be ridden around the school paths whilst waiting for the gate to be opened in the morning. Could we also ask that younger children are supervised to avoid accidents. Thank you.

As you are aware the school site is a very busy one with so many different services. Please can you refrain from parking on the school premises. I completely understand that parking is an issue and there is a lack of parking in the local area. When you do park in the roads surrounding the school, please park considerately. Most schools have an issue with parking and again I thank you all for working with the school on this.

Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers

Please could you inform the office immediately if you change your mobile or landline phone number in case we have to get in contact with you in an emergency. The annual Data Collection sheet will be sent out shortly.

How to Capture a caveman

Are you tired of cavemen leaving muddy footprints in your school? If so, do not despair help is at hand. Cavemen can be dangerous therefore they must be captured. Read on and soon you will be rid of this redibic pest.

What you need

A tardis, skipping rope and some tasty meat.

What to do

First, tie the rope to two walls.
Next, without stopping over the rope, put the lump of tasty meat in the TARDIS.
Next tie a rope on the lever ^{and} cut a hole with scissors without cutting your self. Put the rope through it.
Finally, quietly go behind a curtain in the Herbert Shiner.
The palaeolithic caveman will trip over the rope like I told you not to. The caveman will fall into TARDIS and feast upon the meat. Meanwhile, without the caveman

noticing, shut the door tightly. Pull the lever so that it will go up in the air and the way it came from.



By Mae

Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

We are looking to employ two midday meal supervisors from September 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

21 October	2016
03 January	2017
17 February	2017
26 May	2017
05 June	2017

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Mon 26 Sept	PPSA Annual General Meeting at 6.30-7.30pm
Thurs 29 Sept	Bombing Boys School Memorial Service London Road Cemetery at 11am
Mon 3 Oct	RNLI visiting Oak Class
Fri 7 Oct	Year 5/6 Football at MRC (TBC)
Mon 10 Oct	Willow Visit to the Forest School Site 1pm (Amazon Topic)
Mon 10-14 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Tues 11 Oct	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church at 9.30am
Fri 14 Oct	Oak visit to Petworth Fire Station 9.30am
Mon 17 Oct	Fire Service visiting Rowan Explorers and Investigators
Mon 17 Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 20 Oct	Parents Evening
Fri 21 Oct	INSET DAY
Mon 24-28 Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 31 Oct	BACK TO SCHOOL
Fri 4 Nov	School Photos
Mon 7 Nov	Willow Class visit to Globe Theatre London
Wed 9 Nov	Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Music Festival at MRC
Fri 18 Nov	Kid Club Xtra 3.15-4.15pm (family Tea from 4.15-5.15pm)
Sat 19 Nov	Petworth Fair
Wed 7 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 1.30pm
Thurs 8 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 1.30pm
Mon 12 Dec	Year 1 only Petworth House Christmas Party
Thurs 15 Dec	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church at 9.30am
Fri 16 Dec	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Tues 3 Jan	INSET DAY
Wed 4 Jan	BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SPRING 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

Closing date: 03rd October 2016
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