

Petworth C of E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No.1



8 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year, it has been great to see the children settling in and engaging in their work. As you may be aware two teachers have joined us; Miss Rawlings (Year 2 & Key Stage One Leader) and Mr Neary (Year 3/Beech). Also we have two Teaching Assistants join us, Mrs Dallyn (Rowan Explorers) and Mrs Wilson (Beech). In addition to this Mr Mead will be continuing working with children in year two, five and six throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of the children and parents for adopting our new policy encouraging the children to become more independent. Year One and Two children say their goodbyes at the class door, whereas all of Key Stage Two children say goodbye at the fence by the climbing frame. Please can everyone support us with this.

During this term we are focusing on reading and promoting the love of books. In Key Stage Two a new initiative will be starting next week and in Key Stage One we will be continuing with the Reading Rockets. Whatever the age of your child it would really benefit them if they read, or were read to, every day for around ten minutes. Raising the standards in reading will benefit every area of the curriculum.

Homework is an integral part of school life and set homework will start next week. Homework is a great way for parents to gain an insight into what the children are learning in their lessons as well as the children sharing their new found knowledge. On our website is the Calculation Progression and it will outline how we are teaching calculation in school.

Also on our website you will find what the yearly expectations are in reading, writing and maths are for your child. These objectives are what they will be striving to do independently throughout the year.

We are always looking for adults to listen to readers, develop the children's maths skills or assist with our Forest School visits. Therefore if you would like to volunteer in school, please pop in and see me.

We are really excited about what is happening in school, what we have planned and how we are going to challenge each child to reach their full potential. With your help our children will enjoy and excel and be ready for the next step of their learning journey.

Climbing Frame

During the school day we have a rota for the children to access the climbing frame. The children do not have to change their shoes to play on the climbing frame unless we feel their footwear is unsafe. On these occasions we will ask the children to put their plimsolls on. During these sessions the area will be monitored by an adult. If you choose to allow your child to use the climbing frame after school please can you supervise your child as we will not have a member of the teaching staff available.

Key Stage One Nativity

This year our Key Stage One children will be performing the Christmas Nativity or at least their own unique twist of the story. The dates for the performances are Wednesday 8th December and Thursday 9th December, both will start at 1:30 pm.

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. We are looking for staff who can help set up and put away the tables and chairs. If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, please come and have a chat with me.

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.

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

Wed 14 Sept	Walk to School Project Launch Day
Fri 16 Sept	Stars of the Week Assemblies Resume
Mon 19 Sept	Phonics Workshop 9am
Tues 21 Sept	Year 6 MRC Experience Day 9.30am to 2.00pm
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
Tues 11 Oct	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church
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
Wed 9 Nov	Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Music Festival at MRC
Wed 8 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 1.30pm
Thurs 9 Dec	Key Stage One Navity 1.30pm
Thurs 15 Dec	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
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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