



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Galatians 6:9 'Let us not become weary in doing good'

Dear Parents/Carers,

8th December 2017
Autumn Term No.12

This week has been another busy week with our Early Years and Key Stage One children rehearsing their Christmas production, year five showed off their clarinet skills to the whole school and year six children wowed the audience with their cello skills. Father Mark and Father Richard led our termly Eucharist on Thursday, which our Worship Group helped organise. On Wednesday we were visited by the SPLASH team, who led our collective worship. Today the Hobgoblin Theatre group visited the school to perform 'The Greatest Fairytale Ever' to Oak, Ash and Rowan classes. On Thursday afternoon Rowan braved the weather to visit the woods for their Forest School experience.

Next week looks just as busy!

Last Friday, our incredible PPSA (Petworth Primary School Association) organised a wonderful Christmas Fair for the local community. Many parents gave up so much of their time to ensure that the Christmas Fair ran smoothly, that there was a wide variety of raffle prizes, Father Christmas was available and they widely publicised the event to ensure as many people as possible came. It is without doubt, that without these wonderful volunteers, these types of events would not happen. As a result of this vital fundraising, we are able to take all of the Key Stage Two children to see a pantomime; have a visiting theatre company for the Early Years and Key Stage One children; purchase those extra resources e.g. outdoor classroom, blackboards, willow dome, a chicken run, visualizers, all of which seem to be harder to purchase with school budgets being squeezed.

We are so lucky to have so many people volunteer their time to help us educate our children. I have already mentioned our wonderful PPSA, who fundraise for the school but we also have adults who read regularly with our children; helpers during our Forest School lessons; our incredibly dedicated Governors, who attend a variety of meetings every month; and finally our staff who volunteer so many extra hours during the week running clubs and other activities, which offer opportunities to the children beyond the National Curriculum.

Our extra-curricular clubs are second to none amongst the Rother Valley schools.

If this has inspired you, and you would like to volunteer in our school, please come and talk to me.

Singing at the Petworth Lights

The children from Ash, Rowan and the school choir sang beautifully at the switch on of the lights on Saturday. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Fogden.



Inset Days 2017/2018

9th February 2018

4th June 2018

Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

Thurs	30 Nov	Rowan Class Forest School 5 weeks until 18th January 2018
Mon	11 Dec	ALL TEACHER LED CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THIS TERM
Mon	11 Dec	Lord Egremont's Christmas Party Year 1 only 4pm-6pm
Tues	12 Dec	KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 1.30pm
Wed	13 Dec	KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 6pm
Thurs	14 Dec	KS2 Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Horsham
Fri	15 Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Fri	15 Dec	Last Sama Karate Club for this term
Tues	19 Dec	Christmas Church Service St Mary's at 9.30am
Tues	19 Dec	Christmas Parties
Wed	20 Dec	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Thurs	21-3 Jan	School Holidays
Thurs	4 Jan	START OF SPRING TERM
Thurs	11 Jan	Elm Class visit to Christ Church Streatham CofE Primary School
Fri	12 Jan	Sama Karate Club Starts
Fri	19 Jan	Kids Club Xtra (details to follow)



Rights Respect : Every child has the right to play and rest.