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Galatians 6:4 'Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

13th October 2017

Willow Class Little Canada Adventure

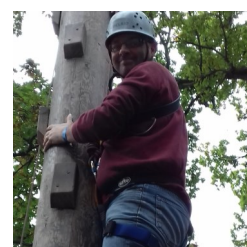
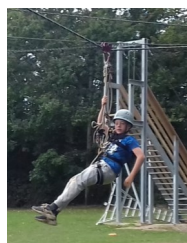
The thought of spending a weekend with 17 children on an island would be frightening for some people. From a child's perspective the thought of spending a weekend with three teachers would probably be their worst nightmare. However, last Friday 17 children and three teachers participated in our annual residential on the Isle of Wight at PGL Little Canada. The children were very excited, teachers a little worried, as they wondered what would be in store for them.

Over the course of the next four days the children challenged themselves constantly through tunnels, climbing poles, orienteering, abseiling, on the quad bikes, giant swing and zip wire, out of accommodation at 7 am to play football. These are just a few of the activities the children participated in.

From a teachers point of view it was very interesting to see how the children inspired each other and many of the children took the attitude, 'If they can do it, so can I!' On occasions there were tears, and frustration shown, however the children coped admirably and stretched themselves. Some children bounded up the poles, while some children started by saying 'No, I can't do that', but this soon changed as they gained in confidence and were nurtured by their peers. Every child set themselves a target, which they met.

There were many highlights over the four days, which included Lloyd sensationally crashing the quad bike, Robert's commentary on the Giant Swing, Emma's resolve, even though she was unwell for most of the weekend, Lewis' incredible appetite and the humour from all of the children.

Nobody wants to 'volunteer' and be away from their families, so I am really grateful to Mrs Sandon-Webb, who stepped in at the last minute, and Mr Neary for ensuring our children got the most from the residential. I have also thanked the children for making this trip such a pleasurable experience for everyone.

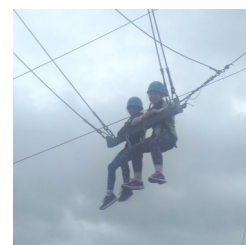
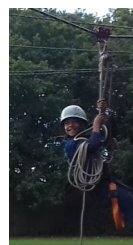
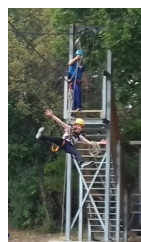




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Rights Respect : Every child has the right to good health, including health care, clean drinking water and nutritious food.

School Council News by Sophie O

On Tuesday 10th October 2017 three representatives from Petworth CofE Primary School, Lloyd in year 6, Holly G and myself participated in the school council training at MRC. The objective for the day was to learn how to become a good school council leader.

As soon as we arrived we played a getting to know each other game, as there were children from at least ten local schools. We threw a ball to each other and said our names. During the day there were lots of activities, however my favourites were choosing the correct picture after we had been given a question and discussing how we could improve our school playground. We decided that putting in monkey bars would improve the playground because they were cheap, fun and help you keep fit.

Overall I enjoyed the day because it was fun and it taught me how to be a good school councillor.

Wanted

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of any old teenage adult t-shirts/shirts for the children to wear during their art lessons.

Petworth Festival Literary Week

On the afternoon of Friday 3rd November Elm and Willow Classes are participating in a Poetry Workshop, which will inspire them to be creative in their own writing. To celebrate this, there will be a sharing event on Saturday 4th November at 11.00am – 12 noon at the United Reformed Church, Petworth (3 Damer's Bridge, GU28 0AW)

Celebrating poetry written by children in your school as part of Petworth Festival Literary Week

The Arts Society West Sussex and Storrington DFAS have made possible a three-day residency for poet Rachel Long to facilitate poetry workshops for eight primary schools in this area. These workshops will culminate with the children sharing the poems they have written in a public event as part of the Petworth Festival Literary Week, and a Poet Laureate from each of the eight schools will be crowned. Please save the date so that both you and your children can be part of this new exciting event. Don't miss out: make young people's writing really matter!

Tickets available from Petworth Festival Box Office 01798 344576

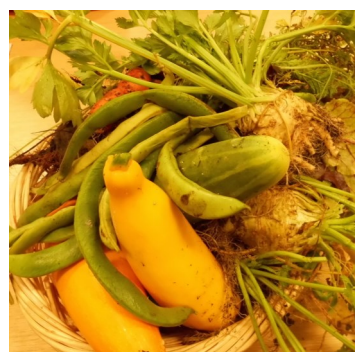
or online at www.petworthfestival.org.uk

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the gifts for our Harvest Festival. They were really welcomed by Petworth Foodbank who help families within the area.

School Garden

Oak Class harvested the vegetables from our garden this week and made some lovely soup.





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Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

Part Time Term Time only

Grade W02 £7.66 to £7.97 per hour.

Required to start as soon as possible

We currently have one vacancy 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.

If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, please come and have a chat with me.



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Inset Days 2017/2018

20 October 2017

9 February 2018

4 June 2018

Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

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| Fri 13 Oct | PPSA Disco EYFS and KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.15-7.15pm |
| Tues 17 Oct | Oak Class visit to Marwell Zoo |
| Tues 17 Oct | PPSA Meeting 6.30-7.30pm |
| Thurs 19 Oct | Beech Investigators Forest School 5 weeks until 23rd November |
| Thurs 19 Oct | Oak Class 'Six Weeks In' Coffee Morning |
| Fri 20 Oct | INSET DAY |
| Mon 23-27 Oct | HALF TERM |
| Mon 30 Oct | Back to School |
| Fri 3 Nov | School Photos |
| Wed 8 Nov | Maple & Elm Class British Museum |
| Fri 10 Nov | Evacuation Sleepover KS2 3.15pm to 7.30am on Saturday 11th Nov |
| Fri 17 Nov | Children In Need come dressed in Pyjamas or Spots for a £1 donation |
| Fri 24 Nov | Kids Club Xtra (details to follow) |
| Thurs 30 Nov | Beech Explorers Forest School 5 weeks until 18th January 2018 |
| Fri 1 Dec | PPSA Christmas Fair 6-8pm |
| Mon 11 Dec | Lord Egremont's Christmas Party Year 1 Only 4pm-6pm |
| Tues 12 Dec | KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 1.30-2.30pm |
| Wed 13 Dec | KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 6-7pm |
| Thurs 14 Dec | KS2 Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Horsham (details to follow) |
| Fri 15 Dec | Provisional date for Chartwells Christmas Lunch |
| 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 |