

Petworth C of E Primary School

Spring Newsletter No.1



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to you all and we would like to wish you all good fortune for 2017. We hope you were able to relax during a very busy break from school. Our teachers and teaching assistants have been very busy planning an exciting curriculum where the children will be challenged and be able to shine. This was seen on the very first day back to school when Google Expeditions joined us and every child from year one to year 6 enjoyed a virtual reality experience. The children visited Ancient Egypt, Antarctica and flew alongside a Spitfire to name just some of the experiences. If you would like to read what some of Willow Class wrote about their experiences please visit <http://petworthwillow.primaryblogger.co.uk/>.

Break Time Snacks and Packed Lunches



I know that I am the last one to preach about what is healthy and what is not for I have usually consumed too many biscuits before the day begins, love a fizzy drink, would take KFC over vegetables any day, and if there is a chance to eat cake then I will certainly grab it. I am very much aware of the impact of such choices on my body however a child may not be; and so when they make decisions as to what is good for them, they do not have the experience that we as adults have. This is therefore the challenge for us as parents, making a decision which we know is right but which we know may not go down well with our kids. Please can we make every effort with the children's packed lunches and reduce the amount of non-healthy choices.

Next Tuesday and Friday

If you would like to have a look at your child's books on Tuesday 10th January from 3.20pm to 4.20pm after you have collected your child please go to their classroom. We are extremely proud of what the children have achieved so far, although we are continually working hard to ensure that every child makes good progress and reaches their full potential.

As we are keen to share what we are doing in school we would like to invite you to have a look around our school next Friday (13th January 2017) and visit your child's classroom, but please also visit the other classes around the school to see what

experiences the children will encounter in the future. If you would like to join us please drop off your child as normal and make your way to the main entrance of the school. We will meet in the hall for a drink and allow the children to settle in to class. Then, from 9am to 10am we will roam the school until 10 o'clock when the whole school participates in 'Drop Everything and Read', so please bring in your books and join us!

KS2 Flute Lessons



Letters were e-mailed and sent home yesterday regarding the flute lessons we are trying to arrange through the West Sussex Music Trust. Group lessons will cost approximately £5 for a 20 minute session and individual 20 minute session will cost £12. If you would like your child to have flute lessons, please return the reply slip to the office as soon as possible.

Mobile Phone Numbers



If you have got a new mobile phone for Christmas and your number has recently changed, please could you notify the office of your new number as soon as possible to enable us to text you and contact you in an emergency. Many thanks.

Would you like to join our Governors and help develop our school?

Being a governor plays a crucial rule in the strategic planning of any school and we are now looking for two parents to join our team. If you would like to know more about becoming a governor, please come in and have a chat with me.

For a glimpse of what governors do and have done at Petworth C of E Primary School please look at the Governing Body webpage on the schools website (<http://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/governing-body/19226>).

Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

We are looking to employ two midday meal supervisors to work from 11.45am to 1.15pm 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.

January Sale!! PPSA Calendar



We still have a few calendars left, if you would like one, they can be purchased from the school office and these are now available at the sale price of £1.50 each.

Inset Days 2016/2017

17 February 2017
26 May 2017
05 June 2017

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Mon 9 Jan Y4 Swimming at Billingshurst 1pm weekly until 27th March
Tues 10 Jan Children's Work from 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Wed 11 Jan Football Match against Fittleworth 2pm-3pm
Wed 11 Jan Maple Class Forest School Session weekly until 15th February
Fri 13 Jan **Parents' Coffee and Open Morning 8.45am**
Fri 13 Jan Year 5/6 Quad Athletics at MRC 2pm to 3.45pm
Thurs 16 Feb PPSA Film Night
Fri 17 Feb **INSET DAY**
Mon 20-24 Feb **HALF TERM**
Fri 31 Mar PPSA Spring Ball (disco)
Fri 7 Apr **END OF SPRING TERM**
Mon 24 Apr **BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SUMMER TERM**
Mon 1 May **BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
Fri 26 May **INSET DAY**
Mon 29-2 June **HALF TERM**
Mon 5 June **INSET DAY**
Wed 28 June MRC Transition Day
Tues 25 July **END OF SUMMER 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