



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

## Inspire, nurture, challenge.

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

**22nd September 2020**

**Autumn Term No.1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### New Members of Staff

Over the last week we have employed two teaching assistants, who will work with us until July 2021. Miss Ford will work across the school, whilst Miss Lenharth will work in Maple and Elm classes.

### Eco News Update

Our ambition is to teach the children about the importance of stopping items going to landfill, recycle and reuse as much as possible and show the benefits of renewable energy. Since we introduced collecting crisp packets we have prevented 247.5kg going into landfill. This is an enormous amount but we cannot stop here. Please spread the word; my challenge to the children is let's recycle every crisp packet in Petworth.

Our clothes recycling bin has been successful and although the bin was only installed a short time ago, it has already been filled three times. Also, our solar panels have now been running for over a year and they have prevented 143.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.

We have also teamed up with Business2Schools and we have shared a variety of resources (chairs, desks, filing cabinets etc.) with local schools and Sylvia Beaufoy. Any surplus we have had and not wanted by schools, we have sold. This money will be used by the children on eco projects within the school.

We are also collecting (see below). If you can also collect and donate this packaging to us we would appreciate it.



### Polytunnel Installed

Over the summer holidays Bryan Durrant with a little help from Alicia, Oliver, Seb, Greta and Jenson installed a 30m by 8m polytunnel. This is a great addition to our school allotment area and will help the children develop their knowledge of our curriculum especially science.

### Have you...?

Does anyone have any old scaffold boards they would like to donate to our school? We need some to help build benches and raised beds in our polytunnel. If you have any please contact the school office.

### Sport Update

Unfortunately, competitive matches between schools have been stopped for the time being. However, we will continue to arrange intra school competitions where each class will compete in their team colours. Obviously, we will not allow children from different classes mixing. Also, children will be running at least twice a week as part of their 'Golden Mile' challenge. As a school we are trying to run from Petworth to Tokyo by next July. It is only 5980 miles!

We have also bought new sports kits for our various teams when competitive matches resume.

### Key Stage Two Music

As part of music curriculum, we have teamed up with Pete York, a highly regarded guitar teacher, to enable every child in key stage two to learn the guitar for one term during the academic year. We have purchased a class set of guitars but of course if your child has their own they can bring it in to school in the day of their lesson. If any child would like individual lessons, which you will have to fund yourself, more details will be released soon.

### Class Blogs

It is imperative that we keep you up to date with what the children are learning in class. You have already received the termly letter, however you will get an overview and a glimpse of how we are engaging our children at the class blogs. These can be seen at [https://www.petworth.wsussex.sch.uk/website/class\\_blogs\\_1/459343](https://www.petworth.wsussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs_1/459343)

It would be great if you could leave a comment for the children and teaching staff.



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## Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child/ren into school with their own named water bottle everyday.

## Reminder Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Applications for secondary school must be made online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) by **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

## Class Reading Books

### Oak Class

In Oak we are currently reading Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

### Ash Class

In Ash we will be reading some modern fairy tales (and fairy tales with a twist) which links to our English learning. These include Little Red Reading Hood/Rowland, Little Green Rain Cape/Riddell, Goldilocks/Child and The Paper Dolls/Donaldson.

As a whole class reader we will be looking at The Iron Giant, by Ted Hughes - it's a magical story about a huge metal giant and a little boy - the giant is like a Transformer and a super hero all rolled into one.

### Rowan Class

In Rowan we are reading The Colour Monster and Dear Teacher.

### Beech Class

In Beech our class reader is Stig of the Dump and our literacy is based around the book Stone Age Boy.

### Maple Class

This fortnight our class are reading The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess by Julia Jarman.

### Elm Class

Elm Class are currently finishing reading The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo.

### Willow Explorers

Willow Explorers are currently reading in class Storm Breaker by Alex Rider.

### Willow Investigators

Willow Investigators are currently reading Soft Courage in class.

## Ash Class Star Writer

Star Writer in Ash Class is Emily Fynes, for remembering and retelling some parts of the story "The girl, the bear and the magic shoes" and sequencing and labelling the events in the book. Her work is displayed in the entrance.

## Oak Class Work

In Maths we have been learning about numbers 1-4 using Numberblocks. We then explored making Numberblocks using multilink and other creative materials.



## Ash Class Work

We went to the big field next to school and explored the landscape, listening, seeing and feeling it under our feet. The children had a wonderful time, describing their experience using lots of wonderful language and nature based vocabulary





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Rowan Class

Artwork by Bethany Inspired by Van Gogh



## Dates for your Diary 2020/2021

Mon	19 Oct	School Photos
Thurs	22 Oct	Break up for Half Term
Fri	23 Oct	School Closed Inset Day
Mon	2 Nov	Back to School
Mon	30 Nov to	Fri 4 Dec Year 6 Bikeability
Tues	8 Dec	Flu Jabs Whole School
Fri	18 Dec	End of Autumn Term
Mon	4 Jan	Return To School Start of Spring Term
Fri	12 Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon	22 Feb	Back to School
Fri	26 Mar	Year 6 PGL IOW
Mon	29 Mar	Year 6 return from PGL IOW
Thurs	1 Apr	End of Spring Term
Mon	19 Apr	Back to School Start of the Summer Term
Mon	3 May	School Closed Bank Holiday
Fri	28 May	Break up for Half Term
Mon	7 June	Back to School
Fri	23 Jul	End of Summer Term
Thurs	2 Sept	Back to School Start of the Autumn Term
Fri	22 Oct	Break up for Half Term
Mon	1 Nov	Back to School
Fri	17 Dec	End of Autumn Term

## Inset Days 2020/2021

Thursday 3rd September 2020  
Friday 4th September 2020  
Friday 23rd October 2020  
Two More Inset Days to be Confirmed

## School Photos

Yellow will be coming into school to take the children's photos on **Monday 19th October**. In previous years we have been able to offer photos with siblings not currently at Petworth CofE Primary School. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid restrictions, we will not be able to have these taken this year. Children will still have photos taken with their siblings that attend our school.

## Allergies and Medical Conditions

Please remember to inform the office if your child has been diagnosed with any new allergies or medical conditions, to ensure we can provide the best care for your children whilst they are in school. Thanks.

## Parent and Carer Consent to Administer Non Prescription Medicine

(paracetamol and antihistamine)

Please can you let the office know if there are any changes to the consent gained since you completed the form? Otherwise we will assume that the consent remains current.





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**Autumn Workshops (first half term)**

## Making Sense of It All Foundation Course \*NEW\*

Wednesday 30th September, 7th & 14th October 10.30am

This new three-part course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parents and carers. It aims to empower parents of children who are undergoing or have recently undergone diagnosis but it will be helpful to any parents who would like to learn more about how SEND processes work.

### Making Sense of Wellbeing \*NEW\*

This six session course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax.

(each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage you to attend all if you are able to)

Workshop: Active listening —Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Listening to your inner experience—Tuesday 22nd September 7.15pm

Workshop: Problem solving —Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm

Mindfulness: Finding peace in the storm—Tuesday 6th October 7.15pm

Workshop: Positive thinking —Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

Mindfulness: You are not your thoughts—Tuesday 20th October 7.15pm

### Making Sense of Transitioning Back to School

Wednesday 16th September 10.30am

Looking at how children may be reacting to the return to school, covering many issues including separation anxiety and emotionally based school refusal; changes to the school environment; communication with and expectations from school; transitioning to a new setting and ongoing anxieties that children and parent-carers may be experiencing.

### Making Sense of the Annual Review Process of an EHC Plan

Tuesday 22nd September 10.30am

An overview of how the Annual Review process works including statutory timeframes, how the review meeting should be conducted and what happens afterwards, and when/how to request interim or emergency review.

### Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour in Adolescence (11+)

Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm

Exploring how your young person's brain works, how hormones and puberty impact upon our children, how we can support them and respond to challenging behaviour to achieve positive outcomes.

All of the workshops are free of charge and will be delivered online via Zoom.

For more information and booking please email [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk) or visit

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## Making Sense of Wellbeing

This six week course for parent-carers offers you the opportunity to explore some of the essential elements of wellbeing. Our personal and social wellbeing helps us to develop good relationships, feel connected to others and improves our resilience, empathy, and adaptability.

The course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax. Each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage you to attend all if you are able to.

Wellbeing Workshop : Active Listening - Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm

Do you want to feel 'heard'? This workshop helps you understand the key skills in active listening, including listening with all senses and enhancing your understanding of others.

Mindfulness Workshop : Listening to your inner experience - Tuesday 22nd September 7.15pm

We will use mindfulness practice to help you 'listen' to your inner self and bring attention and awareness to your experience and wellbeing.

Wellbeing Workshop : Problem Solving - Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm

What do you do when faced with a problem? This workshop uses strategies to help you with problem solving from a different perspective.

Mindfulness Workshop : Finding peace in the storm - Tuesday 6th October 7.15pm

During times of difficulty and stress we can feel caught in the storm of life. Mindfulness can offer ways of finding stillness in the midst of this turmoil.

Wellbeing Workshop : Positive thinking - Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

When negative life experiences occur, it's hard to be positive. This workshop helps you consider positive thinking skills as a way of regaining control.

Mindfulness Workshop : You are not your thoughts - Tuesday 20th October 7.15pm

Mindfulness offers us space to step back from our thoughts and experiences, and see them as mental events which do not define us. This session teaches ways of relating to your thoughts differently.

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## Making Sense of It All

### Foundation Course

Has your child been recently identified as having additional needs?

Do you find the systems and support for special educational needs confusing?

Would you benefit from a broad overview of how it all works?

This new three-part online course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parent-carers. It aims to empower parents of children undergoing or who have recently undergone diagnosis but is helpful to any parents who feel they need an overview of the following subjects and issues:-

- Coming to terms with and understanding your child's diagnosis
- Where to go for information and advice
- Handling stress and building resilience
- Gaining support from other parent-carers
- Accessing benefits and financial support
- Getting support for your child at school
- Accessing support through health & social care
- Accessing other key services and opportunities in West Sussex.

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10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th November  
10.30am - 12.30pm

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