



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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**James 3:6** And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.

**25th March 2022**  
**Spring Term No.2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Cross Country at MRC**

As you know, we will enter every sporting event we can as we are eager to give our children every opportunity to challenge themselves. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February we participated in the Cross Country held at MRC.

As usual our children tried their best. All I asked was that once they finished, they could not have run any faster. This they achieved, as they were very quiet at the end, completely out of breath and tired. It was lovely!

The year three and four girls competed in the first race (1000m), and Lottie, Maggie and Matilda were brilliant. Matilda finished in a very good fourth place.

Next were the boys and they did not disappoint. Jensen 8<sup>th</sup>, Jacques 9<sup>th</sup>, Tom 12<sup>th</sup>, Daniel 14<sup>th</sup> and Mason was 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the boys will continue running, as this could be a good team in future events.

The year five and six girls were next and they had to run 1500m. At the start of each lap was a challenging hill, which many of the children found difficult. Hollie, Eloise and Emily ran their hearts out.

The final race was the year five/six boys race. I told the boys not to start too quickly and just settle into a steady pace and then go for it as they entered the rugby pitch. Thankfully none of them listened to me. Shay went to the front very early and he stayed there, finishing in first place. A brilliant achievement. Seb, Lewis and Jacob showed great perseverance and their team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Once again, extremely proud of all of the children and I am very grateful that they took part. It was a great way to end the week.

## **Letters to Our MP**

Our year six children wrote letters to Andrew Griffiths, our local MP, about environmental issues. These ranged from improving wildlife areas, litter, recycling, composting etc. The children were very proud to have received personalised letters.



## **Mini Football Tournament**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Easebourne Primary School and Midhurst Primary School, year three/four football teams, visited our school to play a mini seven a-side football tournament. For many of the children it was their first experience of a competitive football match.

The first match was between Midhurst and Petworth. Although a very one-sided game, with the ball in Midhurst's half for most of the game, Midhurst valiantly defended and denied Petworth until two minutes to go. Some superb defending and great goalkeeping, thwarted the attacking prowess of Petworth. Then the breakthrough came with Scarlett scoring the winning goal.

Next, came Easebourne against Midhurst and although Midhurst were a little tired from their exploits against Petworth, this was more of an even game. Easebourne had more chances, although both teams could have scored. Finally, Easebourne scored and went on to win one nil.

The final game was the tournament decider...Easebourne against Petworth. This was an even game although Petworth had the majority of play. Eventually some good play from Petworth led to Mason scoring the opening goal to make the score one-nil. It stayed like this until the final minute, when Petworth gave away a free kick. A superb shot from Oscar brought out a brilliant save from Jacques to keep the score at one-nil to Petworth and that was the final score.

It was brilliant to see so many children trying so hard to get involved, play in a friendly manner and just enjoy playing the game. I am so grateful to Easebourne and Midhurst for giving our children opportunities they have missed participating in, during the last few months.

## **Ash Class**

We have been enjoying our writing about our book "Journey" (part of our whole school book week) and have had a go at riding the magic carpet which appeared in the lobby. Huge thanks to Rugs of Petworth for capturing the rug for us, so we could come up with amazing adjectives to describe it.





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## Oak Class

On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, Oak Class went on their first school trip to The Weald and Downland Living Museum to explore buildings that were built in the past, as well as comparing ways of life in the past and present.

We completed a workshop, where we learnt about the different ways bricks could be laid to build a wall, explored different materials that were used to build various houses and compared old and modern furniture. We then used this new knowledge to become 'house detectives', looking for clues of older buildings, such as thatch roofs and wattle and daub walls.

One of our favourite buildings was a small Victorian railway cottage which belonged to a family of 10. Oak Class were fascinated to learn that there was no bathroom and the children would have slept top to tail!

All of the children enjoyed the experience and even started using their new knowledge to spot older houses as we drove back home through Midhurst.



## Chichester Corporate Challenge

On Wednesday 2nd March, eight children from Petworth CofE Primary School took up the offer and challenge of participating in this annual event. Every child gave their all and were tired at the end, especially Eve and Imogen, who played two games of football this afternoon. We will share the results, once we have them. All of the children run again in two weeks time. I was extremely proud of the children, who gave up their evening to try something different. Also, thank you to all of the parents who transported their children to this event.

Running Squad: Henry S, Eve, Emily, Harry S, Shay, Seb, Alex and Imogen

## Chichester Corporate Challenge Part Two

On 16th March a slightly damp evening our intrepid eight runners ventured into Chichester to participate in the second of three runs around the streets of this famous city. A little different from last time as the children knew what to expect. They knew what time they had to beat. They knew how hard to push themselves. Once again, none of them disappointed!

They will find out their times in a couple of days and see if they beat their previous best. Nonetheless all of the children appeared eager to do it all over again in two weeks time. Will the final run be their best? I'm sure it will!

Running squad: Henry S, Eve, Emily, Imogen, Harry S, Alex, Seb and Shay.

## Girls Football Spectacular

Once again, we organised another sporting experience for our children. This time our girls football team played a round robin of games against Easebourne and Midhurst. Easebourne brought a strong all year six team, while Midhurst had a mix of year three, four and five. Petworth's squad was from year four, five and six. In the first game Easebourne played incredibly well with Lucy and Ruby dominating play. Easebourne finished six - one winners, although the biggest cheer came when Midhurst scored a consolation goal.

Next it was Petworth against Easebourne, where Easebourne took an early two nil lead. However, after this initial shaky start, Petworth came back into the game and pulled a goal back. However, after some dominant play, Easebourne scored a third to make the final score 3-1.

The final game was between Midhurst and Petworth, which Petworth dominated. You could not fault the effort all of the Midhurst players put in, however after some excellent runs



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from Eve, Flo, Matilda and Scarlet, Petworth finished five - nil winners.

All of the players played in a very sporting manner, although there was some very tough tackling and determination to get the ball. There was some great sportsmanship and I was very proud to see all of the girls flourishing, as well as getting very muddy.

Petworth squad: Eve, Imogen, Millie, Matilda, Ava, Matilda, Layla and Scarlet

## Tag Rugby at Bury

Sixteen children, from years four, five and six two teams and lots of tries! Our school visited Bury to participate in a round robin of matches, which gave our children an opportunity to build upon the tag rugby skills they learnt at MRC, on Friday.

After a few warm up activities, which the children seemed to enjoy, the games begun. Playing seven minute games, both our teams played one, drew one and lost one. The drawn game was when our teams played against each other, with the result being three each.

There was some exceptional skills and it was great to see our children given an opportunity to play games and put their new skills to the test.

Teams: Archie, Elise, Jake, Eve, Ferne, Luca, Jacob and Millie.

Shay, Matilda, Daniel, Harry S, Imogen, Seb, Lewis and Charlie.

## Rowan Class

Rowan class went to the Co-op to shop to buy for fruit and vegetables. We used our maths skills to count out our money, and try to keep to a budget.

For science week, we have been thinking about things we can grow that we can eat.

We used the fruit to make fruit kebabs and made pizzas using the vegetables. We also used our skills of observation to draw the insides of the produce. Finally, in geography, we found out where the fruit and veg was grown in the world.





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## Football Tournament Lancing

On Tuesday, the girls from years 3 and 4 took part in the West Sussex Albion Cup hosted by Sussex County FA in Lancing. Eight of our pupils donned their football boots and gave their all. For some of the girls taking part, it was their first experience of playing in a football tournament and it was made all the more special by the wonderful weather and excellent facilities.

The first game was against Eastbrook Primary, which ended 0-0, but the girls soon found their feet and won their next three games in a row! Some impressive goal-scoring from Flo, Scarlett and Matilda helped us on our way, and winning the last group game of the morning made us realise we were in contention to get through to the quarter finals!

When the group results were announced, the girls were delighted to be group winners and through to the quarter finals - what a result! Expecting to face some tougher opposition in the quarter finals, the team upped their intensity and beat Leechpool 4-0 - we were through to the semis!

In the semi-finals, Petworth played Southwater. Considering they are a school four times our size, we managed to hold our own very well. However, despite our best efforts, we conceded a goal around half-time followed by a penalty (when one of our defenders' commitment to keeping the goal out of the net led to a handball). Southwater went on to win the final against Orchards (another very large school).

Pleased by their efforts, but disappointed not to get to the final - the team left Lancing feeling exhausted and proud of they achieved. The team were excellent at switching roles and subbing on and off throughout the day and their sportsmanship was exemplary.

Having reached the semi-finals, Petworth will now be invited to finals against other schools from other areas, date to be announced.

Squad: Scarlett, Lottie A, Lottie B, Matilda, Bethany, Lyla, Flo, Evie.

Results: 6 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss



## School Farm

On Thursday, our vet, Lissie, came to visit the goats and sheep and give them their vaccinations. Alfie, our Farm Representative, always comes to help us catch the animals and reward them with some snacks after their jabs. Mrs Wiggs has to help by holding the animals but is not very good at catching them and usually falls in the mud!

If you would like to spend some time with the animals at weekends or in the holidays please let the office know - we really value your help with their care and they love to have visitors to play with!





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## Nut Free School

**Please remember that we are a nut free school.**

There are children and adults in school with severe nut allergies, therefore, in the interest of safeguarding, any nuts, nut bars, peanut butter, Nutella or other nut-based foods, that are brought into school for snack or lunch, will be confiscated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

## Class Reading Books

### Oak Class

Oak Class We have been reading a range of non-fiction books about frogs in order to find out more about our frogspawn.

### Ash Class

Ash Class are currently reading 'The Odyssey' by Homer, retold by Gillian Cross, as well as various picture books.

### Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading 'The Egg' by M P Robertson.

### Beech Class

Beech Class are currently reading 'Hatmakers' by Tamzin Merchant.

### Maple Class

Maple Class are now reading 'Escape The Rooms' by Stephen Mangan.

### Elm Class

Elm Class are currently reading 'Greek myths' - various.

### Willow Class

Willow are currently reading 'Nudie Dudie' by Michael Lawrence.

## SPAG Fact

**Grammatical Feature:** Paragraph

**Definition:**

'Chunks' of related thoughts or ideas.

They make reading easier to understand.

A new paragraph usually means a change topic, idea, time, place or argument.

## 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.

## Hire Our Facilities

You can now hire out the school facilities, please contact the school for further details and charges.

## Dates for your Diary 2022

Fri	25 Mar	Last Eco Club
Mon	28 Mar	Last Mindful Colouring, Basketball, Games & Puzzles Club
Tues	29 Mar	Football Tournament at Lancing
Tues	29 Mar	Last Multisports Club
Weds	30 Mar	Last Sewing, KS2 Football, Furniture Restoration Club
Thurs	31 Mar	Last KS2 Girls Football & Fun Fitness Club
Fri	1 Apr	Netball MRC
Fri	1 Apr	No Eco Club
Weds	6 Apr	Football Matches Against Fittleworth and Bury
Weds	6 Apr	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thurs	7 Apr	Parents' Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Fri	8 Apr	Year 5/6 Intra Football Tournament
Fri	8 Apr	<b>End of Spring Term</b>
Mon	25 Apr	<b>Back to School</b>
Thurs	28 Apr	Rowan Class Forest School
Fri	29 Apr	Beech Class Swimming for 10 weeks
Mon	9 May	SATS Week
Fri	27 May	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
Mon	6 June	<b>Back to School</b>
Tues	28 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service Chichester Cathedral
Thurs	21 July	<b>End of Summer Term</b>

## Inset Days 2021/2022

Tues	3 May	Inset Day
Mon	6 June	Inset Day

## Toddler Time!

We are a popular and well attended toddler group, based in the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre, Midhurst road, Petworth. We are looking for volunteers to help setup, clear away and assist during the sessions which take place on a Tuesday in term time. The sessions run from 10-11.30 but set up and clear up would be 9-12 approximately. We would appreciate any help and if you feel you can offer some, please contact Dan at the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre on 07312114315. Thank you.