



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Luke 11:25-33 'Good Samaritan'

Dear Parents/Carers,

23rd July 2019

Summer Term No.4

As the academic year comes to an end, I believe it would be remiss of me to not mention the last three weeks, which I think typifies what we are trying to achieve at Petworth CofE Primary School.

At the beginning of the month we were visited by Ofsted and they agreed with our assessment of the school. However, when looking back, this is the least important aspect of this month.

We have had a multitude of events which have included:

- Transition Day
- Willow Class Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
- Willow Class visiting Air Arena
- Welcoming our new children to our school
- Swimming with Maple
- Forest School with Willow, which included the children spending a whole day in the woods
- Elm Class Market, which focused on recycling and reusing
- Elm Class visiting Ardingly for the Countryside Show
- Sports Day
- Being part of Petworth in Bloom
- Elm Class visiting Ardingly for the Big Bang Science Day
- Choir performing at Fete in the Park
- Two brilliant performances of Darwin Rocks by the children from Elm and Willow classes
- School's Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church
- Choir singing at the opening of Petworth Festival
- Some children from Elm Class performing Beowulf at St. Mary's Church
- PPSA School Disco
- Willow Class Sports Evening

Alongside all of these, the children have been participating in their National Curriculum lessons, and last Friday all of the children explored the 50th anniversary of the first humans landing on the Moon.

We are also very grateful for visitors to the Badgers Public House for raising £1000, which will be used on a weather station and equipment for our children. This will help our children gain an understanding of weather patterns and then climate over a period of time. It will be used to assist developing maths, English and geography skills.

I would also like to thank our fantastic PPSA, who have organised a variety of events for our school community this year. Our Summer Fair raised £2100 for our school and we are very grateful to everyone who helped support this event. A special mention must go to Marie Diaper, who is stepping down,

as chairperson of the PPSA, for her enthusiasm, commitment and energy in this role. Since I have known Marie, she has worked tirelessly to raise money for the school and ensure the children are given different opportunities both inside and outside of school.

I would like to wish our Year Six children all the best in their next step on their learning journey. I am sure we will hear all about their exploits over the next few years.

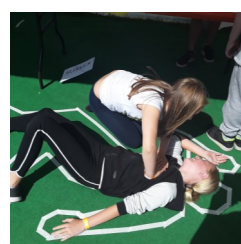
Finally I would like to wish everyone connected with our school a happy and safe summer.

Elm Class Big Bang Science Day and Countryside Day

Dear Diary

Today is going to be good, because we are not going to school well when I say I mean we are going for a trip (a school) so I got dressed and went to school and when I got there everyone in my class was there. Soon after the register we ran outside to the minibus. I slumped into the seat next to my friend and we were gone. We had arrived at a calm, peaceful countryside there were tents as white as snow and then the tour actually began. We went to the nearest tent and there was a bunny, a cow and some geese. We even went on a combine harvester it was the best!!!!!! After all that we couldn't have done more. Wrong. We got to see some bird of prey, like a falcon, and most of all a bald eagle like the one below. After that we headed to the minibus sat in the same place as last time, and we are off. 3 hours later we had got back to school waiting to be collected. 1 week later I wrote this on a computer as well as my diary so bye.

By James





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Darwin Rocks Production

The children in Elm and Willow Class put on an amazing end of year performance of Darwin Rocks for their parents and family. Well done!



Elm Class Beowulf



A fantastic opportunity for our children to share the stage with Ann Denholm (official harpist to the Prince of Wales); Elin Manahan Thomas, who sang at Prince Harry and Meghan's wedding; and Oliver Phelps who played Fred Weasley in the Harry Potter films. Our children were amazing and sang beautifully.

Choir at Petworth Park



Wanted Plastic Bottles and Crisp Packets

Please remember the school, when you have finished your packets of crisps and have drunk the last of your fizzy drink/ water from a 2 litre clear plastic bottles over the holidays. Please save them up and bring them into school when we return in September. The crisp packets are part of a recycling initiative and we are still collecting the plastic bottles to finish our Eco-greenhouse. Thanks.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, we encourage our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Last week, a representative from the West Sussex Library Service came into assembly and spoke to the children about this year's challenge, 'Space Chase'; celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the challenge will help space family, the Rockets, in their thrilling mission to recover books that have been borrowed by cheeky aliens. It's free for families to take part and you have all summer to collect fun rewards as you read and complete the challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge started in your local library on Saturday 13th July.

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.

SPAG FACT

Grammatical Feature : Exclamation

Definition : A sentence which shows someone feels strongly about something.

Example : What a triumph!



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Every child has the right to privacy.

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Dates for your Diary 2019

Tues	23 Jul	Last Day of Term finish at 3.15pm
Mon	2 Sept	Inset Day (school closed)
Tues	3 Sept	Start of the Autumn Term
Thurs	12 Sept	Year 5 PGL Little Canada 2020 Meeting 3.30-4pm
Fri	13 Sept	Year 6 PGL Little Canada Meeting 3.30-4pm
Weds	25 Sept	Year 6 MRC Experience Day All Day
Fri	4 Oct	Football at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri 4-Mon	7 Oct	Year 6 PGL Little Canada IOW Trip
Fri	18 Oct	Flu Vaccinations (YrR-Yr6)
Mon	21 Oct	School Photos
Tues	22 Oct	Andrea Prior Author Visit Yr2-5
Thurs	24 Oct	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Fri	25 Oct	Inset Day (school closed)
Mon	3 Nov	Back to School
Fri	8 Nov	Hockey at MRC 2-3.45pm
Weds	20 Nov	Petworth Fair 3.30-6pm
Fri	22 Nov	Dance Festival at MRC 2-3.30pm
Fri	6 Dec	Basketball Festival at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	20 Dec	End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm
Mon 23 Dec - Fri	3 Jan	School Holidays
Mon	6 Jan	Start of Spring Term at 8.30am
Fri	17 Jan	Indoor Athletics at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	31 Jan	Cross Country at MRC 2-3.45pm
Mon 17-Fri	21 Feb	Half Term
Mon	24 Feb	Inset Day (school closed)
Tues	25 Feb	Back to School Starts at 8.30am
Fri	6 Mar	Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	3 Apr	End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm
Mon	20 Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am
Fri	24 Apr	Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm
Fri	22 May	Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	22 May	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon	1 June	Inset Day (school closed)
Tues	2 June	Back to School Starts at 8.30am
Mon	20 July	Inset Day (school closed)
Thurs	3 Sept	Start of Autumn Term at 8.30am

Inset Days (school closed)

Monday 2nd September 2019
Friday 25th October 2019
Monday 24th February 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020