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Galatians 6:9 'Let us not become weary in doing good'.

13th December 2019
Autumn Term No.6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Retirement

Mrs Gill has decided it is time to retire and will be leaving the school at the end of this term (Friday 20th December 2019). Over the many years Mrs Gill has worked at our school, she has helped countless children 'find their feet' as they joined Oak Class. We will all miss Mrs Gill's sense of humour, constant smile and her fun loving approach to educating the children. We wish her all the best for a fun-filled retirement.

In January, Mrs Brownbill will continue to teach for four days and Mrs Fogden will teach for one day. Mrs Ford and Mrs Abbott will continue to work alongside the children during the week.

Children's Work

By Reuben

Reuben

My London recount

When I woke up on the 2nd of December I was a tiny bit worried about the school trip to Brixton. A few hours later, I was in my grandad's van going to Pulbrough train station. When I got to the station it was very cold. I talked to my friends, while we waited for everyone to arrive. Our first train was cancelled so we had to catch the next train to London Victoria. When it came we all piled onto the train in quick succession. I played 'I spy' on the train with some friends, meanwhile, the train was speeding along (and occasionally through tunnels). The journey was long, but it was worth it!

London was amazing to behold! When we got off of the train from London Victoria to Brixton (which was very short) we came out of the station and looked at some street art. The other school were there waiting for us. Our group wandered around Brixton market. I couldn't help thinking "There are so many food stalls; they're all over the place!" I felt a bit nervous talking to the kids from the other school.

To get to the school, our class got on a bus which was a bit scary because it felt like it was going to tip over on its side.

When we got there our two classes got to play a bit-I played 'It' with a large group of friends on a pirate ship. Determined to play as we were, when we learnt it was lunch we all rushed into the hall/classroom (yes they ate in their class (cool!)- There were some foods (none of which I tried) there were foods like chicken and patties. I feel a bit bad for not trying any. Maybe I could have tried some stuff that I might have liked. After that we got on another bus back to Brixton. When we got there, we walked up some rickety stairs and got on the train to London Victoria. When we got to Horsham, it was supposed to split in half. Unfortunately, it didn't, so we had to wait an additional twenty minutes. On the next train I sat next to a stranger, so I didn't play with anyone, whereas on the other trains I had played 'I spy'. It was very dark when we got back. I saw my mum from out of the train. I got out the train and went through the station to find my mum and I sleepily collapsed into her arms.

Though it was not my first time in London I still learnt some new things. My favourite part was the train. It was a very memorable trip and I will value what I learnt that day in London.



grateful to Mrs Wiggs, Miss Furnell, Mrs Brownbill and Mrs Gill for organising this and for constantly smiling throughout the process. As usual, our teaching assistants were amazing in their general support, organising all of the costumes and for the music. Also a huge thank you to Alfie for helping to paint the back drop with Mrs Durrant.



Eco News!

Solar Panels

I am fascinated that we can use a renewable energy and turn it into electricity. Since the introduction of our solar panels we have prevented 51.747 tonnes of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.

Recycling Crisp Packets

So far the children have prevented the equivalent of 28kg of crisp packets going into landfill. Therefore please spread the word and encourage your household, place of work and your neighbours to collect crisp packets and help our children make a difference.

Petworth CofE Primary needs a Tuck Shop

A selection of Petworth students (from year 3-6) are trying to open a Tuck Shop, during the school day. To begin this process we need to see if there is a need for a Tuck Shop in the school, as well as persuading Mr Galvin that it is a good Idea...

So, we need your help! If you would like to help us in creating a Tuck Shop in this school then head over to our online survey at

https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/tuck_shop_survey/439365

We are hoping to sell healthy food such as; fruit, cereal bars, squash, biscuits, fruit winders, dried apple rings and popcorn. If you have any other ideas, that we might be able to use, please let us know by contacting the school.

Food Bank

Callum Tyler, in year six, has asked the school to have a box in the entrance so we can collect food for our local Food Bank throughout the year and not just in the Autumn. Therefore if you wish to donate items for please place them in the box and we will ensure they are delivered to people who need a little bit of help. Thank you!

Nativity Performances

Oak, Ash and Rowan children did not disappoint as they performed their version of the Nativity, which was called 'Christmas with the Aliens'. I am always in awe of the children as they remember their lines, sing with enthusiasm and generally really enjoy themselves. Both of the performances had their own uniqueness and even some of the children improvised, which only added to the entertainment. I am very



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PPSA Christmas Fair

I am always bowled over by the hard work of our PPSA, who worked tirelessly to ensure their Christmas event is a success and that every penny raised goes towards all of children's education. The Friday evening is the culmination of many hours of planning, organising and speaking to various businesses in the hope they might donate a raffle.

On the Monday before the event, many members of the PPSA were wrapping presents, organising tombola's and counting the sweets in readiness of the big evening. During the day on Friday many members, and their partners, were here all day ensuring the evening runs as smoothly as possible. They were decorating the hall and organising Father Christmas' grotto. One endearing moment was seeing Barry Thomas at 4.30pm sitting outside 'acclimatising' to the cold as he had 'volunteered' to help run the BBQ...that is dedication!

I would like to thank all of the stall holders, parents, extended family and friends, who helped run a variety of stalls. I would like to thank Willow Class children for running their stalls and keeping me informed of how much they had taken. I would like to thank everybody who came to visit and spend their hard earned cash on the food, games and much, much more.

Intra School Sport

Our latest whole school sporting event saw Jasmine, Holly, James and Hendricks run a bench ball competition for every child. Each class learnt the rules, played the games and scored points for each team. Throughout the day the children played with excellent sportsmanship, respect and enthusiasm. The final results were: 1st Green, 2nd Yellow, 3rd Red, 4th Blue.

Basketball Festival

Last Friday, six year six children participated in a basketball festival at MRC. The event was led by MRC students and after the initial warm up and skills drills, the children played a few games. During the session, our team remained unbeaten as they won two games and drew one.

Squad: Mackenzie, Lloyd, Neive, Keira, Hendricks and Harry W.

Carol Service

The Carol Service is on **Tuesday 17th December** at St Mary's Church which will start at **9.30am**. We will leave school at 9am and as usual we are looking for volunteers to assist with escorting the children to and from the church. If you are able to help, please speak to the class teacher.

Reminder Parking and Driving onto the School Site

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from residents and other site users, that a few parents are still driving/parking on site and down the lane that runs behind South Grove leading to the Old School House. Please can I once again remind you that that Blue Badge holders only are allowed to

drive onto the site and park. Please do not turn around in the entrance to the site; this applies to parents/relatives/friends/childminders etc. who are dropping children off for the early morning sessions and collecting from After School Clubs. The children's safety is paramount and we want to do all we can to avoid any accidents occurring. With this in mind, please can you park outside and walk your child onto and off the school site.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you to park considerably outside of the school site, not blocking residents' entrances, not parking dangerously on pavements or on the green in South Grove. Many thanks.

Smoking and Vaping

Please can I remind you that under no circumstance should you be smoking or vaping on the school site. We have received complaints that parents/relatives attending the nativity were smoking and vaping in the school bike shelter. If you have a need to smoke, please do so outside the grounds in South

Mobile Phone Numbers

If you are lucky enough to receive a new mobile for Christmas and your number changes, please remember to let the office know. Thanks.

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.

Spag Fact

Grammatical Feature : Word family

Definition	: The group of words that can be built from the same root word
Example	: Builds, building, builder, built, rebuild, rebuilt



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Childrens Choice Menu

Thursday 16th January

Choose a main
Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
Veggie Nuggets & Chips

on the side...
Baked Beans or Salad
Tomato Ketchup

for dessert...
Jammy Jack
(flapjack)

for a drink...
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

To enjoy our Census Day Menu, please order at www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 5th January. Please take note ordering is for KS2 children only.

Food Super Heroes

Chartwells Catering have kitchen staff vacancies in various schools

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If yes, why not join our friendly, professional team?

Position is term time only, 5 days a week.
Appropriate training will be given and uniform will be provided.

For more information please email 73041@compass-group.co.uk
Please quote reference EL

Dates for your Diary 2019

Mon	16 Dec	Year 1 Lord and Lady Egremont's Christmas Party
Tues	17 Dec	Carol Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tues	17 Dec	KS2 Panto Capitol Theatre Horsham
Weds	18 Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thurs	19 Dec	Carols at Petworth Cottage Hospital 10am
Thurs	19 Dec	Whole School Christmas Party 12pm
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 (details to follow)
Fri	31 Jan	Cross Country at MRC 2-3.45pm (details to follow)
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 (details to follow)
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 (details to follow)
Fri	8 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri	22 May	Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm (details to follow)
Fri	22 May	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon	1 June	Inset Day (school closed)
Fri	17 July	End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm
Mon	20 July	Inset Day School Closed

Inset Days

Monday 24th February 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020