



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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Luke 18:35 'As he drew near to Jericho...'

20th October 2022
Autumn Term No.2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Girls U11 Albion Cup

On Tuesday 11th October our under 11 Girls Football team represented our school in the Albion Cup, which was held at the Amex Elite Performance Centre in Lancing.

Fourteen primary schools from across West Sussex participated, and Petworth CofE Primary School was by far the smallest school. As always our main objectives for any tournament is to have fun, score a goal and then win a game. Would we exceed these expectations today?

Our first game was against North Lancing and it proved a very tight game, with both teams having opportunities to score. However, it was not until the very last kick of the game that a goal was scored. Lottie took a throw in by the corner kick, Scarlet attacked the boy but it spun off the defenders leg and went in. A great result for Petworth...one nil winners.

Our second game was against Glebe which was immediately after our first one. During the first half there was some excellent play and we hit the woodwork on three separate occasions. Eventually we broke the deadlock with Flo scoring. The second half was similar to the first and finally Scarlet scored the second to make the final result two nil to us.

After a well deserved rest, our third game was against Swiss Gardens. After an end to end start, Swiss Gardens took the lead. Two ways this could have gone, and of course our girls responded superbly. In the second half we dominated the game and Swiss Gardens keeper made several superb saves. However, goals from Scarlet and two from Flo meant we stayed unbeaten with a three one win. During the game Imogen had an amazing solo run, Molly's run and cross was exceptional and the defending from Lottie, Imogen and Abigail allowed us to attack freely. Three games, three wins.

Our final game was against St. Mary's. They went two nil behind early in the first half. For the rest of game we had so many chances. Flo hit the post, Imogen had a free kick that narrowly missed and Molly and Abigail had good shots saved by the goalkeeper. In addition to this, Lottie was solid in defence with Matilda making two excellent saves. Unfortunately the final score was two nil, but our children could not have done more.

So after the group stage, we won three and lost one. Scoring six goals and conceding three. Due to our superb record we reached the semi-finals as we were best placed second team. Our semi-final opponents were the mighty Maidenbower.

For the first couple of minutes, it was quite even, but once Maidenbower scored their first goal we were always chasing.

Eventually we lost 4-0 to a very good footballing side, who went on to win the final. I cannot fault the way all of our children continued to run and tackle. They never gave up! Once again, our children have made me so proud and as we reached the semi-finals, we will be invited to the Sussex Finals in November.

U11 Albion Cup

Another week, another excursion to the AMEX Elite Football Performance Centre and this time it was the Albion Cup U11 mixed. Twenty teams, four groups of five teams, from all over West Sussex, from Crawley to Chichester. It was going to be an experience our children will hopefully remember for a very long time.

Our first game was against St Nicholas & St Mary, who beat us at the quarter final stage last year and went on to win the tournament. We started extremely quickly and passed the ball around really well. We had most of the play and won by a superb low shot from Leo. 1-0, a great way to start our tournament.

Immediately we were on again against one of the strongest teams, Southwater. Although Southwater had the odd attack, we dominated the play. Southwater's goalkeeper was superb as he made save after save. We hit the post, however we could not score. Final result nil-nil. Still unbeaten and holding our own against the larger schools.

Our third game was against the four-form entry school West Park. Once again, we started well with Shay, Seb and Leo all making good runs and shots. Again we went ahead with an opportunistic shot by Seb. There was some stout defending from Charlie, Harry AS and Scarlet, but alas, West Park scored an equaliser. However, once again we had some good chances with their goalkeeper making some good saves. In the final moments Jacques made an excellent save and their defender picked up the ball...penalty! The player was confused as he had thought the ball went out, so the penalty was ruled out. In the spirit of the game, the correct decision. One all, still unbeaten.

Our final group game was against Kinglea. Our players knew they had to win and score a few goals to stand a chance of reaching the quarter finals. Immediately we pressed and were one nil up within two minutes from a goal from Seb after Shay and Leo pressed their defence. Just before half-time Seb made it two. Earlier in the second half Kinglea pulled one back and our defenders did very well to stop us conceding another one. Then we went on a scoring spree with Seb scoring two more and Leo scoring from a corner, which meant we won five-one to make us winners of our group. Quarter-finals here we come!



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In the quarter-finals we were playing Aldingbourne, which consisted of players from Barnham Trojans. Once again, we started very quickly, with our high press. We also tried different ways of attacking with Shay and Leo linking very well. After six minutes, Shay received the ball in his half and thundered the ball up over the goalkeeper's head to put us one - nil ahead. Afterwards, Shay admitted it was a bit of a clearance, however we are going to call it, 'Goal of the Tournament'. After a tense final few minutes, we held on to reach the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals we met the mighty Maidenbower (from Crawley). We pressured them early on, however it was Maidenbower who took the lead. This just made our players more determined and eventually Leo scored the equaliser. There was some fine defending and both goalkeepers were strong. Their goalkeeper made some excellent saves from our attackers, but we just could not score. One all...penalties.

All of the players were nervous and stepped up and tried their best. Penalties are never a good way to settle the score but on this occasion we won 5-4, which meant we reached the final. There were no huge celebrations. There was no taking shirts off and waving them in the air. Everyone one of our players, went over to the opposition and congratulated them. Pure class!

In the final we met North Lancing and what a game. Leo scored early on with a thundering shot into the far corner. They soon equalised, but then we scored two more quick goals (Seb and Shay) to make the score 3-1. However, North Lancing piled on the pressure and managed to score two more goals to equal the score. As the last minute was announced we attacked, with good passing between Harry AS, Shay and Leo, which meant Seb was put through. He shot! It was going in until the goalkeeper got his hand on to it and pushed the ball on to the post. So close! This meant another penalty shootout.

All of our children were once again nervous, but they all knew, no matter what happens no one is to blame. Both teams missed penalties, but alas we lost 5-4. Once again our children handled the disappointment just like they handled their celebrations. Although, we lost in the final on penalties, our children learnt a lot about themselves. It is not all about the individuals, it is about playing as a team. At this moment, our school team was the second best team in West Sussex. Not bad for a small school!

However, no matter how proud I was of our children of their footballing ability, the best moment for me was yet to come. As we were getting ready to return back to school a parent of another school asked to speak to me. Her words were wonderful and a credit to our children. She explained how polite and caring our children were, and that they are a credit

to our school. I could not agree more!



Willow Class Work

Here is a piece of writing, from Eloise, that gives you a glimpse of what it is like on our school residential.

Bang, Bang, Bang was the morning call of Mrs P.H hammering at our cabin door. Slowly rising out of bed, I felt a rush of excitement glow through my body. First day of activities! Elated, I jumped out of bed ready for the morning.

After breakfast, we travelled over to the trapeze. I was eager to get there as quickly as possible, but suddenly slowed down to the speed of a slug at the sight of how high it was. The long queue to go just zoomed by and suddenly it was my go. Worried, I began to clamber up the pole, not daring to look down! Finally, I was on the platform. I gasped and my stomach turned to knots as I saw how high it was. I lurched forward as the morning rushed past me when the man pulled the rope, making me fall off the platform. I let out a loud shriek and was overjoyed when my feet touched the ground. My tummy rumbled loudly as I suddenly realised it was lunch.

After having the energy boost I needed, I was afraid it was all going to come back up again, as we were told what we had next. The Giant Swing! Or as I prefer to call it the Scary Swing! Some people were excited for it; others like me were dreading it. Hoping to go last, Emilia's hand shot up into the air, making it that it was ~~our~~ go! My harness was hooked on, giving me the worst wedgie in the world! I whined loudly at the pain and hadn't noticed we were being lifted off the ground. Gingerly, I peered over the edge of the swing and everything began to spin. The man called up to pull the tiny black string. Petrified, Emilia's hand flew towards it like it was a magnet. Anxious, terrified, worried,

she yanked the string!

Abruptly, we fell towards the ground. I instantly burst into screams! Next to me, Emilia let out the kindest giggle as it swung back up. Shaking violently, I wanted to kiss the ground. I was so overjoyed at the familiar feel of the surface! There's nothing else to say about the Giant Swing, except be prepared for the worst wedgie ever! PGL best trip imaginable!



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Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governors

We are looking for a clerk to our Governors. The role is to provide administrative support to enable the governing body to meet its statutory duties in an efficient and effective way. The clerk's role is pivotal, in ensuring all decisions and actions taken within meetings are recorded for future reference by the governing body and external agencies. The workload can be variable as Governors may need additional meetings from time to time. Applicants must be prepared to work flexibly, however some of the work can be done from home and circulated electronically.

We are looking for candidates who:

- Have good interpersonal skills; a high level of integrity and can maintain confidentiality.
- Are able to organise their time and work independently.
- Can maintain a good level of concentration and record accurate minutes of meetings.
- Are confident and knowledgeable in using IT programs, specifically Word.
- Are flexible in their working hours.

If you feel this role would suit you, please contact the school office and a governor will get in touch with you.

Two Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for a parent governor. If you are interested in this position and would like to know more, please call into the office and we will arrange one of our current parent governors to contact you for a chat.

Class Reading Books

Oak Class

Oak Class are currently reading 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster goes to school' by Anna Llenas.

Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading different picture books with a focus on homes and characters.

Beech Class

Beech Class are currently reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.

Maple Class

Maple Class are currently reading 'The Adventurers and The Great Continental Chase' by Jemma Hatt.

Elm Class

Elm Class are currently reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom', a book by Michael Morpurgo.

Willow Class

Willow Class are currently reading 'Holes' by Louise Sachar.

Dates for your Diary 2022

Fri	16	Sept	Elm Class Swimming Lessons Start
Thurs	20	Oct	Willow Class Forest School
Thurs	20	Oct	Break up for Half Term
Fri	21	Oct	Inset Day School Closed
Mon	31	Oct	Back to School
Fri	4	Nov	PPSA School Disco
Mon	7	Nov	Willow Class Bikeability
Mon	7	Nov	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Tues	8	Nov	Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Fri	11	Nov	Hockey MRC (details to follow)
Fri	2	Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair
Sat	10	Dec	PPSA Bingo Night
Mon	12	Dec	Ash Class Petworth House Christmas Party (details to follow)
Fri	16	Dec	End of Autumn Term
Tues	3	Jan	Back to School Start of the Spring Term
Thurs	5	Jan	Elm Class Forest School
Fri	13	Jan	Maple Class Swimming Lessons
Fri	20	Jan	MRC Quad Athletics
Mon	23	Jan	Young Voices Choir O2 London
Fri	3	Feb	MRC Cross Country
Thurs	9	Feb	Beech Class Forest School
Fri	10	Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon	20	Feb	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	21	Feb	Back to School
Fri	3	Mar	MRC Tag Rugby
Fri	24	Mar	MRC Netball
Fri	31	Mar	End of Spring Term
Mon	17	Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term
Mon	1	May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri	26	May	Break up for Half Term
Mon	5	June	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	6	June	Back to School
Fri	21	July	End of Summer Term
Fri	1	Sep	Back to School Start of Autumn Term

Please click on the link below for further dates in the school calendar.
www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194

Inset Days 2022/2023

Fri	21 Oct	Inset Day
Mon	20 Feb	Inset Day
Mon	5 June	Inset Day



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A rich diverse curriculum offering opportunities for all.



A wide range of free clubs offered by staff members both before and after school.



Close links within the community giving access to a variety of trips and visits, and external visitors.



Extensive grounds offering varied sporting opportunities.



Regular Forest School sessions led by Level 3 qualified Forest School trained teachers

OFSTED SAY:
"A GOOD SCHOOL...PUPILS ARE WELL BEHAVED...THE CURRICULUM IS BROAD...PUPILS FEEL SAFE"
2020

PARENT VIEWS:
"MY CHILDREN ARE FLOURISHING" 2022

PARENT VIEWS:
"PPS PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES...MY EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED" 2022

Please call the school to arrange a visit at your convenience and see for yourself what we offer.



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DID YOU KNOW...

...that school meals are FREE to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2? Simply speak to your school office to enjoy a nutritionally balanced meal every day. Children in years 3-6 could also enjoy a hot school meal for FREE.

[Simply check if you're eligible here](#)

FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE

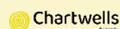
We're buzzing with excitement to launch our partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust – highlighting the importance of bumblebees in our food supply. Dine with us from 10th–14th October to collect our limited edition playing cards.

DID YOU KNOW
WITHOUT BUMBLEBEES, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EAT 50% OF THE FOOD WE EAT TODAY!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

At the start of each term we run our school meals survey, called **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, putting an emphasis on to what we do best – serving great tasting, nutritious food to schools. Please do get involved as the insights gathered from parents and children help us to develop our future menus.

[Take our survey](#)





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HALLOWEEN HALF TERM

24TH - 28TH OCTOBER

Monday 24th October

Tree Top Towers Adventure Play opens
9.00 - 17.00

Spooky Creature Teacher
(free entry with prebooked general admission)
11.00 - 15.00

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th October

Monster School
10.30, 12.30, 14.30

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
Monster Trail
09.00 - 17.00

West Harting,
GU31 5PT



Autumn Treasure Hunt

21st - 31st October

John Lewis Chichester

Pick up a paper entry form at Customer Services. Find all six pumpkins hiding around the store, make a note of the letter on each poster and rearrange to make a word related to Autumn.

Once you have completed the treasure hunt visit Customer Services on the ground floor to collect your treat.



Clue: Look for pumpkins in Toys, Candles, Cookers, Carpets, TVs and Cafe.

WEALD & DOWNLAND
LIVING MUSEUM

Horrible

HALF TERM

22 - 30 OCTOBER

10% OFF

ENTRY WITH THE CODE
HALLOWEEN10

This half term see what terrifically terrifying and delightfully disgusting things you might have had to do if you grew up centuries ago.

- Enjoy hands-on activities
- Explore over 50 fascinating historic buildings
- Experience the great outdoors in our 40 acres of parkland
- See traditional farm animals
- And much more!

Book your visit:
wealddown.co.uk

*Offer ends on 30 October 2022



FOREST SCHOOL

24th October
10am - 2pm
Outdoor Living Department

Potters House Pre-School is coming to John Lewis Chichester to bring you Forest School. Come and discover some fun activities to do with your little ones this Autumn.

This is a drop in session, so no need to book, stay for as little or as long as you like.



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.