



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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**Philippians 3:12** 'Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect'

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**13th November 2017**  
**Autumn Term No.8**

Remembrance activities, British Museum trip (and seeing the Queen), Rotary Music Festival and our World War II themed sleepover were just some of the experiences our children encountered last week. Throughout the week the children were encouraged to be reflective and try to gain some sort of understanding about war and its impact. This is an incredibly difficult concept for adults, let alone children to comprehend, although through discussions with the children they have shown an insightful understanding of the brutality of war during the week. I am very grateful to Jamie and Layla for representing our school on Sunday for the Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Mary's Church.



## **Rotary Music Evening at MRC**

On Wednesday evening a group of our children sang beautifully at the Rotary Music Festival. Our children sang three songs and I am very grateful for the children and Mrs Wilson for giving up their precious time to entertain so many people. It is an incredibly busy time for our singers with a number of opportunities for them to share their singing talents around the town and beyond.

## **Sleepover**

In September it seemed to be a very good idea to plan a sleepover based on the children being evacuated. Thankfully on Saturday morning we still felt it was a good idea! The children responded extremely well to all of the challenges they encountered and unbelievably we did not have time to fit everything in. Of course we did the mandatory 'Hide and Seek', which the children took very seriously. During the evening the children participated in art, singing, poetry, a short walk, history challenge and a blessing from Father Mark. For some children it was a huge achievement just sleeping away from family; for some children it was an even bigger challenge being quiet while other people were trying to sleep. Overall it appeared to be a successful evening and this would not have happened with the time which Mrs Sandon-Webb, Mrs Harris, Mr Neary, Miss Whitchurch, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Mayne, Mrs Gill, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Trewin volunteered to give our children a very memorable experience.

## **British Museum**

We were advised by the British Museum that there would be a special guest visiting on Wednesday, but we had no idea it was going to be the Queen until we arrived. Luckily, the children were able to see the Queen after they had explored the incredible artefacts relating to ancient Greek and Egyptian Life. There is nothing like seeing and touching artefacts, to help bring history alive.





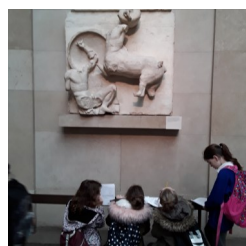
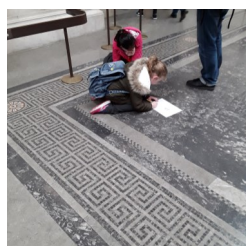
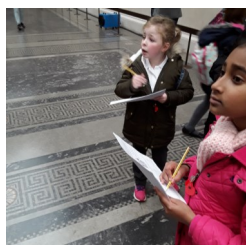
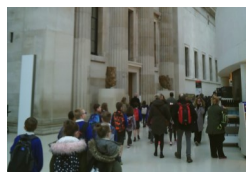
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**Rights Respect** : Every child has the right to an education.

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## Poetry

The poet Rachel Long visited the school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to work with our year five and six children. It was a very inspiring session and she has announced that Abbie M is the school's Young Poet Laureate for Petworth 2017 for the following poem based on the poem 'Some Fears'.

## Fears

Fear of the full moon when it is bigger than big; fear of the deep blue sea with its humongous waves; fear of knives with huge sharp blades; fear of places you don't know; fear of cackling fire; fear of creepy spiders that hideout in your house; fear of wet slimy seaweed; fear of the sky with no stars; fear of strangers when you are alone; fear of walking around dark corners; fear of getting things wrong and people laughing at you; fear of being the odd one out; fear of not being loved by your parents; fear of fear; Whatever your fear is don't be afraid. Just do what you feel comfortable with!

By Abbie



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## Governor News

Our Parent Governor Lisa Whitby is now joint Chairperson with Sara Bennie.

## Inset Days 2017/2018

9th February 2018

4th June 2018

## Wanted

Oak Class would be extremely grateful for any donations of old undamaged photo frames (they don't need to have the backs attached) as well as Duplo and Lego building bases.

Many thanks

Laura Fogden

## Staff News

Unfortunately, Miss McKechnie is leaving us at the end of this term and we have appointed a new teacher who the children have already met. We are making arrangements for him to teach the children for a day before the end of term.

## Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

Tues	14 Nov	Maths Calculation 9-10.20am
Fri	17 Nov	Children In Need come dressed in pyjamas or spots for a £1 donation
Mon	20 Nov	Singing at Petworth Fair 3.20pm at Leconfield Hall
Fri	24 Nov	PPSA Bottle Donation Non Uniform Day
Thurs	30 Nov	Beech Explorers Forest School 5 weeks until 18th January 2018
Fri	1 Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Mon	11 Dec	Lord Egremont's Christmas Party Year 1 Only 4pm-6pm
Tues	12 Dec	KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 1.30-2.30pm
Wed	13 Dec	KS1 The Magical Christmas Journey 6-7pm
Thurs	14 Dec	KS2 Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Horsham (details to follow)
Fri	15 Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Tues	19 Dec	Christmas Parties
Wed	20 Dec	<b>END OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Thurs	21-3 Jan	<b>School Holidays</b>
Thurs	4 Jan	<b>START OF SPRING TERM</b>
Thurs	11 Jan	Elm Class visit to Christ Church Streatham CofE Primary School
Fri	19 Jan	Kids Club Xtra (details to follow)