

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Chanctonbury Challenge** – On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January the Chanctonbury Challenge group spent the morning at Upper Beeding Primary taking part in their first task: 'Be a hero – save a life'. Edward Ridgwell, David Taylor, Shae Stevens, Isla Moir, Chiane Shinkawa, Faith Streeton, Sophie Ray and Phoebe Clarke joined forces with children from Steyning Primary and were taught how to bandage various injuries, treat burns and how to perform resuscitation. It was a packed morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. They joined in enthusiastically, showed great resilience and were a credit to the school in their behaviour. We're all looking forward to the next challenge.



**Y6 Young Voices Concert** – On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Year 6 travelled up to the O2 arena to sing in a choir of 7,495 children as part of Young Voices. The children sang and danced the night away with fantastic enthusiasm and represented the school brilliantly. We hope the parents enjoyed the evening as much as we did!



## Census Day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Thank you to EYFS & KS1 Parents who allowed their children to get a hot lunch on census day last week. St. Peter's will receive funding according to how many Universal Infant Free School Meals were taken. The more children that got a hot meal on Census day means more money for the school.

## Winter Weather

With the cold weather well and truly taking its grip, we would urge all Parents/Carers and children to take care in the playground during morning drop off and even 3.15pm pick-up. Although Anthony does a brilliant job in keeping it gritted, there may still be slippery parts.



## RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

**Core Values** - Congratulations to the following children for being 'Animal of the Week':

Week Ending: 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	
Y1	Indigo Little – Resourceful Georgia Brown – Aiming High
Y2	Freddie Smith – Aiming High Oscar Preston – Resilient
Y3	Henry Newland – Aiming High Poppy Lockett – Aiming High
Y4	Bonnie Blunt – Resilient Libby Slaughter – Aiming High
Y5	Adam Butter – Aiming High Chiane Shinkawa – Aiming High
Y6	Bethany Mack – Resourceful Alfie Edwards – Resourceful

## Week Ending: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

YR	Barney Harris – Resilient Phoebe Sainsbury-Browne – Aiming High
Y1	Joseph Smith-Barry – Resourceful Alec Ballard – Resilient
Y2	Ronnie Johnstone – Resilient Jimmy Thomas – Aiming High
Y3	Charlie Cresswell – Resilient Scarlett Hitchcock – Aiming High
Y4	Bruno Cina – Resilient
Y5	Eva Maria Valovin – Aiming High



**Y4 Swordfish African Drumming** – A reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Swordfish class will be entertaining visitors with their African Drumming skills. Parents/carers are invited to join us at 2.30pm in our School Hall.



#### Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers –

Sainsburys Active Kids is back again to help schools get sports and cooking equipment. If you are shopping in Sainsburys, please do accept the vouchers that will be offered at checkout and hand them into school. Last year we were able to order new cones for marking pitches, hoola hoops with carrier, netballs, netball bibs and nets, hi viz rugby balls, tag rugby belts, hammers for athletics in the summer and new playground footballs for break times. For next year we would like to invest in some new footballs and skipping ropes, but these require lots of vouchers so please get collecting.



#### Our Writers, w/e : 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Y1: Benjamin Smith / Zachary Haughton  
Y2: Elsie Peterson / Alix Duke  
Y3: Jake West / Olivia Gargano  
Y4: Victor Lucy Fernandez / Fergus Gibbs  
Y5: Edward Helps / Otto Iida Bowers  
Y6: Eddie Lancaster / Max Lee



**Spring Music Concert** – A reminder that our annual Spring instrumental concert is being held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. If your child plays an instrument and would like to be part of our Spring Music Concert, please collect a slip from the school office and return it by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.



**Staffing** – We would like to welcome our new student teachers from the University of Brighton who will be with us until the end of term working to support the children in the following year groups:

Y2 – Jack Woolgar-Brown / Samuel Day  
Y4 – Jessica Johnstone / Louise Gardner  
Y6 – Giuliano Cinotti / Emily Swanston

**Change of pick-up?** – Please could we remind Parents that any changes in 3.15pm pick-up or after school club arrangements are telephoned through to Jodie in the school office. It is preferred that emails are not sent as they do have a habit of going into junk folders.

<http://www.st-peters-henfield.w-sussex.sch.uk> – Finally, I would like to update and revamp our school website but currently the school has no funds to do this. So, a

plea to Parents! If any Parents/Carers can create and help us with a new website, we would be extremely grateful. We would be happy, in return, to include your Company through an acknowledgement in our Newsletter and of course, on our website. Please either catch me in the playground during morning drop off, or contact Alice in the School Office.

S. McCulley  
Headteacher

## CALENDAR DATES



### January

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Swordfish African Drumming Concert, 2.30pm  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Maths Parent Workshop, 4.00 – 5.00pm  
Tue 31<sup>st</sup>: EYFS/KS1 Maths Parent Workshop, 2.00 – 3.00pm

### February

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>: KS2 Movie Night, 3.30pm – 5.00pm  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: YR visiting St. Peter's Church, Henfield  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup>: Y2 Assembly  
Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: Y4 visiting The Globe, London  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: Spring Music Concert, 6.00pm  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: YR Assembly  
w/b 20<sup>th</sup>: Half-term

### March

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: YR visiting St. Peter's Church, Henfield  
Y2 SATs Information Meeting, 3.30pm  
Y6 SATs Information Meeting, 4.30pm  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: Open Afternoon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher consultations, 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher consultations, 5.00pm – 8.00pm  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Assembly  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Assembly  
PTA Quiz Night  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: Y5 Music Festival, Steyning Grammar School, (details to follow)  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Assembly  
Red Nose Day  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup>: Y5 Assembly  
Last day of After School Clubs  
PTA Easter Eggstravaganza!

### April

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>: Easter Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am  
Last day of Spring Term  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup>: Summer Term starts  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Isle of Wight Residential Meeting, 6.00pm  
Y5 Isle of Wight Information Meeting, 7.00pm

### May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: Bank Holiday – school closed  
w/b 8<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Test Week  
w/b 22<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight



**Did you know ...** Starfish are echinoderms (spiny skinned sea urchins). Also known as Sea Stars, they cannot swim and do not use gills to breathe. All echinoderms have five-point radial symmetry which means their body plan has five sections around a central area. Amazingly Sea Stars can regenerate lost arms, which is useful when threatened by a predator as the Starfish drops an arm to move quicker. It can take a year to grow back. Starfish have tiny eyes at the end of each arm, enabling them to view movement and know the difference between light and dark, although not with much detail.

