

Dear Parents/Carers,



Film Nights - Huge congratulations to the successful Film Nights run by some of our Year 6 students. With your support the children have exceeded their target for funds to repair and update the Memorial Garden and will be working hard with Anthony over the coming weeks to decide how to spend their budget. Well done to Marisa Meinecke, Lily Smith, Henry Crowther, Nina Walford, Eliza Easterbrook, Imy Bates, Tilly Crowther, Leonie Rodway and Isabella Cridland.

Henfield Lions - to celebrate the Centenary of Lions Clubs International, Henfield and District Lions club has provided a very special rug for the Y1 Puffins class children to sit on during class learning time.

Henfield and District Lions are long term supporters of St Peter's Primary School. Over the years Lions have organised two Race Nights in support of the PTA, provided books for the library and a whiteboard for IT. Lions have also provided funding for children going on school trips where parents have struggled to meet the cost and supported the schools summer fetes.

Henfield Lions first chartered in 1993 but is now short of active members to help with our continued fund raising. The club is not only about fund raising activities we also organise our own social activities throughout the year often with other Lions clubs. If you or family and friends would be interested in learning more about Lions and perhaps joining please contact David Pryor on 01273 494442 or email david501pryor@sky.com

Our Writers, w/e : 13th January 2017

- Y1: Benjamin Smith / Zachary Houghton
- 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

PE Kits – A polite reminder that all children should have an appropriate named PE kit in school throughout the term. The school PE kit is part of our school uniform and consists of black shorts, 'house' t-shirt, plimsolls (KS1)/trainers (KS2) with either the 'house' hoody or zip-up jacket from home with tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. Children are also allowed to wear beanie hats or gloves if the weather is particularly cold. Personal football/sports kits are not permitted.

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 27th January 2017

YR	Pippa Rowley – Resilient Macie Bunn – Resilient & Resourceful
Y1	Romany Glover-Tullett – Resilient/Aiming High Evelyn Lane – Aiming High
Y2	Eliza Cork – Resilient Sara Manfredini – Aiming High
Y3	Brandon Baldey – Resilient Ronnie Carruthers – Resilient
Y4	Fergus Gibbs – Aiming High
Y5	Michael Lucking – Resilient Rosanna May – Aiming High
Y6	Neeve Howard – Resourceful Billy Sargeant – Aiming High

Week Ending: 3rd February 2017

YR	Roberta Saxby – Aiming High Ella Ogleby – Aiming High
Y1	Jessica Rudling – Aiming High Alex Mackay – Aiming High
Y2	Phoebe Bryant – Aiming High Sebastian Bantock – Aiming High
Y3	Julian Nakazawa-Cowie – Respectful/Aiming High Grace Gribbon – Resourceful
Y4	Tristan Curran – Resilient Bobby Lancaster – Aiming High Dexter Johnstone – Aiming High
Y5	Ruby Lee – Resilient Oliver Barr-Williams – Resourceful
Y6	Henry Crowther – Resilient Isabella Cridland – Aiming High

St. Peter's goes 'Shoeless' - As mentioned in my letter last Friday, following recent news items and research, it is thought that children who learn with no shoes on are more likely to behave better and obtain better grades than peers. The children have decided to trial this 'shoeless' initiative with YR allowed to wear slippers, Y1 working in their stockinged feet (no slippers), Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 choosing either option, and Y6 trialling stockinged feet only. All children should wear school shoes to come to school and then change in class.

Sports –

Basketball



The Horsham District Primary Schools Basketball League got underway last week with the first of three meets at Henfield Leisure Centre, contested by nine teams from four schools - Kingslea, St Peter's (Henfield), Southwater Junior Academy and Billingshurst. 18 matches ensued over three courts to provide the watching audience of teachers and spectators with some fine entertainment.

A young St Peter's team, mainly composed of Y5's, improved as the night went on as their teamwork developed. Alfie Potter's shooting was good and the dribbling skills of Alex Carter and Edward Robinson were also notable. A 24-8 victory over a Kingslea B team saw St Peter's finish in fifth place and Kingslea B sixth. The next event was held last night and we will feedback in the next newsletter.

Cross Country

Following trials at Steyning Primary School, six of our pupils qualified for the Southern Area Cross Country Final held at Windelsham House on 27th January. Our girls squad; Anna Davies Y5 and Daisy Bryant Y6 ran first along with 80 other girls from local qualifying primary schools. They were shortly followed by the boys squad Laurence Pound and Felix Minchell Y5, Freddie Crawley and Asmus Minchell Y6 who ran with another 80 boys.

All our pupils put in a superb performance and each of them came in a top 30 place. By coming in the top 15, all our Y6 children successfully qualified to Southern Area at the School Games Cross Country Finals to be held this Saturday at Hickstead. We will keep you updated on how they do. Congratulations to all the runners for their achievement.



Football

Our Y5 boys football team had a 5-1 win against Steyning Primary school this week. In a well matched game, our strong defence and fast paced running down the wings paid off with some great finishing and gave the team a well-deserved victory. Well done to all the boys.



Swimming

Our Swimming team came an overall second place in a very tightly swam event against our 3 local schools, Steyning Primary, Jolesfield and Upper Beeding. All our swimmers put in a sterling performance with many races being won or lost by a fingertip. Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part in the event.



Our Writers, w/e : 10th February 2017

- Y1: Rory Newlyn / Romany Glover-Tullett
- Y2: Rosie Newlyn / Tomas Ross
- Y3: Jocelyn Ridgley West
- Y4: Caitlin Smith / Adam Butter
- Y5: Henry Morley
- Y6: Donna Appleton / Harvey Mayston-Prince



World Book Day - We are excited to announce that as a school we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. All children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite story book character. Their chosen character must appear in a story book and the costume can be as simple or as elaborate as they wish. (As children in YR are wearing their 'Sunday best' for visiting St. Peter's Church, they don't need a costume). To finish the day, Parents/Grandparents are invited to come into school at 2.45-3.05pm to read a book with their child, and all children will be given a World Book Day voucher to bring home.



Did you know ...



... An octopus not only has three hearts but a hard beak, like a parrot beak, which they use to break into and eat their prey such as crabs and shellfish. Its main defence against predators such as sharks is to hide and camouflage itself by using certain skin cells to change its colour. Another way to protect itself is to make a fast escape by ejecting a thick, black ink in a large cloud to distract the predator while the octopus quickly swims away headfirst, with arms trailing behind.



Parent/Teacher Consultations – Forms will be coming home next week for Parents to complete and return with their selection of times. Appointment times will then be confirmed after half-term with a slip coming home with your child. Please do look out for this. Gudrun from **Steyning Bookshop** will be at the consultations with a selection of books should any child wish to spend their World Book Day voucher, or indeed buy any other book.

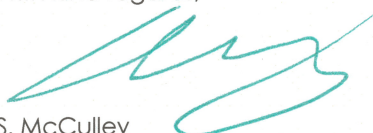
Henfield Hub.

We are forging stronger links with the Henfield Hub. The school now has three pages - the main school page, which will include a news blog written by the students, a PTA page and a page where we can upload stories, poems, prayers and art work written by the children. If the children want any work published, please could it be emailed to the school office.

INSET Days 2017/18 – with holidays being booked, I thought it would be helpful for Parents to be aware that Monday 4th September will be an INSET day. This means that the Autumn Term will start on Tuesday 5th September.

Finally, I wish everyone a happy and relaxing half-term break. Unlike other Counties, our half-term is the week beginning 20th February.

With kind regards,


S. McCulley
Headteacher

Don't Forget to hand in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers - every voucher means more sporting equipment for St. Peter's at no cost!



Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

<https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>

Local Offer Newsletter:

<http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/UKWSCC-181490c>

CALENDAR DATES



February

Fri 10th: Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
Feel Good Challenge Drop-in, 3.15 – 4.15pm
Mon 13th: Y4 visiting The Globe, London
Tues 14th: Y5 Mindfulness Day
Thurs 16th: Spring Music Concert, 6.00pm
Fri 17th: YR Assembly
w/b 20th: Half-term
Tues 28th: Y3 visiting Henfield Museum

March

Thurs 2nd: World Book Day
YR visiting St. Peter's Church, Henfield
Y2 SATs Information Meeting, 3.30pm
Y6 SATs Information Meeting, 4.30pm
Mon 6th: Open Afternoon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tues 7th: Parent/Teacher consultations, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thurs 9th: Parent/Teacher consultations, 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Fri 10th: Y1 Assembly
Fri 17th: Y3 Assembly
PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm
Tues 21st: Y5 Music Festival, Steyning Grammar School, (details to follow)
Wed 22nd: Y5 Chanctonbury Challenge visit Red Oaks
Fri 24th: Y4 Assembly
Red Nose Day
Fri 31st: Y5 Assembly
Last day of After School Clubs
PTA Easter Eggstravaganza!

April

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

May

Mon 1st: Bank Holiday – school closed
w/b 8th: KS2 Test Week
Fri 12th: PTA School Disco
w/b 22nd: Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
w/b 29th: Half-term

June

Tues 6th: Class Photos – JP Photographic
Wed 14th: Y3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm (details to follow)
Mon 19th: Henfield Cricket Tournament
Fri 23rd: Open Afternoon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thurs 29th: St. Peter's Day Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
Fri 30th: Sports Day

July

Mon 3rd: Reserve Sports Day
Tues 4th: Y6 Leavers Assembly, Lancing College