

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y4 Shakespeare – In the week before half-term I had the pleasure of watching the accumulation of Year 4's work on William Shakespeare. The children had rewritten the play "Romeo and Juliet" using a mixture of narration, modern prose and Shakespearean language. It was a delight to see them perform to each other and so impressive considering the difficulty of the task. Sadly, Shakespeare is not often tackled at primary school, especially by Y4's, so it is down to the faith of Mr. Stenning and Mrs. Jones and their talent at making the lessons so engaging, that has enabled such a positive outcome for the year group. A big 'Thank You' to the Teachers, TAs and student teachers of Y4 and a huge well done to the pupils.

Spring Music Concert - Congratulations to all musicians who participated in the Spring Music Concert on Thursday 16th February. It was a hugely successful evening, with around 50 children performing a wide variety of instruments, showing off the talent of St. Peters! All children involved should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you to all parents for any donations, a total of £106.78p was raised which will be put towards musical equipment for the school.



Our Maths Investigators w/e 3rd February :

Y1: Alec Ballard
Y2: Oscar Sherrington / Bethany Ratcliffe
Y3: Emily Manfredini / Cassiel Shirfield
Y4: Jack Woodley / Roel Konnen
Y5: Felix Venter / Sophie Ray
Y6: Maddy Clancy / Max Moir



'Young Writers' - 28 Y6 children were successful in the Young Writers' 100 word "Crazy Creatures" story competition in December and have the opportunity to have their work published in a book. Congratulations to the children concerned.

Y4 Maths Challenge – Congratulations to Joshua Law, Joe Nicholson, Caitlin Smith and Abby Furber for their spirited participation in the Maths Challenge at Christ's Hospital yesterday.

World Book Day – We had a fantastic array of characters and bright, colourful costumes in school yesterday as part of World Book Day. Thank you also, to our visitors who joined us in the afternoon to read with the children.



RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 10 th February 2017	
Y1	Luke Streater – Resilient/Resourceful Oscar Jowett – Aiming High
Y2	Logan Gregory – Resilient/Aiming High Jimmy Thomas – Resilient
Y3	Olive Willis – Resilient Max Rowley – Aiming High
Y4	Not in assembly owing to school trip
Y5	Phoebe Clarke – Resilient Isla Moir – Aiming High
Y6	Megan Lockett – Resilient Stanley Hayes – Aiming High

Open Afternoon - A reminder that on Monday, YR – Y5 will be opening their doors between 2.00pm – 4.00pm, and Y6 from 3.15pm – 4.00pm and inviting Parents/Carers into class to share in children's learning. Please come into school through the main entrance and continue to your child's classroom. Once finished, and if before 3.15pm, please leave via the office entrance, remembering to sign out on the way. Children are not allowed to leave school any earlier than 3.15pm.



Parent/Teacher Consultations – If you haven't yet received confirmation of your appointment, slips should be coming home today. Gudrun from **Steyning Bookshop** will have a selection of books on display, should any child wish to spend their World Book Day voucher, or buy any other book.

PTA Update

Quiz Night Friday 17th March

The quiz night is fast approaching and so we wanted to fill you in on some of the exciting prizes that will be up for grabs whether it be from achieving Quiz victory, bidding in our auction of promises or taking part in one of the raffles. Our wonderful local community have come up trumps this year and here is just a selection of the fabulous goodies that could be yours:

A Portrait of your child or Pet, MOT for your car, 5 admissions for Sharkeys, Stan's bike shack bike service, A haircut at Pinks, Jo Malone goodies, Manicure at Natasha's, 2 bedroom flat in Brighton for 2 nights and more bottles of fizz and wine than you can shake a stick at. And don't forget the lovely wine and cheese you'll be enjoying whilst taking part. Heavenly. Don't delay, get those tickets today!

Easter Fiesta Friday 31st March

We're really looking forward to welcoming you to this new event and further details on what to expect will be circulated as the date approaches. In the meantime, we wanted to let you know that excitingly, we will be opening the event up to the wider community and not just the children of St Peter's and their families. So spread the word. The St Peter's Easter Fiesta is the place to be on Friday 31st March.

A huge THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity and support, the school ICT suite is being given a much needed makeover with essential new equipment and furnishing as well as a snazzy new colour scheme over the Easter Holidays. This new facility will be state of the art and make an immeasurable impact on the school's ability to engage with the pupils through technology. Look out for some fabulous photographs of the new facility after the Easter break and thank you once again for everything you have done to help make this possible.

Absence from school - To those parents who choose to take your children out of learning for days at a time but claim them as sick, please don't. It makes it difficult for your children on their return to talk about things they have done and for teachers to relate to them appropriately if they have been told to "keep quiet" about where they've been.

Staffing update - Mrs. Kulin will be leaving us for a new post in Bangkok at the end of this year. Long in the planning, she is finally ready to reveal the new plans she and her husband have been putting in place. We wish her well and thank her for her years of dedication to the children of St. Peter's.


S. McCulley
Headteacher

CALENDAR DATES



March

- Mon 6th: Open Afternoon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Y6 Open Afternoon, 3.15pm – 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
- Wed 22nd: Y5 Chanctonbury Challenge visit Red Oaks
- Fri 24th: Y4 Assembly
Red Nose Day
Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
- Fri 31st: Y5 Assembly
Last day of After School Clubs
PTA Easter Fiesta

April

- Wed 5th: Y6 Junior Citizen afternoon (details to follow)
- 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
- Wed 5th: Y6 Production
- Thurs 6th: Y6 Production
- Fri 7th: Y5/Y6 Westminster Abbey/Houses of Parliament trip (limited places, details to follow)



Did you know ... Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, marks the last day before Lent, a 40 day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday when it is encouraged to give something up e.g. chocolate, biscuits etc. In the past people wanted to get rid of

sugar, fats and eggs from cupboards to avoid waste and temptation and therefore Pancake Day was born. 'Shrove' comes from the old English word 'shrive', meaning 'confess all sins'. The world record for pancake flipping is 349 flips in two minutes and in 1994 the largest pancake ever was flipped measuring 15 meters in diameter. The fastest flipper notched up an unbeatable 140 flips in 60 seconds during an event in Sydney in 2012.

