

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Author Visit – On Monday 19th June Helen Peters came to Y1, Y2 & Y3 to talk about her books. Helen wrote books for older and younger children, whatever their age. The children's younger books were called 'A sheep dog called Sky', 'A duckling called Button' and 'A piglet called Truffle'; and books for older children are: 'Evie's Ghost', 'The Secret Hen House Theatre' and 'The Farm under Water'. These are some of Helen Peter's quotes: 'Always choose your words carefully' and 'if you don't like your writing, then the reader is bound to not like it either'.

Written by Emily & Scarlett, Y3



Circus Skills – A fun-filled day of circus skills was enjoyed last Tuesday with Mr Phil Blackmore teaching various tricks e.g. tight wire, plate spinning, peacock feather balancing, scarf juggling, stilts to name just a few. A big thank you goes to the 51% of KS2 Parents who kindly supported the day with the £1.50 donation, and then to the PTA for covering the £144 shortfall.



Y6 Production 'Aladdin' – Well done to Y6 who put on two amazing performances of Aladdin on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July. Full of energy, the cast received a standing ovation both nights and it reflected the hard work and effort they put in to the show! It was great to see so many smiling faces and we hope they have lots of lasting memories!



Houses of Parliament – Our second group of Y5/Y6 children visited The Houses of Parliament & Westminster Abbey on Friday 7th July. Despite the heat and long coach journey, the children were able to see inside the Great Hall of the Palace of Westminster and have a tour around.



Staff News – I am delighted to report that during the Summer holidays Miss Duncliffe, Class Teacher for Puffins will be getting married to Stuart Goddard. We wish Miss Duncliffe and Stuart a glorious wedding day and happy future together as Mr & Mrs Goddard. We also welcome back after maternity leave, Mrs Boghurst to Y1 and Miss Watkins as our Inclusion Manager.

As ever at this time of year we have sad 'goodbyes' to make – Mrs Kulin, Y6 Class Teacher, Writing & Music Subject Leader will be heading off to Bangkok with her husband to continue her teaching career; Ms Adams, our SENCO who although only here for a year has covered the role wonderfully and now moves onto a permanent position at Grovelands Community Primary School in Hailsham; Mrs Jones, Y4 Orca Class Teacher and Mrs Whinder, Y1 Seahorses Class Teacher who are both ending their temporary contracts and continuing to teach at other schools. Thank you for all you have done during your time here.

We are also saying very sad farewells to a number of Teaching Assistants, some of whom have been at St. Peter's for quite a number of years and will be greatly missed. Our thanks go to each and every one of you for your commitment and unwavering support to the children and staff. We wish you all well for the future.

Y2 Cake Sale! - This term, the Y2 children have been working towards earning their "Wildlife Action Award" as part of their topic. Last Friday, they held a cake sale in aid of the RSPB and raised more than £140. Well done Y2 and thank you to all the Parents and Carers who donated the tasty cakes!

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 14 th July 2017	
YR	Andrew Twinkle – Resilience Troy Little – Resourceful Alice Nicholson – Aiming High Harmony Sommer Verrall – Aiming High Bella Tuesley – Resilience
Y1	Martha Robinson – Resilience Gracie-May Norburn – Resilience
Y3	Mila Elliott – Aiming High Max Rowley – Aiming High
Y4	Harry O'Neill – Aiming High Scott Tidey – Resilience
Y5	George Williams – Resilience Edward Helps – Aiming High
Y6	Gina Capaldi-Drewett – Aiming High Joshua Bransby – Aiming High Alfie Philipps – Aiming High

Week Ending: 21 st July 2017	
YR	Anais Trezise – Aiming High Alfie Mason – Resourceful Ella Sherrington – Aiming High Daniel Dennis – Resilient
Y2	Frankie Willoughby – Aiming High Gus Crawley – Aiming High
Y3	Hannah Draper – Aiming High Matilda Angell – Aiming High
Y4	Harry Neville – Resilient Orla Williams – Aiming High
Y5	David Taylor – Aiming High Brody Ridgley West – Resilient Finley Hutchinson – Respectful Hugo Cina – Resilient
Y6	Adam Milner – Respectful Freddie Crawley – Respectful Oliver Mackinnon – Aiming High Brendon Kimm – Aiming High & Resilient Imogen Bates – Respectful Finlay Barnard – Aiming High Alastair Hilditch – Respectful

PE Uniform – ALL children must have the uniform PE kit of 'house' t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls (EYFS/KS1)/trainers (KS2) in school from September. PE kits should stay in school throughout the term.

Attendance – A big WELL DONE goes to the 20 children who have maintained 100% attendance throughout this academic year. This is a tremendous achievement and one to be proud of.

Awards – Congratulations to the following for being recipients of our end of term awards:

Literacy – Tilly Crowther
Maths – Conall Williams
Sports, Girls – Katy Furber & Hettie Carter
Sports, Boys – Freddie Crawley & Asmus Minchell
Sports Team – Netball / Cricket
Drama – Marisa Meinecke & Lily Smith
Core Values – Bethany Mack
Governors' Award – Harvey Mayston Prince

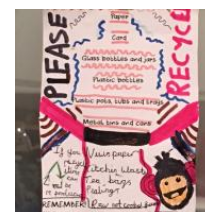


Wildlife Shelter – during the Summer term, a group of Y3/4 pupils have met most weeks, to create a shelter in the Wildlife Garden. They have worked with Anthony, our Premises Manager, to clear the land and build the shelter, which will eventually be used as an outdoor learning area. The pupils have worked with great enthusiasm and they are very proud of what they have achieved so far. Our thanks go to Anthony, for all of his guidance and support.

"I have enjoyed making the shelter" – William
"I like being outside in nature and digging" – Harry
"I have enjoyed it because I like weaving branches and building the shelter in the wildlife" – Ollie
"I like listening to the wildlife. I really like nature" – Charlie
"I like weaving branches and digging" – Riley
"I enjoyed being outside" – Jude



West Sussex Recycling Challenge – Congratulations to Alex Carter, whose poster came within the top 20 in West Sussex and has been submitted to the National Challenge with a chance of winning an iPad. Please visit <http://www.wastebuster.co.uk/homerecyclingchallenge> to vote for Alex's picture



Y2 Universal Free School Meals – Children currently in Y2 will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals when they start Y3 in September. If you are not entitled to pupil premium, hot school meals will now need to be ordered via the mealselector website - www.mealselector.co.uk. If you have any problems, please contact the Chartwells office 01243 836130/73041@compass-group.co.uk

Sports Reports

Congratulations to **Hawks** who were the overall winners of Sports Day. The points were as follows:

KS1:

Phoenix: 1437, **Eagle:** 1282, **Kestrel:** 1445, **Hawk:** 1702

KS2

Phoenix: 536, **Eagle:** 544, **Kestrel:** 589, **Hawk:** 495

Netball Silver medal winners Southern Area Games

This year for the first time ever our netball team won the area partnership finals to earn a place at the Sussex Games to play netball as part of the Southern area team. We had a fantastic day at the mini Olympic style event held at the K2 on 28th June. The children competed against the best schools from the whole of Sussex and were amazing! They finished in second place; earning the silver medal and contributed to the gold medal won by the Southern team as a whole. Huge congratulations to all the children involved for a wonderful achievement.



Table-Tennis – for the first time ever, we have held a table tennis competition and our winners were Ellie Boniface, Freddie Crawley and Reece Kent/Alex Carter for the boys doubles. Well done!

Holiday Club - Henfield Leisure Centre are running a holiday club throughout the holidays, 7.30am - 6pm. The children can do various activities from trampolining, bouncy castle, football, arts 'n crafts, Sharky's soft play area and lots more!!! You can drop your children off anytime for as long as you like. Lunch is also available. To book, please call 01273 494984.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers – A massive 'Thank you' for all the vouchers that have been donated. We reached our target of 9,132 being collected and have subsequently ordered skipping ropes, tennis balls, footballs, rugby balls, table tennis bats and bean bags.

Seahorses Rug – Henfield Lions visited Seahorses last Friday to see their new rug: 'It's really comfy because its fluffy' (Arthur), 'I like it because it is really colourful' (Jessica), 'I like it because it is big and it fits us all on' (Martha), 'It is good because it has loads of animals and insects' (Rory). Thank you again Henfield Lions.



I wonder Places are still available in the 'I Wonder...' holiday club running at St Peter's Church, Henfield on 21-23 August. For more information please contact Louise on 01273 495532 / admin@henfield.org

HJ Burt Challenge – The winners of the 'My Dream Home' challenge have been chosen and our new Reading Shed has officially been presented by HJ Burt. Do look out for it by the Infant double doors, on the playground. Congratulations to the following children:

	1st	2nd	3rd
YR	Barney Harris	Alfie Penfold	Bryony Stubbs
Y1	Harrison Clowe	Tommy Lonsdale	Molly West
Y2	Sara Manfredini	Noah Gargano	Jimmy Thomas
Y3	Evie Francis	Rosanna King	Max Rowley
Y4	Robyn Thomas	Lili Allwood	Riley Langridge
Y5	Frairie Ellis		

Y6 Leavers - with the production, Lancing College Leavers Service, our own service at St. Peter's yesterday, their party and the final assembly for parents tomorrow, Year 6 have had a very full final two weeks. As a cohort, we are very proud of them and wish them every happiness and success at their new schools and for the future. Good luck goes to: Donna, Joshua, Daisy, Maddy, Freddie, Issy, Tilly, Alfie, Katy, Sam, Ren, Kitty, Brendon, Mert, Max L., Megan, Oliver M., Annabelle, Adam, Asmus, Millie, Harvey-Jack, Alf, Hattie, Billy, Oliver S., Deanna, Conall, Cameron, Finlay, Imogen, Nina, Domenico, Gina, Hettie, Oliver C., Jean, Henry, Eliza, Oliver F., Stanley, Alastair, Neeve, Falcon, Eddie, Nathan, Bethany, Marisa, Max M., Evie, Liam, Harvey, Archie, Leonie, Lily and Nina.

Did you know ... 11% of people are left handed; August has the highest percentage of births; Lemons contain more sugar than Strawberries; People burn more calories eating celery than it contains; A Giraffe can clean its ears with its 21" tongue.

Y5 Chanctonbury Challenge - reached its conclusion yesterday with the children returning to Wiston Flower Farm to harvest the flowers planted last term. Back at Steyning Grammar they also cooked lavender biscuits, beetroot & chocolate cake and courgette bread with the harvested ingredients which were shared at the presentation evening. Invited guests from all parts of the project came along, celebrating what the children had achieved over the last few months with a medal being presented to each one by Mr Wergan, Headteacher of Steyning Grammar. It was a lovely evening and a fitting end to an enjoyable time. We were very proud of our children who had taken part so enthusiastically: Shae Stevens; Edward Ridgwell; David Taylor; Faith Streeton; Sophie Ray; Phoebe Clarke; Isla Moir and Chiane Shinkawa.

Finally, may I wish all our children, families and staff a lovely Summer break. I look forward to hearing about all the holidays/activities enjoyed when we return in September. A reminder that Monday 4th September is an INSET day with St. Peter's re-opening for the 2017/18 academic year on Tuesday 5th September.

Kind regards,



S. McCulley
Headteacher

CALENDAR DATES



July

Tues 18th: Changing classes afternoon
New Y1 Welcome Meeting, 3.30pm – 4.00pm
New Y2 Welcome Meeting, 4.00pm – 4.30pm
Wed 19th: Y6 final Assembly
New Y3 Welcome Meeting, 3.30pm – 4.00pm
New Y4 Welcome Meeting, 4.00pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 20th: New Y5 Welcome Meeting, 3.30pm – 4.00pm
New Y6 Welcome Meeting, 4.00pm – 4.30pm
Fri 21st: Last day of term

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September

Mon 4th: INSET day (school closed)
Tues 5th: Start of the Autumn Term
w/b 11th: Y6 Bikeability training
w/b 18th: After School Clubs start
Fri 22nd: Jeans4Genes Day

October

Fri 6th: Y6 Harvest Tea
Thur 12th: J.P. Photographic visiting – Individual photos
Mon 16th: Open Afternoon
Tues 17th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thur 19th: Parent/Teacher Consultation, 4.00 – 7.00pm
Fri 20th: INSET Day
w/b 23rd: Half-Term

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every Local Authority school in the country has a Governing Body which according to the Department for Education has three core functions:

- 1) To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- 2) Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff and
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body at St Peter's has gone through a period of transition following the Ofsted visit in 2016. Having achieved a judgement of 'Good' many of our experienced and long serving governors have felt that it was time to move on. This has left us with the need to recruit and this year we have welcomed five new members of the governing body. This currently comprises the Vicar – the Rev'd Paul Doick; seven foundation governors appointed by St Peter's Church – the Rev'd Christina Bennett, Dan Valovin, Mo Gribbon, Jane Brown, Angela Underwood, Rebecca Saxby and Louise Clark; two parent governors – Emma Smith and Bridget Meinecke; one governor nominated by the Local Authority – Jill Dyson; one staff governor – Julie Jewell, and the Headteacher.

Bridget Meinecke has resigned as a Governor and so there is now a vacancy for a second parent governor with an election to be held at the beginning of the academic year in September. We are particularly looking for someone with skills in either finance or construction. If you feel you could fill this brief and you are interested in joining this hard working and enthusiastic committee of volunteers please take the opportunity to have an informal chat with the Headteacher or myself. We look forward to welcoming one of you to our next Full Governing Body next half term.

With best wishes,



Louise Clark

Chair of Governors