

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jeans for Genes – a thank you in advance for the donations received today for the children being able to wear jeans to school. I will be able to confirm in the next newsletter, how much we raised for the 'Genetic Disorders UK' charity.



Y6 Transfer to Secondary School – a reminder that all secondary school applications need to be received by WSCC Admissions by 31st October. To apply online, simply log on to www.westsussex.gov.uk/admission with your three preferences or telephone 03330 142903 to request a paper form.



Y6 Steyning Grammar School Open Morning – SGS have confirmed that Y6 and Parents are invited to an open morning on Thursday 28th September. If you haven't yet confirmed if you will be taking your child, please let us know so that we don't interrupt your morning by asking where your child is.

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 15 th September 2017	
Y1	Zoe Drye - Respectful Ross Taylor – Resilient
Y2	Barry Gibbs – Aiming High Luke Streater – Aiming High
Y3	Sydney Edge – Resilient Kasey Lippingwell – Aiming High
Y4	Scarlett Hitchcock – Resourceful Libby Bonwick – Aiming High
Y5	Owen Bayross – Aiming High Alfie Badger – Aiming High
Y6	Lilly Deamer – Aiming High Isla Moir - Resilient

Permission – Every year we are required to give Parents an opportunity to change consent on us taking/using photographs of your child within school and sometimes in local external publications e.g. Parish Magazine, BN5 etc. Also for taking your child, with their class, to visit places in and around Henfield. Please speak to the School Office if you wish to change the consent you gave when your child started at St. Peter's. We shall assume that if we do not hear from you, that the consent given, or not, remains unchanged.

Staff News – some wonderful news, Mrs Roberts has confirmed that she and her husband are expecting their second child, due in March. We wish her all the very best for her coming new member of the family. I shall confirm Mrs. Roberts' maternity cover as Deputy Headteacher closer to her leaving date. Now some sad news, as next week we say goodbye to Josie, one of our Midday Meal Supervisors. On behalf of children and staff we thank her for her time here and wish her well for the future.

Our Writers, w/e 15th September:

- Y1: Pippa Rowley / Macie Bunn
- Y2: Amelia Parker / Blythe Waite
- Y3: Theo Neale-Stevens / Charlie Peters
- Y4: Tom Allison / Darcey Martin
- Y5: Niamh Williams / Orla Williams
- Y6: Finn Green



Class Reps – Thank you to those Parents who have already offered to be Class Reps. We are still in need of Class Reps for: Starfish, Octopus, Puffins, Dolphins, Stingray, Penguins & Pelicans though. Please contact Alice in the School Office if you are interested.

Our Maths Investigators :

- Y1: Chloe McNair / Emme-Rose Gettings
- Y2: Harper Ellis / Alex Mackay
- Y3: Tima Alexeenko
- Y4: Cristina Burcea / Otto Iida-Bowers
- Y5: Victor Lucy-Fernandez / Rosie Larking
- Y6: Imogen Cork / Alex Carter



House Ambassadors – Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by the rest of the school, as House Ambassadors for this academic year.

Eagles:

- Boy – Alex Carter
- Girl – Imogen Cork
- Vice – Ruby Lee
- Kestrel
- Boy – Felix Minchell
- Girl – Ashtyn Roworth
- Vice – Hugo Cina

Hawk

- Boy – Otto Juretic
- Girl – Fraisie Ellis
- Vice – Florrie Drew
- Phoenix
- Boy – Henry Christie
- Girl – Isabella Pope
- Vice – Adam Buffer

Charity Reps – Congratulations to our Charity Reps:

- Y1: Phoebe Sainsbury-Browne / Alice Nicholson
- Y2: Joseph Smith-Barry / Rory Newlyn
- Y3: Elka Christie / Elsie Fenwick
- Y4: Darcey Martin / Jocelyn Ridgley-West
- Y5: Victor Lucy-Fernandez / Reuben Green
- Y6: George Williams / Lily Woodley

Finally congratulations to our **School Council** –:

- Y1: Bella Stott / Ted Emery
Y2: Harrison Clowe / Jessica Stephenson
Y3: William Clark / Phoenix Modarres
Y4: Henry Newland / Julian Nakazawa-Cowie
Y5: Felix Stott / Lili Allwood
Y6: Olivia Long / Sophie Ray

Parent Volunteers - we are looking for Parents/Carers to volunteer in class from YR - Y6 to support with tasks such as reading. Ideally we would ask that parents do not support in their own child's class as this can make it difficult for them to settle. Please see Miss Watkins if you would be able to help. DBS checks will need to be carried out, before you are able to start.

Allergies - with more allergies becoming known, especially nuts, we are unable to allow any kind of cakes, sweets, crisps etc that come in to school to share within class as a birthday celebration. We also ask that packed lunches do not contain nuts to reduce any health risk to other children that could be avoided.



Musical Instrument Tuition – Would your child like to learn to play the drums?. Stuart, our visiting drum teacher has spaces available with lessons taking place during school time on a Monday.

For further information on drumming lessons, and all the other instruments that are available to learn, please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk.

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

Week Ending: 22 nd September 2017	
Y1	Brady Fisher – Aiming High Alfie Mason – Resilient
Y2	Romany Glover-Tullett – Resilient Lucas Tulip – Aiming High
Y3	Bethany Ratcliffe – Resourceful Kyle Dichupa – Aiming High
Y4	Thomas Cannon – Aiming High Brandon Baldey – Aiming High
Y5	Freya Butler – Respectful Bobby Lancaster – Aiming High
Y6	Alfie Potter – Aiming High Megan Hollis – Aiming High

Kind regards,

S. McCulley
Headteacher

Back to Work Support for parents

Are you looking to return to work but feel that you would like some support? This might include help with accessibility training, rebuilding confidence, gaining relevant work experience to your chosen career, help looking for jobs, support with application forms or preparing for interviews. If so, then there is free help available through the Volunteering and Employment Coordinators at WSCC. Contact Julie Dutton (julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk) or Maria Maloney (maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk) for an informal chat.

Volunteering

Do you have some spare time?, want to make a difference to the local community? We have opportunities for volunteers at our Children and Family Centres and Youth Services across the local area eg administration, operating the toy library, assisting at Play and Learn sessions, Baby Rhyme Time groups, Youth services, Music and Movement groups. The time commitment is usually 2-3 hours per week/fortnight. We offer access to free training and pay travel expenses. References are required and a DBS check will be obtained at no charge to volunteers. To arrange an informal meeting to discuss our opportunities and what you are looking for, please email Julie Dutton (julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk) or Maria Maloney (maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk)

CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18

September

- Mon 25th: Y2 visit Tilgate Park
Tues 26th: YR Welcome Meeting, 6.00pm
Fri 29th: Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm



October

- Thur 5th: School Census Day
Fri 6th: Harvest Festival Service, 9.30am
Y6 Harvest Tea
Thur 12th: J.P. Photographic visiting – Individual photos
Mon 16th: Open Afternoon, from 2.00pm (not YR)
Tues 17th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 5.30pm
Wed 18th: Y5 visit Chichester Planetarium
Thur 19th: Parent/Teacher Consultation, 4.00 – 7.00pm
Fri 20th: INSET Day
w/b 23rd: Half-Term

November

- Thur 2nd: YR Firm Foundations Meeting, 9.00am
Fri 3rd: PTA Firework Night
w/b 6th: Admission 2018/19 Open Week
Wed 8th: YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Flu Vaccination Programme
Fri 10th: Y6 Poppy Laying Ceremony
Thurs 23rd: YR Phonics Workshop

December

- Mon 4th: KS1 Nativity to Playgroups
Tues 5th: KS1 Nativity to Whole School
Wed 6th: KS1 Nativity to Starfish/Seahorses/Turtles Parents
Thur 7th: KS1 Nativity to Octopus/Puffins/Dolphins Parents
Fri 8th: After School Clubs finish (except Karate)
Wed 13th: Chartwells Christmas dinner
Thur 14th: Pantomime Performance to Whole School
Wed 20th: Last day of Autumn Term

Did you know ... Bananas contain around 75% water and grow from bulbs. A cluster of bananas is called a 'hand' while a single banana is known as a 'finger'. Each banana hand can have between 10 – 20 fingers. Bananas don't actually grow on trees, they grow on plants that are officially classified as a herb because the stem does not contain true woody tissue. If you put a banana in the refrigerator, the peel will turn dark brown or black, but it won't affect the fruit inside.

