

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Jeans for Genes** – A brilliant £359.74p was raised on Jeans for Genes day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thank you again for all your kind donations, which will be forwarded to the 'Genetic Disorders UK' charity.



**Harvest Festival** – Thank you for all the harvest gifts that came into school today. The children took them to St. Peter's Church for distribution among local charities and our Y6 children will then take the YR gifts to give to our local elderly residents here in Henfield.



**Y2 visit Tilgate Park** – As part of our topic "Meerkat Manor", Y2 visited Tilgate Park on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. We had a fabulous time feeding the meerkats and learning about them. We also saw an otter feed and met some of the creepy crawlies from the park.

*Mrs Wise, Dolphins Class Teacher*

**Year Group Assemblies** – Further to the notification of year group assembly dates earlier in September, it has become necessary to change the dates confirmed for Year 2 and Year 3. Therefore the Year 3 assembly will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and the Year 2 assembly will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	
Y1	Phoebe Sainsbury-Browne – Aiming High Kiera Potter – Aiming High
Y2	Georgia Brown – Resilient Arthur Fenwick – Aiming High
Y3	Lola Spindler – Resourceful Olivia Slaughter – Respectful
Y4	Matilda Angell – Resilient Ada Juretic – Aiming High
Y5	Felix Stott – Resourceful Joe Nicholson – Aiming High
Y6	Meghan Muzeen – Resilient George Williams – Aiming High

**Staff News** – We welcome Nikki Lean to our staff as a Midday Meal Supervisor. With 2 children attending St. Peter's, Nikki is already familiar with us, as a school, and we look forward to welcoming her as a staff member.

### **Our Writers, w/e 29<sup>th</sup> September:**

Y1: Alice Nicholson/Phoebe Sainsbury-Browne  
Y2: Joseph Smith-Barry / Evelyn Lane  
Y3: Sophie Keulder  
Y4: Scarlett Hitchcock / Jack Norris  
Y5: Tristan Curran / Bruno Cina  
Y6: Adam Butter / Fraisie Ellis



### **Our Maths Investigators, w/e 6<sup>th</sup> October:**

Y1: Andrew Twinkle / Rudy Wilson  
Y2: Elsie Denver  
Y3: Frankie Willoughby / Tilly Glover-Tullett  
Y4: Scarlett Hitchcock / Isla Gettings  
Y5: Caitlin Smith / Robyn Thomas  
Y6: Edward Ridgwell / Sophie Ray



**Inclusion Coffee Morning** – St. Peter's will be holding an 'Inclusion Coffee Morning' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November giving Parents/Carers an opportunity to meet our Inclusion Manager, Miss Watkins. Each term, Miss Watkins will be holding a coffee morning with different themes, and for this Autumn term she will be looking at the importance of communication and strategies to support children in the EYFS and KS1. Please do join us on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am in our school hall, if you are able.

**Flute Lessons** – our visiting Flute teacher, Mr Smith has spaces available for any child wishing to learn to play the flute. If you are interested, please contact the School Office or email Mr Smith direct on [domsmith@uwclub.net](mailto:domsmith@uwclub.net)

**Photos** – next Thursday, JP Photographic will be in school to take individual pictures of the children. We shall be contacting Parents who have not given photo permission over the coming days to check if you would like your child to have their picture taken.



### **Sports Reports**

**T-shirts** – Our supply is desperately low so please could we ask Parents to check at home. It is a basic round neck with our school logo in white on the front (see photos on next page). Currently we have over 10 missing and could really do with them returned as the children are having to wear the old, tatty ones.



Y3/Y4 Cross Country - On Thursday 28th September, our Y3/Y4 runners braved a chilly afternoon sun to run 1000m across the fields of Steyning Primary & Steyning Grammar. 24 children took part in this annual event, producing some amazing individual and team results. Our Y3 boys/girls finished in 1st place out of our cluster of schools with our Y4 girls finishing 2nd and Y4 boys finishing in a respectable 3rd. Overall we finished in 2nd place just 20 points short of first. Special mention goes to Ayla, Y3 for coming 1<sup>st</sup> (proving watching Mo Farah the night before is a must), to Brandon, Y4 who finished 2nd and Beth who came 3rd. Also, to Elliott for enthusiasm and excitement with his first race and to Sienna for her resilience.



Y5/Y6 Cross Country - It was the turn of the Y5/Y6's on Tuesday who ran nearly 1200m. With the heavy rain over the weekend making conditions slightly tougher, our teams took to the field with enthusiasm and determination! The Y5 girls and boys team stormed through to both finish in 1st place (4 boys out of 6 finishing in the top 10 and 4 out of 6 girls finishing in the top 11). Y6 boys ran against some extremely strong competition finishing in a fantastic 2nd place. Our Y6 girls had a lot of work to do, once again finishing in 2nd place with 4 out of 6 in the top 10.



However, Steyning's extremely strong Y6 girls team came in at an impressive 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th which unfortunately pushed us into 2nd position overall, just 7 points short of 1st place! All children raced extremely well but special mention goes to Bruno, Lili & Anna for finishing 1st in their races, to Livvy for resilience and finishing her first competitive race and to Hugo for resilience in not giving up despite gaining an injury quarter of the way around.

*Mrs K. Searles / Mrs A. Tickel*

Kind regards,

L. Roberts

**Deputy Headteacher**

### **CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18**

#### **October**

- Thur 12<sup>th</sup>: J.P. Photographic visiting – Individual photos  
Henfield Football Tournament
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: Open Afternoon, from 2.00pm (not YR)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Y5 visit Chichester Planetarium  
Y6 visit Henfield Museum/WW2 dress-up day
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultation, 4.00 – 7.00pm
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: INSET Day
- w/b 23<sup>rd</sup>: Half-Term

#### **November**

- Thur 2<sup>nd</sup>: YR Firm Foundations Meeting, 9.00am
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>: PTA Firework Night
- w/b 6<sup>th</sup>: Admission 2018/19 Open Week
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: Huxley's Owl visiting Y1
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 Flu Vaccination Programme
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Poppy Laying Ceremony
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: YR Phonics Workshop



#### **December**

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

#### **January 2018**

- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>: Spring Term starts
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

#### **February**

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Young Voices Concert, O2 (details to follow)  
Y2 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>: Open Afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm
- Tue 6<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Thur 8<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 4.00 – 7.00pm
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: INSET Day

**Did you know ...** the Speaking Clock was first introduced by the General Post Office on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1936. With Britain using mechanical wind-up clocks that weren't always accurate, more people began ringing telephone exchanges to ask the time. Operators were trained to use the exchange clock on the wall and say 'The time, by the exchange clock, is...' but this was not precise to the second so a telephone number was introduced for people to ring for an accurate time. Today, the Speaking Clock still receives around 12 million calls a year, particularly on New Year's Eve, the two days a year the clocks change and Remembrance Day.