

Dear Parents/Carers,



Children in Need – we raised £543.99 for Children in Need resulting from fantastic fundraising by our Charity Reps and lots of spotty outfits coming to school. We even beat the total last year by over a £100 so congratulations St. Peter's! An even bigger well done goes to Robyn in Seals class who raised an extra £267 doing a sponsored silence – Well Done!



YR - As a 'fantastic finish' to our 'Toys' topic Octopus and Starfish had a visit from the staff of Horsham Museum and were able to explore a range of toys through the ages. They also enjoyed bringing their teddies to a Teddy Bear's picnic complete with sandwiches and biscuits which they made themselves.



Y1 - now the children are settled in Y1, and to increase their independence, please can we ask all parents to say goodbye to their children at the door. Any notes or messages for the class teacher can be passed to the member of staff on the door. Also, we are in desperate need of Parent readers. If you can spare a little time each week and are happy to obtain a DBS check then please let the office know so you can be guided through the process. Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team

Christmas Tree – A big thank you to Jeremys of Henfield, who have kindly given us a lovely Christmas tree for our School Hall. Do have a look when you are next in school.



Christmas Lunch – If your child is in KS2, don't forget to order their Christmas lunch for Wednesday 13th December. The deadline for ordering is this Sunday, 3rd December. Orders cannot be placed after this date - www.mealselector.co.uk.

Main:

*Roast Turkey with Stuffing Ball, Chipolata & Gravy
OR Quorn Fillet with Stuffing Ball & Gravy*

on the side:

*Roast Potatoes
Peas and Carrots*

for dessert:

Shortbread Christmas Tree

EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Rehearsals have been well underway this week for our nativity performances next week. Parents/Carers are warmly invited to come in and see our production of 'Lights, Camel, Action' on the following days:

Mon 4th: Playgroups/Pre-School Children

Wed 6th: Starfish/Seahorses/Turtles Parents

Thur 7th: Octopus/Puffins/Dolphins Parents

Please note that photographs/filming is not permitted during the performances for safeguarding reasons and for those children whose Parents have not given permission for photos to be taken. The staff will take pictures of the children in costumes which will come home through book bags.

Our Writers, w/e: 1st December

Y3: Bethany Ratcliffe

Y4: Henry Newland / Evie Francis

Y5: Niamh Williams / Isabelle Griffiths

Y6: Ashtyn Roworth / Finley Hutchinson



SGS Sixth Form: Jailbreak! – Next Friday approximately 230 Year 13 sixth form students will be making their annual 'jailbreak' from Steyning Grammar School. Dressed in convict garb and fancy dress, via various means of transport, they will make their own way to Swan Walk, Horsham via local villages/towns collecting money for their chosen charity, which this year is Cancer Research UK. We have agreed to a small number of students ambushing our assembly next Friday and would greatly appreciate any donation that your child would like to bring in, to put in their buckets. We shall be making a donation ourselves, on behalf of the school.

Y5 Ancient Greek Museum – Also next Friday, Y5 will be opening their Ancient Greek Museum from 2.30pm in our school hall. 'Wine' and meze platters will be served with museum guides on hand to show you around. Do pop in if you can.

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: Friday 24 th November	
Y1	Emme-Rose Gettings – Respectful Oliver Harrington – Aiming High
Y2	Evelyn Lane – Aiming High Emily Hunt – Aiming High
Y3	Euan Williams – All 4 Core Values! Bradley Paternoster – Aiming High
Y4	Serena Ballard – Aiming High Macy Mitchell – Respectful
Y5	Kiera Lean – Aiming High Roel Konnen – Aiming High
Y6	Finn Green – Respectful Edward Helps – Aiming High

Mobile Phones – A gentle reminder that mobile phones should not be switched on when visiting the school. We really appreciate any time that Parents/Carers can give to come in and read with the children but ask that mobile phones are switched off when you arrive and that they are not used during your time here.



Christmas Jumpers – Children are allowed to wear Christmas Jumpers for the Christmas lunch (Wednesday 13th) with the rest of their school uniform.

They can also wear their Christmas jumper on Friday 15th December, however this will be a charitable day with all donations being sent to Save the Children.



Children's Society – We are again supporting St Peter's Church in raising money for the Children's Society. Last week, your child should have brought home a candle shaped money box to save loose change in. The children are then invited to bring the candle to school to take to the Christingle Services.



Christingle Services - All Parents/carers are warmly invited to join us for our Christingle Services at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday 19th December. The EYFS/KS1 service (Years R, 1 & 2) will be at 9.30am and the KS2 service (Years 3, 4 & 5) at 10.30am. (Please note the change of date).

PTA Update – Thank you all for the amazing support you have provided this term.....from our brilliant hard working volunteers, to our stallholders, bonfire builders and tidy up afterers and of course to every single one of you that turned up to an event, donated a prize or ordered some fabulous personalised Christmas Cards. We quite literally could not do it without you!

So far this year we have raised a staggering £5,500 which will go directly towards improving your child's education. AMAZING. Before the term is out, we eagerly await the personalised Christmas Cards and gift wrap which will be winging their way to those of you who have ordered them very soon. How festive. We really hope you love them.

Watch this space in the New Year to hear more about our spring and summer events schedule. Rest assured there is lots more fun to come yet. So for now all that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scooters – Please could we ask that scooters are not hung on the fence by the main playground gate. They can easily fall down, therefore potentially being a safety hazard as well as a temptation at break times. There is a secure area for parking scooters/bikes which we kindly request is used instead.

Finally, the dreaded lost property crate is overflowing and will be cleared out before Christmas. Please urge your child to have a look for anything missing, before we take the surplus items to the local charity shop.

Kind regards,

Laura Roberts

Laura Roberts
Acting Headteacher

Did you know ... when in the presence of the Queen at Buckingham Palace, there is certain etiquette that needs to be followed. When the Queen stands, you stand; when the queen sits, you sit. The same goes for dining - when the Queen eats, you eat and when the Queen decides she has finished her meal, then yours is finished too. The Queen decides how long the meal will last — so if you are hungry, you better hope the Queen is too.

CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18



December

Mon 4th: KS1 Nativity to Playgroups/Pre-School Children
 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)
 Y5 Ancient Greek Museum, 2.30 - 3.30pm
 Wed 13th: Chartwells Christmas dinner + Christmas jumpers!
 Thur 14th: Pantomime 'Aladdin' - EYFS/KS1 am : KS2 pm
 Fri 15th: Christmas Fun Morning
 Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
 Mon 18th: KS2 Christmas Party afternoon (party clothes needed)
 Tue 19th: **Please note change of date for the Christingle Services:**
 EYFS/KS1 Christingle Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am
 KS2 Christingle Service, St. Peter's Church, 10.30am
 EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party afternoon (party clothes needed)
 Wed 20th: Last day of Autumn Term

January 2018

Thurs 4th: Spring Term starts
 Fri 12th: Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
 Mon 15th: After School Clubs start
 Fri 19th: Y1 Phonics Workshop (details to follow)
 Fri 26th: Y3 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

February

Fri 2nd: Y6 Young Voices Concert, O2
 Y2 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
 Mon 5th: YR visiting Henfield Library (details to follow)
 Open Afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm
 Tue 6th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 5.30pm
 Thur 8th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 4.00 – 7.00pm
 Fri 9th: INSET Day
 w/b 12th: Half-term
 Fri 23rd: Y5 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

March

Fri 2nd: Y4 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
 Tue 6th: Y3 Swimming lessons start (details to follow)
 Fri 9th: YR Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
 Fri 16th: Y1 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
 After School Clubs finish

SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES



We are looking for a new **Clerk to Governors**: This role involves a high level of confidentiality. The successful candidate will be required to prepare paperwork for and minute meetings, but the majority of the administration work can be done from home and circulated electronically. Further information is available on our website under the vacancy tab or alternatively you can contact Jodie in the School office for further information.



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COME AND JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM - WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR MID DAY MEAL SUPERVISORS, IF YOU COULD SPARE A FEW HOURS PER WEEK FROM 12.20 TO 1.20PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE TAYLOR OR CHRISTINE FREEMANTLE. YOU CAN CONTACT US ON 01903 813420 OR POP INTO RECEPTION AND ASK TO SPEAK TO EITHER ONE OF US £8.09 PER HOUR.