

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated welcome back! I trust that Parents/Carers, children and staff all had an enjoyable Christmas.

**Author Visit** - In December, the author Matt Haig, came to talk to Y4, 5 and 6 about his latest children's book, 'Father Christmas and Me.' The children enjoyed an entertaining talk, especially when Hugo and Melissa got to dress up as elves! We would like to thank Matt for visiting us, with special thanks to Gudrun Iida-Bowers and Steyning Bookshop for arranging the visit.



**Children's Society** – Revd Paul Doick has asked me to offer his sincere thanks, on behalf of the Children's Society, for the £835.06 raised through the candle shaped collection boxes. This is a fantastic amount, topping last year of about £100 and with still more monies to count, could rise even further.



**Staff News** – We welcome to our staff Mrs Hill who has joined Mrs Jones in sharing the teaching responsibility for Stingray and Mr Frankel for continuing with teaching in Seals with Mrs Tickel. Both Mrs Hill and Mr Frankel will be in class on a Thursday and Friday.

Sadly, over the Christmas holidays, Anthony our Premises Officer, was offered a new job at a school in Horsham, so has not returned to us. We are currently advertising, with the application closing date being next Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. If you are interested, or know someone who may be please visit our website [http://www.st-peters-henfield.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\\_id=2144](http://www.st-peters-henfield.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page_id=2144) for further details.

**Parking** - this continues to be a major problem at St. Peter's with local residents making complaints regularly. Please could we strongly ask that if you drive your child to and from school that you park sensibly using Henfield Leisure Centre's car park when possible. In particular, while it is well known that cars cannot be parked on yellow zig zag lines, cars also cannot wait or even stop momentarily to drop off or pick up passengers – this is according to the UK Highway Code.

**Y6 Assessment Evening** – In preparation for the Y6 assessments in May, we shall be holding an information meeting this Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> January) at 6.00pm. This evening will be different to previous years, to enable us to support and provide resources for the children to assist with their revision. This is an important event and would encourage all Parents/Carers to attend.

## RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

Week Ending: 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	
Y1	Bella Tuesley – Aiming High Oliver Harrington – Aiming High
Y2	Charlie Tingey – Aiming High Alec Ballard – Aiming High
Y3	Theo Neale-Stevens – Aiming High Ronnie Johnstone – Resourceful
Y4	Hannah Draper – Resilient Jude Hedderman – Aiming High
Y5	Hannah Butter – Aiming High Harry Neville – Resilient
Y6	Otto Juretic – Resourceful Henry Morley – Aiming High

Week Ending: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	
Y1	Pippa Rowley – Respectful Demi Lee Furner – Aiming High
Y2	Archie Gorman – Resilient Samuel Briscoe – Aiming High
Y3	William Briscoe – Respectful Ayla Milward – All 4 Core Values!
Y4	Olive Willis – Respectful Bradley Martin – Aiming High
Y5	Albert Martin – Resilient Harry O'Neill – Aiming High
Y6	Faith Streeton – Resilient Imogen Cork – Resourceful

**Y1 Phonics Workshop** – Y1 Parents/Carers are invited to join the Y1 team for an insight in to how phonics, early writing & reading in Y1 is taught. Strategies will be given to support at home plus a practical session with your child. Taking place this Friday, Parents of Puffins are invited for 9.00am, and Seahorses' Parents at 10.00am. Please telephone the School Office or return the reply slip at the bottom of the letter sent home last week if you are able to come.



**Eco at St. Peter's** – In a bid to raise our eco sustainability, we are in need of water butts with lids. If you have one, or two that you no longer use and would be happy to donate to us, we really would appreciate it – please just contact the school office.

**E-Safety Coffee Afternoon** – Hopefully you received our letter last Friday inviting you to our e-safety coffee afternoon which will be dedicated to providing information on how we teach e-safety and showing how you can support your child at home. Please join Miss Watkins, our Inclusion Manager and Miss Crouch, our ICT Subject Leader on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.15pm in our school hall. The teaching of e-safety to the children will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Parent/Teacher Consultations** – There is a change to the Parent/Teacher appointment times. For the consultations taking place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, appointments will be between 3.30pm and 6.00pm, and on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, between 5.00pm and 7.30pm. Further details will come home next week.

**PTA Update** – Firstly a very Happy New Year from the PTA. We hope you had an amazing Christmas and are raring to go for everything 2018 has to bring. Speaking of which let us update you on all that we're currently working on at PTA HQ. We are very excited to say we'll be holding the annual Quiz Night in March so are deep in planning for that at the moment. The final date is still to be confirmed so watch this space but needless to say it is set to be another fun filled evening of fundraising. We are also putting the final touches to the rest of the school year's events calendar and as ever need lots of help to make sure things run smoothly. If you'd like to find out more and get involved our next meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm at The White Hart. Please come along and say Hi....we'd love to see you there!

**Census Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – A reminder that 'The Great British Brunch' is the menu theme for the second census day of this academic year:

*Chipolata Sausages, Omelette, Baked Beans, Mini Potato Squares and Bread OR Quorn Pattie, Omelette, Baked Beans, Mini Potato Squares and Bread*

*Blueberry Muffin OR Cherry Yoghurt & Granola*

Children in EYFS/KS1 will be served this meal as part of the UifSM scheme. It is now too late to book for KS2.

Kind regards,



Laura Roberts

**Acting Headteacher**

## CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18

### January 2018

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: PTA Meeting, 8.00pm, The White Hart  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>: Y6 SATs Evening, 6.00pm  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Phonics Workshop  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

### February

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>: E-Safety Coffee Afternoon, 2.15pm  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y6 Young Voices Concert, O2  
Y2 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup>: YR visiting Henfield Library  
Open Afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 6.00pm  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 5.00 – 7.30pm  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: INSET Day  
w/b 12<sup>th</sup>: Half-term  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup>: Y6 Swimming Lesson (details to follow)  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>: YR visiting St. Peter's Church, Henfield  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>: Y5 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

### March

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Y4 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup>: Y3 Swimming lessons start (details to follow)  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: YR Assembly for Parents, 9.00am  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup>: Spring Music Concert (details to follow), 6.00pm  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup>: Y1 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am  
Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm  
After School Clubs finish  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>: End of Term

### April

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: Summer Term starts  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup>: Y5 Music Festival

### May

w/b 14<sup>th</sup>: KS2 SATs Week  
w/b 21<sup>st</sup>: Y6 Isle of Wight week  
w/b 28<sup>th</sup>: Half-Term

### June

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>: Class Photographs  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup>: Henfield Cricket Tournament

## SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES



### Premises Officer

We are looking for an outstanding Premises Officer to be responsible for maintaining the school environment to a high standard, ensuring health & safety, fire and safeguarding regulations are adhered to. Required as soon as possible, this is a permanent position working 37 hours a week. For further details please refer to our website or contact the School Office:

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Henfield Leisure Centre are looking for 2 new members of staff to join their friendly team. The working hours will be 3-6 pm, Monday to Friday. (Additional hours may be available on Inset days, half-terms and school holidays). The job role is to assist in our after-school children's club. Due to the club expanding, we need the candidate to be self-sufficient, enthusiastic and motivated. If you feel this could be suitable for you, please get in contact on 01273 494984 ask to speak to Simon.



**Did you know ...** Swordfish are cold blooded – exothermic, but have a special organ near their eyes which keep their eyes and brains warm so they can see and think better. They mostly eat at night, have no teeth and tend to swim alone. Along with the Marlin, they are known as one of the fastest fish in the sea and are easily recognised by their long bill that looks like a sword.