

Dear Parents/Carers,

E-Safety Coffee Afternoon – Yesterday we held our e-safety coffee event – thank you to those Parents who were able to join us. The information shared on how we teach e-safety will be sent home next week with e-safety teaching to the children starting on Tuesday.

Y4 Swordfish African Drumming – Swordfish Parents are warmly invited to join us for an African Drumming concert at 2.45pm on Thursday 8th February. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to share their learning of African drumming, under direction of a specialist teacher, Simon. Do join us if you can.

Y1/Y2 Outdoor Area – An enormous thank you to our Class Reps and Parent helpers who came into school last week to tidy up our Y1/Y2 outdoor area. On a lovely sunny afternoon last Thursday, a group of volunteers kindly took the area to task, clearing out weeds, tidying up borders and generally making the whole area much neater and nicer to use and look at.

Staff News – We welcome Mr Wong and Mr Matthews to St. Peter's as our Executive Head and Head of School respectfully. Mr Matthews will be in school permanently from next week, with Mr Wong sharing his time between his own school, Broadwater CofE Primary and us. Mr Wong will be at St. Peter's on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mr Matthews will be on the playground every morning from after half-term so please do say hello and welcome.

Our Writers, w/e: 19th January '18

Y1: Henry Francis / Harry Constable
Y2: Indigo Little / Isla Winsper
Y3: Sienna Bantock / Elsie Fenwick
Y4: Emily Hilton / Joseph Crowther
Y5: Victor Lucy-Fernandez / Lili Allwood
Y6: Ruby Lee / Charlotte Avern

w/e: 31st January '18

Y1: Archer Batchelor Spinks / George Munnerly
Y2: Lilla O'Neill
Y3: Bella Tozer-Martin / Summer Bridgwater
Y4: Poppy Lockett / Gunar Konnen
Y6: Olivia Long / Lilly Deamer

Y5 Netball After School Club – With Y5 starting swimming lessons from 6th March, Mrs Searles has confirmed that the netball after school club will be finishing on Tuesday 27th February.

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

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

| Week Ending: 19 th January 2018 | |
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| Y1 | Molly James – Aiming High Oscar Dennis – Aiming High |
| Y2 | Indigo Little – Resilient Oliver Neville – Resourceful |
| Y3 | Jimmy Thomas – Aiming High Elka Christie – Aiming High |
| Y4 | Otto Iida Bowers – Aiming High Charlie Butler – Resilient |
| Y5 | Darcey Bantock – Resilient Miro Komazec – Aiming High |
| Y6 | Rosie Slaughter – Resilient Isabella Pope – Resilient |

| Week Ending: 26 th January 2018 | |
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| Y1 | Logan Pearson – Aiming High Bryony Stubbs – Aiming High |
| Y2 | Gracie Adsett – Aiming High Rory Newlyn – Respectful |
| Y3 | Elliott Daly – Resilient Bradley Paternoster – Aiming High |
| Y4 | Dominic Eastaff – Resilient Rupert Heal – Aiming High |
| Y5 | Melissa Johnson – Aiming High Bobby Lancaster – Aiming High |
| Y6 | Edward Ridgwell – Resilient James Allison – Aiming High |

Open Afternoon – Don't forget on Monday, classes will be open between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for Parents/Carers to share in children's learning. Please come to school through the main entrance and continue to your child's classroom. Once finished, and if before 3.15pm, please leave via the office and sign out on the way. Children are not allowed to leave school any earlier than 3.15pm.



Our Maths Investigators, w/e: 26th January '18

Y1: Logan Pearson / Archer Batchelor Spinks
Y3: Eliza Cork
Y4: Ronnie Carruthers
Y5: Robyn Thomas
Y6: Adam Butter / Reece Kent



Parent/Teacher Consultations – Parents/Carers should now have received confirmation of an appointment time. If you haven't received a time, please see your Class Teacher. For Parents/Carers of children in Dolphins, a replacement date for you to meet with Mrs Wise will be confirmed as soon as we can.

PTA Update – As you'll know from the letter on Tuesday, the PTA are proudly supporting the World Book Day bedtime stories event on Thursday 1st March and we can't wait! We'll be hosting a second hand book stall where the children will be invited to choose a second hand book in return for a small donation to the PTA. In order to make the stall work we really need your support with book donations in advance of the event. Please could you dig out any books you no longer need and drop them in to the school office. We need texts suitable for all ages from reception to Year 6 so anything you can give us will be gratefully received. We will also be providing some lovely refreshments including hot drinks for grown-ups waiting whilst their children attend the event. Cold drinks will also be available. After bedtime stories we will be offering our wonderful scrummy hot chocolates. Yum! All funds raised from this event by the PTA will go directly towards purchasing new books for the school so this really is all about keeping on with reading. Nice.

In addition to that, we are very busy at PTA HQ at the moment as we are also getting ready for our fabulous annual Quiz Night on Friday 9th March. Further details including when tickets will be available will be published soon. Finally....for now.....we are beyond excited to confirm that we will be holding FieldFest 2 on Saturday 7th July this year. So please mark your diaries now and keep your eyes peeled for details of how you can get involved in this fabulous event in the coming months.

World Book Day – 1st March – We are really looking forward to our week of reading events as per our letter on Tuesday. Children are also invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters so we look forward to seeing many different costumes coming into school. There will also be a 'Readathon' taking place during the day from which we are hoping to raise money to purchase new books - more information to follow.

Sports Reports

Basketball – Our basketball team played in the first of a series of three tournaments last Thursday. They put in an extremely impressive performance winning all of their matches, scoring at least 40 points in each, finishing in top position. A very well done to all of the children involved, and a big thank you to Mrs Curran for coaching the team.

Finally, don't forget our Class Reps are always available should Parents/carers have anything they would like clarified or to be reported on.

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As this is my last newsletter before going off on maternity leave, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone at St Peters; staff, children and parents for all the support and well wishes. My time again as acting Headteacher has been a pleasure and I have enjoyed leading the school on its school improvement journey. I wish everyone the best for the rest of this academic year, and will look forward to hearing all the news.

Kind regards,



Laura Roberts

Acting Headteacher

CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18

February

- Mon 5th: YR visiting Henfield Library
Open Afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Tue 6th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30 – 6.00pm
Thur 8th: YR Nursery Rhyme Dress-Up Day
Swordfish African Drumming, 2.45pm
Parent/Teacher Consultations, 5.00 – 7.30pm
Fri 9th: INSET Day
w/b 12th: Half-term
Tues 20th: Y6 Swimming Lesson
Thurs 22nd: YR visiting St. Peter's Church, Henfield
Fri 23rd: Y5 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am

March

- Thurs 1st: World Book Day
Bedtime Stories, 4.45pm – 5.45pm
Fri 2nd: Y4 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
Steyning Book Shop visiting, 3.15pm
Tue 6th: Y5 Swimming lessons start
Fri 9th: YR Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
Wed 14th: Spring Music Concert, 6.00pm
Fri 16th: Y1 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
After School Clubs finish
Thur 29th: End of Term

April

- Mon 16th: Summer Term starts
Tues 24th: Y5 Music Festival

May

- w/b 14th: KS2 SATs Week
w/b 21st: Y6 Isle of Wight week

Did you know ... Turtles are reptiles with a hard shell for protection called a 'carapace'. They also have a lower shell called a 'plastron'. Some species, but not all, can hide their head inside their shell when attacked by predators. Sea turtles have special glands which help remove salt from the water that they drink.