

Dear Parents/Carers,

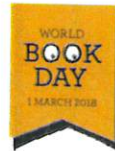
Welcome back after what was hopefully a fantastic half term. I wanted to take this moment to introduce myself as the new Head of School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks of getting to know the children and staff here at St. Peter's and am excited to be working in this fantastic school. Over the next term and a half my task is to lead this school and the day-to-day operation of it, working with Mr Wong, our Executive Head, to drive this school forward. I appreciate that there have been many changes at St Peters recently, but please be rest assured that Mr Wong and myself are here to bring consistency and to move the school forward. Our children all deserve the best educational opportunities and we aim to ensure that they leave having experienced these. I will be on the playground most mornings and after school - please feel free to come and see me to introduce yourselves or share your ideas with me.

Cake Sale for Charity – 5 pupils put their baking gloves on, making cakes for children to buy and enjoy in aid of 3 different charities. Rebecca and Elliott Daly from Y3, Emily Hilton and Beth Hollis from Y4 and Megan Hollis, Y6 all baked cakes in return for a donation to be sent to their favourite charities – Cancer Research and Crisis Hospice. At the final count an amazing £ 267.65 was raised. Well done!



Our Maths Investigators , w/e: 2nd February '18

- Y1: Toby Fyfe
- Y2: The whole of Dolphins Class!
- Y3: Lola George / Elsie Fenwick
- Y4: Jude Hedderman / Max Rowley
- Y5: Alfie Badger / Riley Langridge
- Y6: Imogen Cork / Dylan Wadham



World Book Day, 1st March – Don't forget children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. Costumes don't have to be bought - just a simple mix of clothes and accessories already at home can be just as effective in creating an outfit and becoming a character.

Reading – Parents are invited to pop in and read with children anytime between 2.30 and 3.00pm.

Bedtime Stories – Children are welcome to return to school from 4.45pm to spend an hour listening to stories. For Parents, there will be a talk on reading with children and light refreshments provided by the PTA.

Second Hand Book Stall – The PTA will have a second hand book stall. Please bring any books you would like to donate to the School Office.

Finally, **Steyning Book Shop** will be with us this Friday with a selection of books that can be bought using the World Book Day tokens that will be coming home on Thursday. Please do pop into the hall to have a look at the selection available – there will be a variety of ability ranges to choose from with St. Peter's benefitting commission from each book bought.

School Uniform – The presentation of our students is extremely important to me and the school as it sets the high standards that we expect here at St. Peter's. I have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing trainers, leggings or other non-uniform items. Now I appreciate that there are a few rare occasions when accidents happen and we need to source a repair or replacement, but some children have remained in non-uniform items for several days now. Please may I ask you to ensure that the children are dressed in correct school uniform, as per our uniform policy, to ensure that we are all dressed suitably and respectfully for school. Should you have any difficulties with this then please do contact me directly. For clarification please visit our website page http://www.st-peters-henfield.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page_id=1605

RESILIENT, RESPECTFUL, RESOURCEFUL & AIMING HIGH

Core Values – A big congratulations to Gracie May Norburn in Turtles who was omitted in the previous newsletter as Animal of the week for Turtles. Gracie May aimed high with learning her spellings and was praised for having a positive attitude – well done Gracie May!

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

Week Ending: 2 nd February 2018	
Y1	Lauren Bridgewater – Aiming High Daniel Dennis – Aiming High
Y2	Ruby Montero-Burlton – Resilient Joseph Smith Barry – Aiming High
Y3	Sophie Boniface – Aiming High Tomas Ross - Respectful
Y4	Cooper Hurst Croydon – Aiming High Darcey Martin – Aiming High
Y5	Orla Williams – Aiming High Max Searles – Aiming High
Y6	George Williams – Resilient Chiane Shinkawa – Aiming High James Allison – Aiming High

Week Ending: 23 rd February 2018	
Y1	Alice Nicholson – Resilient Ted Emery – Aiming High
Y2	Zachary Haughton – Aiming High Isabella Carter – Aiming High
Y3	Oscar Sherrington - Resourceful Bradley Paternoster – Aiming High
Y4	Mila Elliott – Aiming High Evie Francis – Resilient
Y6	Finley Hutchinson – Resilient David Taylor - Resilient

Sports Reports

Cross Country – On Friday 26th January, we took a small group of Y5/6 to a major Cross Country event at Windlesham House School. The 9 St Peter's children competed on a very chilly and muddy afternoon against schools from across the south of West Sussex. In the first race, there were around 170 girls running and I'm proud to say all four girls came in top half of the runners, with Abby (Y5) finishing in 25th place and Lili (Y5) finishing in an amazing 6th place. The boys race saw over 150 children running and again St Peter's did us proud with all boys running a respectable race. Congratulations to Josh (Y5) who finished 9th. Both Josh and Lili will have the opportunity to race again, representing the southern area and St. Peter's!



Netball at The Towers - All of the Y6 netball club girls took part in playing matches against The Towers on Wednesday 31st January. The girls played with great determination, thoroughly enjoying the afternoon which resulted in a win and a loss. Well done to all of the children who took part.



Netball tournament - On Thursday 1st February, the Y6 netball team played in the final of 3 competitive tournaments at Steyning Grammar School. They were undefeated going into the tournament and won their first two matches easily, conceding only one goal but then faced very tough opposition from Steyning in their final game. It was an extremely exciting, competitive match with the team holding onto a draw. They finished as overall winners of our partnership of schools and will now go on to represent our area in the Partnership finals in April.



Did you know ... although snowflakes appear to be white as they fall from the sky and land on the ground, they are in fact totally clear. The ice however, is not transparent like a sheet of glass but instead translucent, meaning light passes through indirectly. It is the many sides of the ice crystals causing diffuse reflection of the whole light spectrum which results in snowflakes appearing to be white in colour.

Indoor Cricket - On Monday 29th January, we entered a winter Indoor Cricket Competition at The Weald School in Billingshurst. We were drawn against two very strong teams, with our first game against North Holmes seeing us outclass the opposition with tremendous batting skills from Felix M, Laurence scoring 282 runs to 227 and some fantastic fielding from Otto. Southwater won the second game against North Holmes with Southwater winning 261 runs against 215. This meant that the last game between us and Southwater was all to play for. The boys chose to field first yet despite some incredible bowling by Felix V, Henry and Ed, Southwater still managed to score a whopping 258 runs. Southwater pulled out all the stops in their fielding which meant despite a few 6's we just couldn't quite reach their score, finishing with 251 runs. Overall we finished 2nd in our group and 3rd in the competition.



Swimming - On Wednesday 7th February we took a team of Y5/6 children to our cluster schools annual swimming gala. The children swam brilliantly on what proved to be a very exciting and extremely close event. Congratulations to Eva Maria, Caitlin, William, Jack and Abby all of whom finished first in their individual races. All children were a real credit to our school, showing great team work, encouragement of others and respect. Also to Megan and Anna who despite finding the noise level and atmosphere overwhelming, showed real resilience in competing with the rest of the team. This year the gala was won by Steyning however we came an extremely close second, a mere 22 points behind. Well done to all the children who took part and a special thank you to Mrs Boniface for not only transporting the children to the event but for helping out at the finish line.



Basketball - We are very proud to say that St Peter's have retained their champion status in the Horsham District Primary Schools Basketball League. On a final meeting at Collyer's Sixth Form, the team showed no sense of panic despite the pressure brought to bear by some highly motivated, skilled opponents in Division A. They took everything in their stride to maintain their unbeaten record not just for the third night but throughout the process. Their final game was against Southwater A with the team winning 18-12 to claim victory. Huge congratulations to the team and a very big thank you to Mrs Curran for her excellent coaching.



FINALLY, a big thank you to all the Parents/Carers that have helped transport our teams to their events. You are invaluable to us and we could not take part in any of these events without your kindness and help. We have a lot of events still to come, so our thanks in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Tickel / Mrs Searles

Scooters – Please can we ask, again, that scooters are not left hanging from the fencing by the playground gates. It is a safety hazard as they are not secured and can easily fall. Stickers will be placed on any scooter left hanging from the fence hereon. There is a secure area for leaving bikes and scooters, should you wish to leave them on the premises at your own risk.

Finally, well done and thank you for getting your children to St. Peter's this morning. I appreciate that for some families, the snowy weather can cause all sorts of problems, and certainly for us, as a school, the imperative issue is to ensure that staff and children can arrive and be kept safe throughout the day. Thankfully for today, we only had a few staff unable to get here so were able to open as near to normal as possible. With the snowy weather set to continue, we shall keep you updated as best we can over the coming days.

Kind regards,

N. Matthews
Head of School

CALENDAR DATES – 2017/18

March

- Thurs 1st: World Book Day
Pop in and read, 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Bedtime Stories, 4.45pm – 5.45pm
- Fri 2nd: Y4 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
Steining Book Shop visiting, 3.15pm
- Tue 6th: Y5 Swimming lessons start
- Fri 9th: YR Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
PTA Quiz Night
- Wed 14th: Spring Music Concert, 6.00pm
- Fri 16th: Y1 Assembly for Parents, 9.00am
Class Reps Meeting, 2.15pm
After School Clubs finish
- Mon 19th: Inter-house Football Competition
- Fri 23rd: Y6 Junior Citizenship visit
- Tue 27th: Y1 school trip to Paradise Park
- Thur 29th: End of Term

April

- Mon 16th: Summer Term starts
- Tues 24th: Y5 Music Festival
- Thur 26th: Y6 Isle of Wight Residential Meeting, 6.00pm
Y5 Isle of Wight Information Meeting, 7.00pm
- Fri 27th: PTA Fun Run

May

- w/b 14th: KS2 SATs Week
- Tue 15th: Y4 trip to Bignor Roman Villa (details to follow)
- w/b 21st: Y6 Isle of Wight week
- w/b 28th: Half-Term

June

- Tues 5th: Class Photographs
- Mon 25th: Henfield Cricket Tournament
Y4,5,6 Sex & Relationship Meeting, 3.30-4.30pm

July

- Tues 3rd: Y6 Service at Lancing College (details to follow)
- Sat 7th: PTA Field Fest (details to follow)



Family Support Services

Family Support Sessions

offering professional and personalised advice for parents/carers and relatives who live and work with those on the Autism Spectrum

The clinics run in the following Sussex locations:

**Angmering
Chichester
Crawley
East Grinstead
Shoreham-by-Sea**

The aim of the clinics are to provide parents, carers and extended family members, professional advice, access to further signposting and resources. The clinics are free of charge. Donations are welcome.

Each session lasts for 30 minutes. Prior booking is essential!

Email: familysupport@autismsussex.org.uk or call 01243 214120