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LUKE 11:25-33 'Good Samaritan'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Willow Class Parliament Trip

Willow Class had a fantastic time on their trip to London last week. After an exciting train journey full of snacks and laughter, we arrived in London. First up on our list of things to do was to visit Westminster and walk over the River Thames. This was brilliant, we got to see lots of London's famous sights and walked over Westminster Bridge. After some lunch, we headed into the Houses of Parliament. Inside, we were able to see lots of the different rooms and traditions of Parliament. We went into the public galleries for both the House of Commons and House of Lords.

After spending some time exploring, we headed to a workshop. We learned all about how laws are made and how debates are held. Abigail was chosen as our speaker of the house and organised a debate all about banning smoking. We had a surprise visit from our local MP, Andrew Griffith, we got to ask him questions about his ideas and thoughts on current affairs.

Having spent a long time in Parliament, it was almost time to head home, but not before some dinner and another long walk! We made our way up to Trafalgar Square, where we were able to see the magnificent fountains and also have our dinner, which was a delicious, nutritious, McDonalds!

Once we were refueled, we trotted on through St James' Park and up to Buckingham Palace. The flag was up, which was exciting as it meant The King was home - sadly he didn't invite us in for tea!

We had a fantastic day and have enjoyed writing snapshots about our visit this week.





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Basketball

Yesterday we made our way on our trusty minibus made to the Weald in Billingshurst for a basketball competition involving five local schools. It was a real pleasure to take our pupils, who showed enthusiasm, manners and sportsmanship throughout.

Our first game was against Shipley. All of the players were a bit shocked at the lack of time they had before they were closed down by the opposition - somewhat different to our usual playground shooting drills! Before we knew it, the final whistle was blown and neither side had scored.

Next, we played a very close game against Barns Green. Thanks to some expert shooting from Harry S and Molly we came away with a 4-4 draw. Tired but keen to taste victory, we began our third match against Rudgwick. In this fixture, our team really started to click and there was some excellent link-up play between baskets. Seb, Harry AS, Matilda and Harry S all contributed points towards an impressive 12-0 victory for Petworth.

In our last game, we played Billingshurst. The year 9 sports leaders refereeing the game perhaps weren't expecting a game as fast-paced and physical. Both teams played well, and despite taking an initial lead, Petworth lost by one basket.

Petworth came third on points overall. The children enjoyed the opportunity to participate in some competitive sport with their peers from other schools.

Squad: Heath, Matilda, Seb, Harry AS, Harry S, Abigail, Shay,



Earthquake Appeal Own Clothes Day

We have been saddened by the terrible photos coming from Turkey and Syria after the recent earthquake. As a result we have decided to hold a **non uniform day, TOMORROW, 10th February** in order to raise money to support the relief effort.

We are asking for £1 donation from those who are able and all money raised will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee fund. This fund directly supports recovery and relief work in the affected areas and is matched, so for each £1 raised, another is given.

We hope you will join us in supporting this cause.

Class Reading Books

Oak Class

Oak Class are currently reading 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow .

Ash Class

Ash Class are currently reading 'The boy who grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading different picture books with a focus on homes and characters.

Beech Class

Beech Class are currently reading 'The Christmasaurus' By Tom Fletcher.

Maple Class

Maple Class are currently reading 'Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson.

Elm Class

Elm Class are currently reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom', a book by Michael Morpurgo.

Willow Class

Willow Class are currently reading 'Twitch' by M.G.Leonard

SPAG Fact

Grammatical Feature: Contraction

Definition: A word that is shortened by missing out some letters.

Example: don't, wouldn't



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Holiday Food Voucher s Available to Non Free School Meals

Utilising funding from governments’ Household Support Fund to help support those most in need and to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living, West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meal eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming February half term

FSM eligible families in West Sussex will be entitled to a **£15.00 voucher** per child for the week.

For children who are not FSM eligible but who’s families need urgent support with food here in West Sussex the Community Hub is in operation. Please contact the school for a referral.

Textile Recycling Bin

Reminder that we have a clothing bank on the hard-standing car park in school to raise additional funds for various projects in school.

Items that can be recycled

- All men’s, ladies and children’s clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Ties
- Belts
- Bed clothes
- Towels
- Soft toys
- Curtains

Items that cannot be recycled

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets and rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Class Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

Thurs	9	Feb	Beech Class Forest School
Fri	10	Feb	Own Clothes Day Earthquake Appeal
Fri	10	Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon	20	Feb	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	21	Feb	Back to School
Tues	21	Feb	Elm Class Newland House Gallery Visit
Fri	24	Feb	PPSA School Disco (details to follow)
Tues	28	Feb	Goodwood Farm Ash Class
Fri	3	Mar	MRC Tag Rugby
Fri	24	Mar	MRC Netball
Fri	31	Mar	End of Spring Term
Mon	17	Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term
Mon	1	May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Mon	8	May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Tues	9	May	SATS Week
Fri	26	May	Break up for Half Term
Mon	5	June	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	6	June	Back to School
Fri	21	July	End of Summer Term
Fri	1	Sep	Start of Autumn Term

Please click on the link below for further dates in the school calendar.

www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/9194

Inset Days 2022/2023

Mon	20 Feb	Inset Day
Mon	5 June	Inset Day

PETWORTH GOOD FOOD DAY
An event for families with children
TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2023
10.30 AM - 1 PM
LECONFIELD HALL
PETWORTH, GU28 0ET

JOIN US TO...

- Try new foods
- Increase cookery skills
- Tell us what you would like to see locally regarding food
- Share lunch
- Think of ideas of how to eat well for less
- Children's activities
- Learn about slow cookers and other ways to save money while cooking.
- Learn about the connection between food and health
- Learn about help, training and activities available locally

And maybe even take home a goodybag of food and recipes!

Register on Eventbrite at shorturl.at/cqu58



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Be Active | Give | Connect | Keep learning | Take notice

Wellbeing Month

Age UK drop-in session

Petworth Library
Wednesday 1st March
2.00-4.00pm

Come and meet Maryse from Age UK West Sussex and find out more about the range of services available for supporting older people, such as Information & Advice, Dementia Support, Social Clubs/Activities and more!

west sussex county council | West Sussex Library Service | ageUK | Petworth Library 5 High Street, GU28 0AU 01798 342274



Community Day

Saturday 22 April 2023

Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable
recycled or recyclable

Why not come and join us?
We want you!!



ALL STAND & EXHIBITION SPACE

10am - 2pm FREE OF CHARGE

For more information email: madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org or contact the College Office on: 01730 812451

BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT

www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries | West Sussex Libraries | @WSCCLibraries

Story Explorers

Join us for some half-term holiday fun with stories and a craft activity

Suitable for children aged 4-7

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

Wednesday 15th February 2023
2.00-3.00pm

west sussex county council | West Sussex Library Service | Midhurst Library The Grange, Bepton Road Midhurst, GU29 9HD 01730 716671



wind in the willows

Family Craft Workshops

Monday 13th February

10.30-12.00
1.00-2.30
£5 per child



Booking Essential

Held at Coultershaw Heritage Site
Email Events@coultershaw.co.uk



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FACE PAINTING
DUVET DAY

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

At Sky Park Farm

MONDAY 13th	Movie Day including Children's admission £7.50 per child Snack, drink & movie 10:30 and 13:30 (advanced online booking advised)
TUESDAY 14th	Movie Day including Children's admission £7.50 per child Snack, drink & movie 10:30 and 13:30 (advanced online booking advised)
WEDNESDAY 15th	Shazzy Roo Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos Complimentary 11:00 - 15:00
THURSDAY 16th	Nolan Davis Children's Entertainer £5 per child 11:00 and 14:00 (advanced online booking advised)

Sky Park Farm, West Harting, Petersfield, GU31 5PT
www.skyparkfarm.com T.01730 634634

west sussex music

Choir taster 9 February!
West Sussex Young Voices - Chichester

ages 9-13 yrs
Thursdays 4pm-5pm
Chichester Music Centre
St Joseph's CE Junior School
Orchard Street, Chichester, PO19 1DQ

www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/choir
01403 286330
@WestSussexMusic

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LASER SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

Here for two nights
17 & 18 Feb
Chichester Canal Basin

From 5pm
with laser shows
at 6pm & 7:30pm

FREE EVENT

Featuring: 17 Feb - Angie LED Hula Hoop Artist,
18 Feb - The Glow Jugglers

There will be food and drink stalls
and the Canal Café will be open

Parking available at City centre car parks
and Chichester High School

For more information visit www.chichester.gov.uk/whatson

LEVELLING UP

HOPP COACHING

Graffham Tennis Club

Free Tennis Taster

February Half Term
Tuesday 14th February 2023

Come along to Graffham Tennis Club and have a go at tennis with Club Coach Richard Hopp!

Free fun taster sessions for YrR - Yr6

****A great introduction to tennis****

****Fun games****

****Very friendly and active local club****

Age	Time	Price
YrR - Yr1	9.30 - 10.10am	Free
Yr2 - Yr4	10.10 - 10.50am	Free
Yr5 - Yr6	10.50am - 11.30am	Free

Open to members and non-members of Graffham Tennis Club

for more information or to book, please get in touch

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