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Luke 18:35 'As he drew near to Jericho...'

5th October 2022
Autumn Term No.1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in and around our school. Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Carter, Mrs Gill and Miss Pennicotte-Henrie for giving up their Friday evening and the weekend to take our year six children on our annual residential to Little Canada. I really appreciate the time given as it reduces the cost of the trip considerably. Once again, the trip was superb, with children challenging themselves. It was brilliant seeing the children in the sea, exploring the beach, enjoying their rooms, exploring the site looking for the lemonade and of course, the children had a go at the many different activities. Some children enjoy the climbing, abseiling, giant swing etc. activities, whilst some preferred the fencing or sensory trail.

Last week saw the whole school exploring the history and geography of Petworth. Children were seen in the town conducting different surveys, visiting Petworth House, Petworth Park, Cottage Museum and visiting different shops around the town.

On Thursday 29th September, all of our key stage two children paid their respects at the 80th memorial service the children and adults who died when the Boys' School was bombed. We had a service at St Mary's Church and then the children walked down to the graveside. As Molly said after she saw the names, 'What all of these children?' and the realisation that the equivalent of a 21st century class was taken away from us.

This week sees the start of our competitive intra and inter events. On Friday, the whole school will participate in a cross-country event around the school, which children from Willow Class will organise. On Thursday, Bury and Slindon schools are visiting us to participate in football matches. In the next couple of weeks, we will be taking two football teams (U11 Girls & U11 Mixed) to Brighton and Hove Albion training ground to participate in the Albion Cup. A great experience as we compete against schools from all over the county.

Trips have started once again and last week all of Willow Class visited MRC and on Thursday are visiting Pizza Express as part of their D & T curriculum. In the next few weeks, Beech Class are going to Butsar Farm, classes will be visiting Petworth library and Maple Class visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace.

Our fantastic PPSA are always looking for ways to give our children different experiences. They work tirelessly to support the school and I am very grateful for everything they do. On Tuesday 4th October at 6.30pm is the PPSA annual general meeting and anyone connected to the school is welcome to attend. During the meeting, they will reflect on the many different events they organised last year, as well as looking ahead to what will prove to be another busy year..

We are always looking for volunteers, who can give up a small amount of time to work with our children in different aspects of school's life. These could include helping out at our Forest School, reading with the children, assisting developing our grounds. If you are interested, please come and talk to me.





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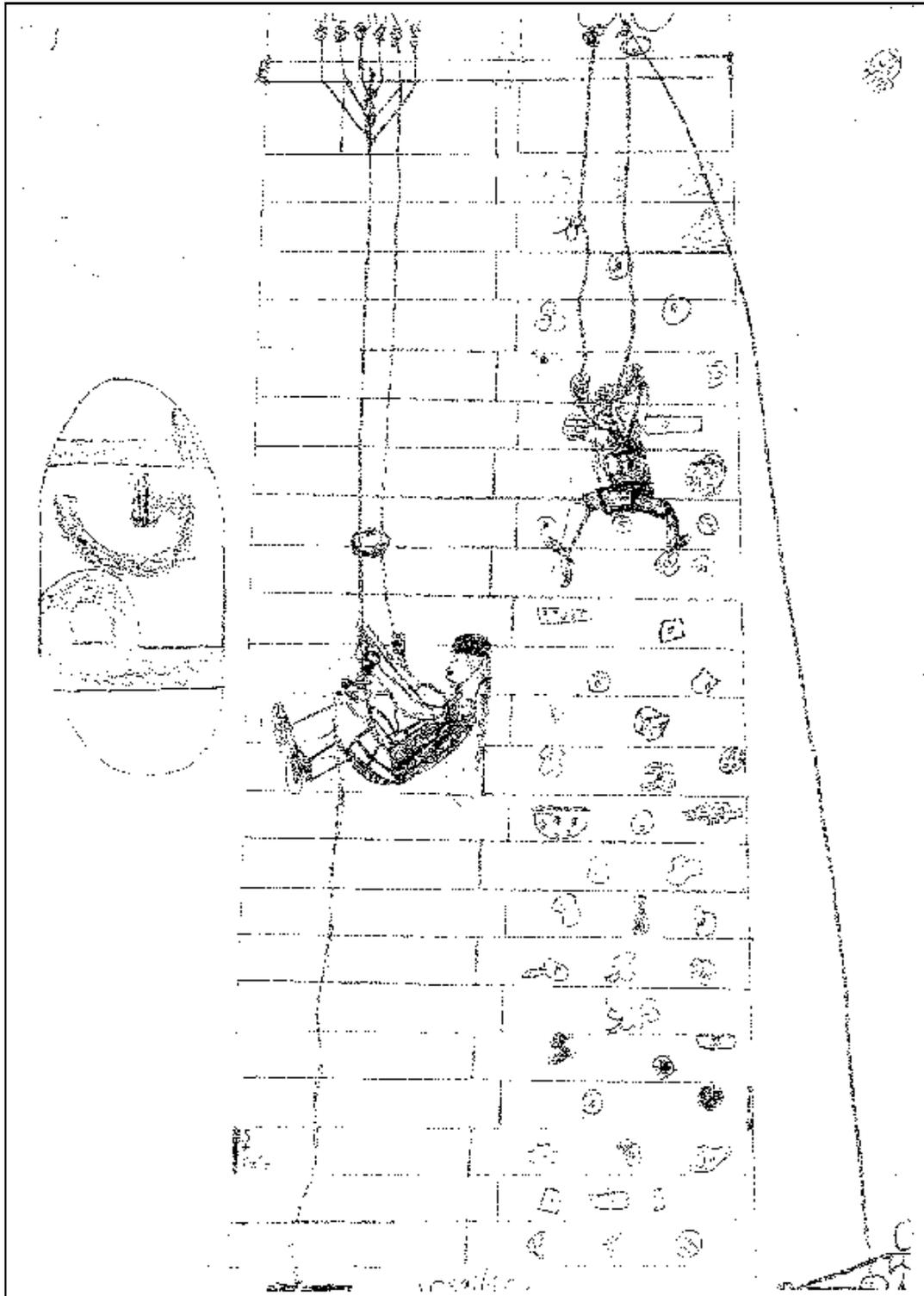
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Willow Class PGL by Imogen





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Oak Class

Oak Class have been reading the story 'The Colour Monster'. We have been talking about our emotions and how we might behave when we feel different emotions. We have explored what we can do to help ourselves and others if we feel sad, angry or scared.

As part of our work in R.E, we have been thinking about why Christians celebrate Harvest. We explored the kinds of fruit and vegetables that are harvested at this time of year and cooked some delicious apple tarts.



Beech Class

In year three, we have been learning about the Stone Age and exploring what life would have been like during this time. We have been looking at the book 'Stone Age Boy' and have been writing postcards to loved ones from the Stone Age. In science, we have been looking at different types of rocks and learning key words like metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous. This week we have been learning about the Petworth Workhouse, the children have been doing activities such as; writing workhouse rules, sketching the workhouse with charcoal and some map work.

Elm Class

Elm Class have loved using Kensuke's Kingdom, a book by Michael Morpurgo, to inspire some creative writing. As part of their English lessons, they have learnt about different sentence structures, which they have applied impressively in their independent writing.

As part of Petworth Week, year 5 have been busy delving into the history of Gunpowder Plot and its links with Petworth. Children have learnt about why the conspiracy began and the story behind its eventual discovery. During our visit to Petworth House on Tuesday, the class learnt about Henry Percy's (the owner of Petworth House in 1605) arrest following the discovery of his cousin's treasonous plans (Thomas). While in Petworth House, we saw some amazing historical artefacts, including the Molyneux globe, which was given to Henry Percy by Sir Walter Raleigh during his imprisonment in the Tower of London.

Children have also been out and about conducting fieldwork to address the question: How accessible is Petworth?

Swimming lessons and gymnastics lessons have got year 5 off to an active start of the year and we plan to keep up the pace with a Cross Country competition beckoning next Friday!

Maple Class

We have begun the year with so much learning in Year Four! We have started learning about the geography of Europe through our focused topic this half term and have explored the differences between a country and a continent. We have written non chronological reports about the United Kingdom and created some fact-filled double page spreads about Europe as part of our geography journey. We have also written Haiku poetry as part of Petworth Week and formal letters in response to a focus question which led the fieldwork across that week... does Petworth do enough to encourage recycling? We have started guitar lessons and invasion games in PE and in maths have been building on our place value knowledge, looking at rounding, partitioning and comparing numbers. Forest School



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sessions have been a highlight as we have explored the river, cooked honey biscuits and enjoyed making dens!

Ash Class

Ash Class visited Petworth on Wednesday to visit some shops and make comparisons between what was available in Petworth in the past and what is available now. They also undertook a short traffic survey from the grounds of St Mary's Church.

Huge thanks to our parent helpers, who were completely invaluable, and to Father Mark for allowing us to use the churchyard and facilities. Thanks also to all the patient and kind shopkeepers and business owners who generously welcomed us and answered our questions without hesitation—Red Card, Petworth Bookshop, Cherry's Deli and Bakery, Rugs of Petworth, Newlands House Gallery, The Hungry Guest, Déjà Vu, Maggie and Belle and Tristian Eves.

On Monday, Miles Costello from the Petworth Society came to show us some pictures and artefacts from Petworth. He talked to us about some of the shops that the town had, as well as how life was different - the baker's boys delivering the bread and outside taps being memorable facts! He also showed us some old price tags from a shop.

Thanks to Miles for giving up his time.



European Day of Languages

Throughout the school we are celebrating the European Day of Languages held annually on the 26th September. The aim was to make the children aware that Europe is rich in languages, the importance of learning a language and the many cultures that accompanies it.

Rowan class have been learning and researching different words for foods and animals and have learnt how to greet each other in French. Over the next few weeks, children in KS2 will be researching different European countries and their language (s) and will discover aspects of their culture.

'Europe is rich in languages - there are over 200 European languages and many more spoken by citizens whose family origin is from other continents. This is an important resource to be recognised, used and cherished.

'Language learning brings benefits to everyone. Even if you only know a few words of the language of the country that you visit (for example on holiday), this enables you to make new friends and contacts. English alone is not enough!'



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Sports Leaders

We are very excited that our Sports Leaders have begun working with our younger pupils during lunchtimes, engaging them with games and activities to encourage teamwork, sports skills and sharing.



We are looking for candidates who:

- Have good interpersonal skills; a high level of integrity and can maintain confidentiality.
- Are able to organise their time and work independently.
- Can maintain a good level of concentration and record accurate minutes of meetings.
- Are confident and knowledgeable in using IT programs, specifically Word.
- Are flexible in their working hours.

If you feel this role would suit you, please contact the school office and a governor will get in touch with you.

Reminder Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Reminders were e-mailed home yesterday to all the parents that have not yet applied for their child's secondary school place in September 2023. Applications must be made online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions by **Monday 31st October 2022**.

Parent and Carer Consent to Administer Non Prescription Medicine (paracetamol and antihistamine)

Please can you let the office know if there are any changes to the consent gained since you completed the form? Otherwise we will assume that the consent remains current.

Two Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for a parent governor. If you are interested in this position and would like to know more, please call into the office and we will arrange one of our current parent governor's to contact you for a chat.

Class Reading Books

Oak Class

Oak Class are currently reading 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster goes to school' by Anna Llenas.

Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading "A House that One Was" Julie Fogliano.

Beech Class

Beech Class are currently reading "Stig of the Dump" by Clive King.

Elm Class

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

New Table Tennis Tables

The new table tennis tables are a big hit with the children.



Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governors

We are looking for a clerk to our Governors. The role is to provide administrative support to enable the governing body to meet its statutory duties in an efficient and effective way. The clerk's role is pivotal, in ensuring all decisions and actions taken within meetings are recorded for future reference by the governing body and external agencies. The workload can be variable as Governors may need additional meetings from time to time. Applicants must be prepared to work flexibly, however some of the work can be done from home and circulated electronically.



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Dates for your Diary 2022

Thurs	15	Sept	Maple Forest School
Fri	16	Sept	Elm Class Swimming Lesson
Tues	11	Oct	PPSA AGM 6pm School Hall
Tues	11	Oct	U11 Girls Football Tournament
Fri	14	Oct	Football MRC
Mon	17	Oct	Beech Class Butser Farm
Mon	17	Oct	Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore Author Visiting Oak, Ash, Rowan & Maple
Tues	18	Oct	U11 Football Tournament
Weds	19	Oct	Harvest Festival 9.30am St Mary's Church
Thurs	20	Oct	School Photos
Thurs	20	Oct	Willow Class Forest School
Thurs	20	Oct	Break up for Half Term
Fri	21	Oct	Inset Day School Closed
Mon	31	Oct	Back to School
Fri	4	Nov	PPSA School Disco (details to follow)
Mon	7	Nov	Willow Class Bikeability
Fri	11	Nov	Hockey MRC (details to follow)
Fri	2	Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair
Sat	10	Dec	PPSA Bingo Night
Mon	12	Dec	Ash Class Petworth House Christmas Party (details to follow)
Fri	16	Dec	End of Autumn Term
Tues	3	Jan	Back to School Start of the Spring Term
Thurs	5	Jan	Elm Class Forest School
Fri	13	Jan	Maple Class Swimming Lessons
Fri	20	Jan	MRC Quad Athletics
Fri	3	Feb	MRC Cross Country
Thurs	9	Feb	Beech Class Forest School
Fri	10	Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon	20	Feb	Inset Day School Closed
Tues	21	Feb	Back to School
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
Fri	26	May	Break up fro 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	Back to School 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

Fri	21 Oct	Inset Day
Mon	20 Feb	Inset Day
Mon	5 June	Inset Day



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A rich diverse curriculum offering opportunities for all.



A wide range of free clubs offered by staff members both before and after school.



Close links within the community giving access to a variety of trips and visits, and external visitors.



Extensive grounds offering varied sporting opportunities.



Regular Forest School sessions led by Level 3 qualified Forest School trained teachers

OFSTED SAY:
"A GOOD SCHOOL...PUPILS ARE WELL BEHAVED...THE CURRICULUM IS BROAD...PUPILS FEEL SAFE"
2020

PARENT VIEWS:
"MY CHILDREN ARE FLOURISHING" 2022

PARENT VIEWS:
"PPS PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES...MY EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED" 2022

Please call the school to arrange a visit at your convenience and see for yourself what we offer.



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Chartwells Catering have vacancies

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

- Fernhurst Primary Team Leader** 17.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour
- Billingshurst Primary CSA** 10hrs per week £9.50 per hour
- Easebourne Primary CSA** 10hrs per week £9.50 per hour
- Plaistow and Kirdford Primary Team Leader** 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour
- Rake Primary Team Leader** 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour
- Stedham Primary Team Leader** 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour
- Area support 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour**

Appropriate training will be given and smart uniform will be provided. DBS checks will be carried out on successful applicants.

For more information please contact
email
Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk or 07867 202886



EAT LEARN LIVE

MRC Parents Presents Fireworks Night 2022

Tickets on Eventbrite
Search for MRC PARENTS

Friday 4th November
Gates open 6.00pm

BAR BY:    **SCANDILICIOUS**

FOOD TRUCKS:  

OUR SPONSORS: 

ADMISSION
Family of 4 - £20/£16 adv
Adult - £7/£6 adv

Hot food & snacks
Licensed Bar
Raffle to start the display
No parking onsite (disabled parking available if booked)

Midhurst Rother College
North Street, Midhurst