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James 1:12 'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial.'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A Positive Hockey Experience

On Friday 11th November, we took two hockey teams to the latest MRC sporting tournament. One of the benefits of these tournaments, is to give children an opportunity to try a new sport in a competitive environment.

Our two teams were:

- A) Molly, Imogen, Shay, Harry S and Seb
- B) Alex, Harry AS, Cooper and Abigail

After a quick reminder about the best way to pass and dribble, the children were ready for their first games.

Petworth A played Midhurst A and were narrowly beaten 2-0, while Petworth B won a very tense game 1-0, with Harry AS making some brilliant defensive stops and scoring the winning goal.

Petworth B were immediately on again and were playing Easebourne. Once again, a very close game with superb passing between the players. Both teams did not stop running or trying, however, once again Petworth were victorious, winning 1-0 with yet again Harry AS scoring. This meant Petworth B won their group and were in the semi-finals.

Petworth A's second game was against St. James and this was a slightly one-sided affair. St. James did not stop competing, however we ended 5-0 winners, with Molly scoring two and Seb with three.

Petworth A had one more league game and this was against Easebourne. Once again a very close game, but with goals from Shay and Seb, meant we won 2-0 and were in the knock out stages to see if they could finish 5th overall.

Petworth B's semi-final was against Camelsdale and this proved a very difficult game. Camelsdale had most of the play, although we did have chances. However, with the last hit of the game, Camelsdale scored the winner, going in off the post. Now, could we finish 3rd overall as we were in the 3rd/4th play-off?

Meanwhile, Petworth A played an equally matched game against Hollycombe. Both teams had chances to score and we eventually won 1-0 with Seb scoring the winner. Petworth A's final game (5th/6th play-off game) was against Fernhurst and unfortunately we narrowly lost 1-0, which meant Petworth A finished 6th overall.

However, could Petworth B win their final game and finish 3rd overall? Our opposition was Harting and both teams had chances and the standard of play was good. You could clearly see the improvement of ball control, passing and tackling. Of course, the ball hit the foot on too many occasions, but

considering the number of times all of the children had played hockey, I was extremely impressed. Eventually we won 2-0 and in all of the excitement, as we finished 3rd overall out of 14 teams, I did not jot down who scored the goals. However, that does not matter as the whole team, defended and attacked well.

A huge thank you must go to MRC Sports Leaders as they referred and encouraged all of the children. Also, I was once again extremely proud of our children as well as the other schools' children, as the whole tournament was played in a very sporting way. Hopefully one or two of the children will want to join a local hockey club.

As far as our school, we will have an intra tournament in the Spring Term as that is what the children have asked for!



Albion Cup U11 Mixed Final

As we finished runners-up in the West Sussex Albion Cup, we were invited to participate in the East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton Albion Cup final tournament, which was held on Friday 18th November at the Brighton FC training ground in Lancing.

Twelve schools from as far afield as Eastbourne to Crawley converged on the brilliant facility and our players were very aware of how difficult this tournament was going to be as we were by far the smallest school participating. There were two leagues with the top two of each league progressing to the semi-finals. This meant we were guaranteed a minimum of five games.

As the sun shone, we started our first game, which was against the six-form entry school, Thomas A Becket. Very early on in the game we went behind 1-0 as we lost the ball in defence and the opposition took advantage.



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However, we did not give up with some excellent passing between Shay, Leo and Seb, which resulted in our equaliser. Leo won the ball, quick pass to Shay, who beat two players, squared the ball to Seb who had an open goal. 1-1...could we get the winner? Both teams had chances and some good defending from Harry AS and Scarlet, with Jacques making an important save, meant the end result was 1-1. A solid start!

Our second game was against Balfour. Once again, we went behind and Balfour dominated the first few minutes of the game. All of the players were defending and we did not have many chances to go forward. However, the more the game went on, the more we started having opportunities. Charlie passed to Shay, who went on a run and managed to get a free kick. A superb shot from Shay gave the goalkeeper no chance...1-1. Time was running out and then a superb ball from Shay to Leo, who controlled it and hit the ball on the half-volley and it hit the back of the net. We had scored the winner with the last kick of the game! Superb!

Goldstone were our next opponents and we knew this would be tough from the games we had seen them play. A very even game with both sides having chances. Our players did not allow the opposition to settle on the ball and hounded them constantly. Leo, Shay and Seb did not stop running, with Charlie, Harry AS and Jacques solid at the back. The game ended in a goalless draw; however it was a very good game.

Our fourth game was against Ocklynge 1, and it was a game we dominated from start to finish. However, it took us until five minutes into the game to score. Shay went on a run on the left hand side and shot low into the far corner. Within a couple of minutes, Shay repeated his run and shot...2-0. To Ocklynge's credit, they did not stop trying and scored a goal, after a mix up in our defence. Four games, two wins and two draws. Could we qualify for the semis?

Our final league game was against Haven, who had played incredibly well throughout the tournament. Haven dominated the first couple of minutes and scored from a free kick. Once again, Petworth showed their fighting spirit and Seb scored a superb goal, which the goalkeeper stood no chance. Once again, the referee gave away a controversial free kick, which Haven scored from. We had three minutes to get the equaliser to stand a chance of going through. Our players dominated the final few minutes, with Leo's overhead kick just going wide; Shay having two fantastic shots saved by the goalkeeper and Seb hitting the cross bar. Alas, we just could not get the equaliser and we had suffered our first defeat in normal time after twelve games.

This final defeat meant we finished third in our league, however all of the players should be incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and a smattering of skills shown. If England and Wales men's football teams show this same desire and heart you never

know what might happen.

To sum up our Albion Cup experience...we played twelve games and lost twice. Once on penalties and once in normal time. We finished runners-up in the West Sussex Albion Cup and finished third in the league stages of the overall competition. Our children showed incredible sporting behaviour, had the opportunity to play their peers from across three different areas, and they did all of this with a smile. In 2019 we participated and scored one goal. In 2021 we participated and reached the quarter-finals. In 2022 we excelled and it just shows, give children the opportunity and they will be thrive.

Maple Class Fishbourne Roman Palace

On Monday 7th November, Maple Class visited Fishbourne Roman Palace as part of their history learning about Roman Britain. We had a fantastic day learning all about the importance of artefacts as sources of information about life in the past and about how the Romans would have lived over 2000 years ago. The children took part in a workshop about ancient life and were able to do lots of different Roman activities, such as spinning wool with a spindle, making mosaics, writing using the Roman alphabet on wax tablets and using a quern stone to grind wheat to make flour. They then had the chance to explore the museum itself and learn about what the palace would have looked like all of those years ago and who would have lived there. The mosaic floors were amazing and the children were particularly enthralled by the hypocaust (under-floor heating). So much learning took place whilst we were all having an enjoyable day out; our spirits not dampened by the constant rain!





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Co-op Local Community Fund

Over the last 12 months, local people who have been shopping at Co-op, have selected our PPSA project as their charity to support. We are overjoyed that £2609.94 has been raised by our wonderful community.

The project we submitted was to help to fund our minibus and to further develop our outdoor learning areas as we increase our children's knowledge of the great outdoors. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to raising funds for our school.



New Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Bryan Durrant, who is already an active volunteer within our school, as our new parent governor. He is the husband of Alicia and father of Sebastian, Greta and Jenson. We are still seeking an additional parent governor. If anyone is interested please come and see me.



KS1 Night Time Experience

On Thursday 3rd November, Oak, Ash and Rowan Classes had a night time experience. During the morning, all three classes were able to move into different spaces to complete activities including firework dancing, icing firework biscuits, making pinwheels, creating star constellation maps, sewing and art using natural materials, wax resist and paint.



Children in Ash and Rowan were then invited to stay late at school for games in the dark and a supper of sausages and chips (kindly provided for us by Best Kebab at Hampers Green) followed by the treats we had prepared earlier in the day. Teachers read a story and then children went home, hopefully tired and feeling full! Huge thanks to Mrs McGrath, Mrs Groves and Mrs Durrant who all stayed to help.

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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 Iron Man by Ted Hughes/ illustrated by Chris Mould.

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 'The Adventurers and The Great Continental Chase' by Jemma Hatt.

Elm Class

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

Willow Class

Willow Class are currently reading 'Holes'by Louise Sachar.





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Dates for your Diary 2022/2023

Thurs	1	Dec	Oak Class Maths Workshop 9am
Fri	2	Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair
Mon	5	Dec	Indoor Cricket Tournament
Tues	6	Dec	'Christmas with the Aliens' 5pm Oak, Ash, Rowan Class
Wed	7	Dec	'Christmas with the Aliens' 2pm Oak, Ash, Rowan Class
Fri	9	Dec	Last Petworth Cricket Club
Sat	10	Dec	PPSA Bingo Night
Mon	12	Dec	Ash Class Petworth House Christmas Party
Tues	13	Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Tues	13	Dec	Willow Class Singing at Rotherlea
Wed	14	Dec	PPSA Elfridges
Thurs	15	Dec	Christmas Service St Mary's Church 9.30am
Thurs	15	Dec	School Christmas Lunch and Parties
Fri	16	Dec	Whole School Panto
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
Mon	23	Jan	Young Voices Choir O2 London
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
Mon	8	May	Bank Holiday School Closed
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

Inset Days 2022/2023

Mon	20 Feb	Inset Day
Mon	5 June	Inset Day

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

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



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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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Ho, ho, ho! Join me at
Petworth CofE Primary School's
CHRISTMAS FAIR!

drinks **Friday 2nd December** *fun*
6pm to 8pm

inside & outside *raffle* *BBQ* *crafts*
stalls

games *tombola*