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Genesis 1 'In the beginning God...'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cross Country Success

Last Friday, 15 children from year three to year six participated in a cross-country challenge held at MRC. Eleven schools participated in four races. During the afternoon it was great to see how our year six children looked after their younger peers through their support, encouragement and ensuring the children were in the right place at the right time.

The first race was the mixed year three race. The children had to run twice around the astro pitch, make their way to the front of the school and then run around the rugby pitch. In total they ran approximately 1220 metres. Our three runners were Shay, Charlie D and Seb. After strict instructions of pacing themselves and not to sprint at the start...of course they sprinted and all three were near the front for the first lap. Unfortunately, Charlie fell, but he continued to do the race. Seb had a very distinctive technique which involved sprinting as far as he could then walk. This worked superbly for him as he finished in a superb 6th. Shay had a slightly different strategy and made his way to the front by the end of the first lap. Shay continued this pace throughout the run and he finished in 1st place.

Next, the year fours readied themselves and were soon on their way. All of them took the laps around the football pitch steadily and found their own rhythm. They were soon passing the children who started too quickly. Our year four team (Freddy, Aria, Eve, Ferne and Sophie) ran as fast as they could with Ferne 4th girl home and Freddy 12th boy.

The third race saw the year five/six girls competing against each other. They were nervous as they had to run a little further; it was getting sloppy under foot as well as they wanted to do their best. Our team (Mae, April and Everlyn) followed my advise of setting off at a steady pace and smiling at me whenever they saw me. By the end of the running around the astro pitch Everlyn had taken the lead, Mae was in the top ten with April not far behind. Everlyn managed to maintain the lead until the line meaning Petworth CofE Primary School had won two of the three races so far. Mae finished 6th and April managed to finish in about 20th place.

The final race saw Hendricks, Lloyd, Jack R and Oliver D represent our school. Again, they listened to the advise given, although Jack to the extreme as he was at the back after the first lap. This did quickly change. All four ran sensibly and steadily and as they left the astro pitch Lloyd was in 6th place. Watching our children run around the rugby pitch they clearly paced themselves well as they were all closing and overtaking the children in front of them as Lloyd in a respectful 5th place.

This was a great challenge for these children and they all finished incredibly upbeat and proud of their achievements. Lloyd, Jack R, Mae, Hendricks, Oliver D and Everlyn have all volunteered to participate in the Chichester Cooperate Chal-

lenge where they will run against their peers on three different evenings after half-term. I am looking forward to seeing how they get on.



Ash Class

Year One have been learning how to press print using acrylic paints. They have created simple botanical designs and now they have perfected the technique. They will be creating a beautiful collaborative wall hanging!



We also had a visit from Mrs English, a small business owner, who works a lot in Africa. She taught us a lot about the continent, the climate and the types of plants you might see there. She showed the children some bolga baskets made in Ghana and they had a go at shaping them, as well as finding out how the local women cut the grass, split it with their teeth and weave the baskets, which can take a week!





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Oak Class Visit to Petworth Fire Station

Oak class were very lucky to be welcomed by Mike and Steve at Petworth Fire Station. Excitement was running high as we arrived but Oak Class sat and listened carefully. Mike talked to us about what emergencies they help with and how quickly they have to be at the Fire Station when their pager goes off.



Steve dressed up to show us their special clothes, including his breathing apparatus and then Mrs Abbott had a turn. She looked like a proper fire fighter! Beth was brave enough to try on the clothes too but we all decided she needs to grow some more before becoming an awesome fire fighter. We each had a turn of looking through the thermal imaging camera before heading outside to see the fire engine arrive with sirens flashing.



Our visit finished on the high of spraying the hoses! Working as teams we rolled the hoses out and took turns to see how far we could spray the water. Mike had put some cones for us to spray but some of Oak Class chose different targets, the teachers! We walked back to school a little damp but full of smiles.



We loved exploring inside the fire engine, spotting the oxygen cylinders, torches and walkie talkies, as well as the 999 button. We saw all the equipment that the engine carries and we showed how strong we are by lifting the huge cutters.

Packed Lunches Reminder

Please remember to include a drink with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free

Due to there being someone in school with a severe nut allergy, please **DO NOT** send your child/ren in with any food which contains nuts e.g. Peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches, walnuts, peanuts, snack bars etc. Thank you.



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Eco News

Our Eco committee have been working very hard around the school in educating all of our children the importance of switching off lights and computers, when they are not in use. Alongside this, our school children have been continuing to build a plastic greenhouse; looking after our chickens; working on our reflection garden; planting trees and preparing beds for planting.

Thanks to the support from the children, parents, local businesses, members of the Petworth community and even other schools we have worked together to prevent 148.8kg of crisp packets going into landfill. This is a huge achievement and it comes from an idea our children had. Please therefore keep collecting and spreading the word as it shows our children that every little bit does make a difference.

Our solar panels are obviously not making as much electricity as in the summer months. However, we have prevented 54.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.

We are having a tree planting day on Tuesday 2nd March where we hope to get as many children as possible planting trees around the school. If you have any saplings or trees you would like to donate to our school please let us know.

Spag Fact

- Grammatical Feature : Full stop
- Definition : Punctuation which shows the end of a sentence or an abbreviation.
- Example : Terry Pratchett's latest book is not yet in paperback.

PPSA School Disco

The tickets will be on sale from the office from Tuesday next week for the school disco on Friday 28th February Early Years/KS1 5-6pm and KS2 6.15-7.15pm, £2.50 per ticket of £5 for a family ticket of 2 or more children.

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.

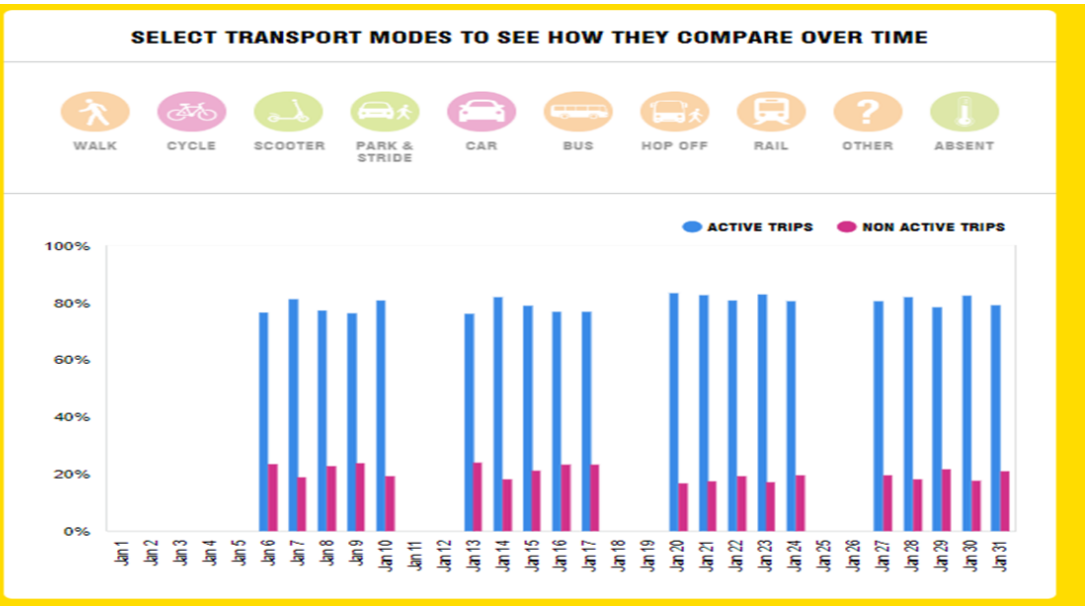
Driving onto School Site

In the interest of safeguarding, please could we ask you not to drive onto the school site in the morning and afternoon. Many thanks.

Travel Tracker January 2020



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Dates for your Diary 2020

- Mon 17-Fri 21 Feb Half Term (school closed)**
- Mon 24 Feb Inset Day (school closed)**
- Tues 25 Feb Back to School Starts at 8.30am**
- Fri 28 Feb Touch Rugby at MRC 2-3.30pm
- Fri 28 Feb PPSA School Disco (details to follow)
- Thurs 5 Mar World Book Day
- Fri 6 Mar Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm (details to follow)
- Tues 10 Mar Albion Cup Year 3 Football Tournament @ Lancing 8am-3pm
- Mon 23 Mar Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- Tues 24 Mar Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
- Weds 1 Apr Parliament Trip Willow & Elm Class
- Fri 3 Apr End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm**
- Mon 20 Apr Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am**
- Fri 24 Apr Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm (details to follow)
- Fri 8 May Bank Holiday School Closed
- Fri 22 May Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm (details to follow)
- Fri 22 May Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm**
- Mon 1 June Inset Day (school closed)**
- Fri 3 Jul Year 6 Leavers' Service Chichester Cathedral AM
- Fri 17 July End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm**
- Mon 20 July Inset Day (school closed)**

Inset Days

- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 1st June 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020



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STARGAZING SOUTH DOWNS **FREE EVENT**

Celebrate our Dark Skies during our 10th Anniversary year

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE, 4-8PM

- Indoor planetarium shows
- Talks on the night sky
- Giant planet themed colouring wall
- Advice on how to set up your telescope
- Virtual Reality Experience of our dark night skies
- Meet and learn about our native owls
- Astronaut selfie stands
- Outdoor stargazing if the night is clear
- Free 'Stargazing South Downs' booklets to take home
- Refreshments available to purchase

To find out more about this and the many other events happening during the South Downs Dark Skies festival

SOUTHDOVNS.GOV.UK/DARKSKIESFESTIVAL

Dark Skies Festival 2020
Friday 7 February - Sunday 23 February

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



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Community Day
Saturday 25 April 2020



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- and/or
- advertise your business

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10am - 2pm



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

RACE NIGHT
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL.



PETWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

ALL WELCOME, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SAVE THE DATE!



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