

### P.P.S. NEWSLETTER Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Genesis 1 `In the beginning God....'

16 December 2022 Autumn Term No.3

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of term approaches, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported our school. It has been great to hold our Christmas Fair this year and I am so grateful to our PPSA for everything they did to make this happen. It was lovely to see so many of you there as well as children and parents who have moved on. I always enjoy finding out what our children have achieve once they have left our school. Our PPSA work so hard and I am always amazed by and thankful for the effort and time everyone puts in. We also had a live audience for our Nativity, which was the first time for a couple of years. The children and staff worked hard to ensure the children enjoyed their performances.

Yesterday, we held our carol service at St. Mary's church, which was led by Father Mark. It was lovely seeing our Oak Class create the Christmas scene as our children completed readings throughout the service.

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Fogden and Mrs Harris. Everyone wishes them all the best in their next adventures as they start different roles in the new year. In January we welcome Miss Lenharth, who will be teaching Maple Class, and Mrs Harris, who will be the new Oak Class teacher. I am very much looking forward to working with these two ladies and seeing how they inspire, nurture and challenge our children.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a merry Christmas and I look forward to hearing all about the children's exploits over the holiday period. See you in 2023!









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#### **Indoor Cricket Celebration**

As part of our aim to give our children different experiences, we grabbed the opportunity to play indoor cricket with the Sussex Cricket Club. Twelve schools arrived at The Arena in preparation of four hours of playing and watching cricket. Our first game was against Fishbourne, which we won 70 runs to 59. Our next game was against Southway and we once again won by 50 runs. We scored 85 runs to Southway's 35.

An excellent start, but the big game was next...our opponents were Miss Webb's mighty Slindon team. I made it clear to all of our team that this is the one I wanted to win, and that if we did not they would be detention every day until Christmas, so no pressure! Once again, we played very well to win by 73 runs. We scored 114 runs to Slindon's 41 runs.

Our final game was against Westbourne, which turned out to be a tight game. It came down to the last over and Westbourne finally beat us by 16 runs.

All of the children should be very proud of themselves as they soon adapted to playing an unfamiliar game. Daniel and Jacques took turns to be captain and they led the team well. There was some excellent fielding, especially a stunning catch from Tom, and some high-quality bowling. We even hit a few sixes.



#### Willow Class Sing at Rother Lea

Willow Class sang beautifully to the residents of Rotherlea on Tuesday.





#### **Children In Need**

We raised an amazing £243 for Children In Need. Thank you.

#### **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.

#### Flm 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

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
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



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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



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

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"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

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.