



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

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

10th November 2020
Autumn Term No.4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to announce our School Ambassadors for 2020-2021 are Daniel Chessman and Chloe Edwards, with Hollie Torode and Leo Velletrani as Vice Ambassadors. I know these four children will do a sterling job and respond positively to the various opportunities they are given.

Remembrance Day

It was great to see Daniel and Chloe represent our school as part of the annual Remembrance Service in Petworth on Sunday. As you would expect, it was very different from previous years and very sombre. In addition to this, we must thank Toby Bartlett as he represented our school in the Petworth Town Band Remembrance Video, which can be seen at <https://youtu.be/qB56CaLnk5w>. We will be showing this video as part of our school remembrance service on Wednesday, which will lead into our two minute silence.



Headteacher for the Day

I am pleased to announce that Henry Harrison will be taking over as Headteacher on Wednesday 11th November. Henry won a hard fought democratic battle to become 'Headteacher for the Day' as part of our Parliament Week. During the week, the children had many different opportunities to use democracy, write speeches, create videos and discuss what it is to live in a democratic society. Our local MP, Andrew Griffith, created a short film outlining the role of Members of Parliament. You can watch some of the films on our You Tube channel at <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCuqSEFKfclggvMuDPZU6-tg>.

Co-op Art Competition

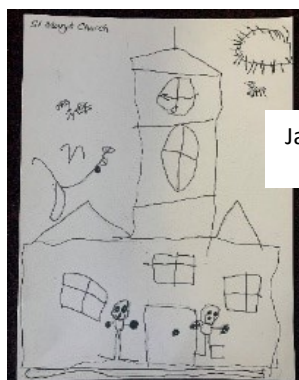
As part of the Co-op refurbishment and reopening on Friday 4th December, our children participated in a Petworth Drawing Competition, where the children had to create a piece of art based on Petworth. Hassaanah, from the Co-op, judged the competition and the staff were so overwhelmed by the quality. They have announced that Imogen Collins (see picture left) has won the competition, so we may find her design on a Co-op bag in the near future.



Autumn



Caitlin



Jacob G



Connie



Alfie C



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Thank You

Thank you to everyone for not driving onto the school site when dropping off and picking up your children. Please can you continue to help us teach the children the importance of looking after our environment by turning off your car engines whilst waiting for your children. Several children have spoken to me about this and I am proud that they have voiced their concern for their environment beyond the school gates.

Ash and Rowan Class Camp Out

Ash and Rowan Classes had a very successful camp out experience last week. We spent the day learning about The Gunpowder Plot and completing firework tasks including wax resist painting and shape based maths. At 3.30pm we went outdoors for some fun playing the playground games we have been learning in PE and then some time on the trim trail. At 4.30pm we settled down for some stories, songs and eating lots of delicious food, some of which we had made during the day! We had pizza pinwheels, fruit kebabs, firework biscuits and hotdogs and hot chocolate. As the event drew to a close we went star spotting.



Come in Pyjamas and Dressing Gown for Children in Need!

The children once again, the children have decided to support Children in Need this year.

On **Friday 13th November**, for a donation of £1.00 we are encouraging children to wear their **pyjamas and onesie and/or a dressing gown** to raise a substantial sum for this worthwhile charity which helps many, many children from all walks of life. Please ensure that they are warm enough and have suitable footwear for playtimes.

Thank you for your support.

Class Reading Books

Oak Class

Oak Class are reading 'Goodnight Spaceman' and 'Whatever Next' as part of their mini topic on Space.

Ash Class

Ash Class are reading the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' retold by Michael Morpurgo, which links to thankfulness.

Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes.

Beech Class

Beech have finished 'Stig of the Dump' and have now started 'The Secret Dragon' by Ed Clarke. We will also be looking at 'Blackout' by John Rocco, which we will be basing our literacy and science on.

Maple Class

Maple Class are reading 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen and 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith.

Elm Class

Elm Class are currently reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

Willow Explorers

Willow Explorers are now reading 'Uglies' by Scott Westerfield.

Willow Investigators

Willow Investigators are still reading 'Soft Courage' in class.

SPAG FACT

Grammatical Feature : Question

Definition : A sentence that asks something

Example : Who else will be there?
Is this really little Thomas?



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Article 34 Governments must protect children from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

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Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governors

We are still 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.

- 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.

Dates for your Diary 2020/2021

Thurs 15 Oct to 19 Nov Willow Investigators Forest School
 Fri 13 Nov Children In Need
 Thurs 26 Nov to 7th Jan Elm Forest School
 Fri 27 Nov PPSA Bring a Bottle and Wear your Own Clothes (Details to follow)
 Mon 30 Nov to Fri 4 Dec Year 6 Bikeability
 Tues 8 Dec Flu Jabs Whole School
Fri 18 Dec End of Autumn Term
Mon 4 Jan Return To School Start of Spring Term
 Thurs 14 Jan to 11 Feb Maple Forest School
Fri 12 Feb Break up for Half Term
Mon 22 Feb Back to School
 Fri 26 Mar Year 6 PGL Residential IOW
 Mon 29 Mar Year 6 return from PGL Residential IOW
Thurs 1 Apr End of Spring Term
Mon 19 Apr Back to School Start of the Summer Term
 Thurs 22 Apr to 20 May Beech Forest School
Mon 3 May School Closed Bank Holiday
 Thurs 27 May to 1 July Rowan Class Forest School
Fri 28 May Break up for Half Term
Mon 7 June Back to School
Fri 23 Jul End of Summer Term
Thurs 2 Sept Back to School Start of the Autumn Term
 Fri 1 Oct Year 6 PGL Residential IOW
 Mon 4 Oct Year 6 return from PGL Residential IOW
Fri 22 Oct Break up for Half Term
Mon 1 Nov Back to School
Fri 17 Dec End of Autumn Term

Inset Days 2020/2021

Two More Inset Days to be Confirmed