



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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12th June 2020
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware we have welcomed back to school children from Oak, Ash and Willow class, as they join our key worker children, who have been coming to school since Monday 23rd March (including Easter holidays and half-term). It is fantastic to have more children around the school and the children have really thrived being back.

You may have heard on the news, the government has made the decision to not advocate the return of all primary school children to formal education. I am not surprised by this decision with the social distancing rules still in place. However, I have contacted the Local Authority about the school using the vacant rooms in the Herbert Shiner building if current restrictions are still in place in September. This will take some investment from County, but I want you to be aware that we are exploring every possibility to get as many children back to school as possible.

For children not attending school there is work posted on the class blogs, which can be found at https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs/1459343. Mrs Harris is overseeing most of the home learning at the moment and there will be new work posted every day. Remember you can send in work and ask questions of the teachers via their class email address. If you need anything printed up, need another exercise book, etc. please contact the school office and we will arrange for this to happen, which I know you have appreciated since lockdown started.

I have been overwhelmed by the support from our school community and beyond. So many people have sent kind messages, biscuits and helped improve the school grounds in readiness for the return of the children. There have been many parents who have helped me over the last few months, but I would like to publically embarrass Sean, Andrew and Bryan, who have been welcome sounding boards and given me several ideas of how to tackle different projects.

Mrs Sandon-Webb has been monitoring the slt@petworthprimary.co.uk email address seven days a week, so if you have questions and you think we can help please contact Mrs Sandon-Webb and/or me, and we will try to assist you.

Transition for Year Six Children

Mr Edwards has contacted us and MRC are planning to run a virtual transition meeting and will be inviting parents/carers of Year Six to join them virtually at some point towards the end of the month. Mr Edwards will be contacting families soon.

Farewell to Mr Creese

At the end of the summer term Mr Creese will be leaving our school as he is moving up north to Buckinghamshire to join a primary school. I am very grateful for Mr Creese's commitment and dedication to the children and school, and I am sure you all would like to wish Mr Creese good luck and every success for the future.

We have already appointed a teacher Miss Pennicotte-Henrie will start at our school in September.

Be Aware!

I have been told that a letter has been sent to homes and businesses in Petworth asking for contributions to produce road safety leaflets on behalf of local primary schools. Please be aware we do not know anything about this and we are not involved in this in any way.

Book Swap

It is great to see so many families engaging with our book swap, which is at the entrance to our school. Please, as long as you adhere to social distancing rules, come along and exchange, borrow and enjoy reading the children's and adult books.

Eco Update

As you are aware the school gained it's Eco Green Flag Award in March and we are keen to continue developing our eco credentials as well the children's understanding of how important it is to look after the environment around us. Many of you have still been collecting and donating your crisp packets (bin by the entrance to the school) and we are now asking you to still collect the crisp packets, but also collect and donate dishwashing, cleaning and fragrance flexible packaging (see picture).



Herbert Shiner Site

We have now installed a new gate and it will be locked between 8:15 am and 9 am, and then again from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please do not drive onto the site, as we have children using different entrances to enter the school grounds and we must make it as safe as possible.

As you know dogs are not allowed on the site except the footpath, which runs alongside the side of the site. Unfortunately many dog owners are not picking up the little, or in some cases massive, presents. We will endeavour to clean these up, but I really do not want to

School Grounds

After some ground clearance we are going to purchase a polytunnel, so we can use the outside area more during the winter months as well as further develop children's understanding of food production. Additionally Mr Rowley has extended the outdoor learning area of Rowan Class, so the children can play independently outside the classroom.



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At the moment we have five gazebos, donated by the PPSA, around the grounds to support outdoor learning and our Key worker (year 2 and 3) have been hard working on our eco garden, as they try to make it more child and animal friendly. We have also bought two new storage sheds to store playtime equipment.

Petworth Community Garden

I am very grateful to Caroline Bianchi, who has donated many different plants for our allotments, which the children have enjoyed planting and looking after. She has also donated lots of lettuce, which we have given to the children to take home.

Dates for your Diary 2020

Fri	17 July	End of Term School Finishes
Mon	20 July	Inset Day (school closed)
Thurs	3 Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Fri	23 Oct	Break up for Half Term
Mon	2 Nov	Back to School

Inset Days

Monday 20th July 2020