



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Job 34:4 'Learn together what is good....'

18th December 2020

Autumn Term No.6

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW...what a term! Firstly, I must congratulate our amazing children, who have been phenomenal throughout the term. The way they have adjusted so positively to the subtle changes to the school routines has been commendable. Who knew that an imaginary line would stop any child from transgressing out of their dedicated space? It has been incredible how few children from Maple, Elm and Willow classes have forgotten their P.E. kits or Forest School kits; how the children have enjoyed using their new extended playground; the KS2 children appear to like having their lunch in the classrooms and I know the younger children have thrived eating their lunches in the hall. The children are used to sanitizing throughout the day; they have flourished engaging in our curriculum; and the children are catching up with aspects that they missed as well as areas they have forgotten due to not consolidating their new learning during the summer term.

I would like to thank all of our parents, grandparents, carers and guardians as there have been so many challenges for you all over the last few months. Your support has been brilliant and is very much appreciated. You have been thoughtful, considerate and supportive especially when you have had to try to get a Covid test. We even had one family travel to Wales to get tested! Unfortunately, the same rules will be in place in January; we will not take any chances with the health and safety of your children or with any adult in school. Their safety is always our first priority.

I am really grateful to all of our staff and governors. They have worked tirelessly throughout the term to engage our children in their learning. I have been very impressed with all that has been happening throughout the school. The introduction of Scratch and Murphy has definitely been a success.

Once again, and despite the challenges this year, our PPSA have been fantastic still managing to organise prizes, raffles and Elfridges. Their enthusiasm and effort is second to none! Thank you so much for supporting them as all of the money raised benefits all of our children.

We are very keen for our parents to have a glimpse of what is going on in the classrooms. You can find out what is happening each week on at the class blogs (https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs_1/459343). Also, we have a YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuqSEFKfclggvMuDPZU6-tg?safe=true>) where we upload films created by the children, school trips, whole school activities and our collective worships. Please check out this week's collective worship as you will see some of the teachers

completing Taskmaster challenges.

With the festive break nearly upon us it is important that we reflect on what has been achieved and look forward to an exciting spring term. The next two weeks are about families, sharing and being thoughtful. 2020 has been extremely challenging and heart breaking for many of us and I take solace in the four themes from the Christian advent: hope, peace, joy and love. You do not have to be a Christian to appreciate how important these are to our own well-being.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your kind words, Christmas cards, gifts and your support. From everyone connected with Petworth CofE Primary School, have a wonderful Christmas, a prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Nativity Photos

The Little Angel Gets Her Wings



Oak Class



Ash Class



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Job 34:4 'Learn together what is good....'

18th December 2020
Autumn Term No.6



Rowan Class

Oak Class

We visited Petworth United Reformed Church this afternoon to hang our saltdough decorations that we made last week. We also went on a hunt for different things that we might find in a church, for example the organ, Bible and nativity scene.



Beech Class Visit

On Wednesday 2nd December, Beech Class went to visit the grave of Zeke, a heroic dog who fought with the Canadians during World War Two. The children sketched the grave and wrote some powerful words based on their thoughts and feelings. During this trip, we also visited the boys' memorial where the children wrote letters to the boys who tragically lost their lives during the bombing of their school in WW2. The children enjoyed the trip and were very respectful whilst at the two sites. This trip started off a two-week project on World War Two, where the children have heard stories about the heroic dogs from the London Blitz and have written diaries based on the dog's war experiences.



Ash Class

Ash Class were very lucky to have a special performance by Recitals for Wrigglers who are a local company who perform concerts for children (often seen at PetFringe) They retold the story of the Gingerbread Man with their musical composition to accompany it. The children were fascinated to hear the different musical styles and to talk about and hear a violin and a cello.



David Whitby came to talk to the children about animals in the local environment, and predators especially. He shared some of his experiences working in nature and brought in some amazing taxidermy for us to look at.



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.

Job 34:4 'Learn together what is good....'

18th December 2020
Autumn Term No.6

Ash Class have been enjoying the story of the Gingerbread man and have had lots of fun making them, chasing them around the school and writing about them. We even used our activities time to make bridges for him to safely cross the river!



Eco News Reminder

We are still collecting crisp packets (bin by the entrance to the school) and dishwashing, cleaning and fra-grance flexible packaging (see picture).



Covid-19 Track and Trace

The Senior Leadership Team will remain contactable until Christmas Eve in order to facilitate any contact tracing that might be required should any pupils contract Covid who have been in school this week. Nationally from Monday 14th December, contacts are required to self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days previously.

In the interest of infection control, please can we ask that if you or a member of your family have to have a Covid-19 test, are advised to isolate or are having any symptoms that you advise the Senior Leadership Team as a matter of urgency, on slt@petworthprimary.co.uk at any time over the Christmas break.

In this communication please ensure you provide:

- Your child's name and class
- The first day of symptoms or started isolating

The most convenient way for us to contact you

Please check <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for the latest advice.

Thank you for your continued support for the safety of our whole community.

Class Reading Books

Oak Class

Oak Class are reading 'Hansel and Gretel' as we are exploring traditional tales and how these can be made into pantomimes.

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 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew.

Beech Class

Beech are finishing off 'The Secret Dragon' and have been looking at 4 stories from the book 'Heroes' for our WW2 mini topic.

Maple Class

Maple Class are reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and the beginning chapters of 'Beetle Boy' by MG Leonard.

Elm Class

Elm are now reading 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge.

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 mark
Definition :	Indicates a question/disbelief
Example :	Who else will be there? Is this really little Thomas?



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

Inspire, nurture, challenge.



Article

18th December 2020
Autumn Term No.6

Dates for your Diary 2020/2021

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
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
Tues 4 May INSET DAY
Fri 21 May Year 6 PGL Residential IOW
Mon 24 May Year 6 return from PGL Residential IOW
Thurs 27 May to 1 July Rowan Class Forest School
Fri 28 May Break up for Half Term
Mon 7 June INSET DAY
Tues 8 June Back to School
Fri 23 Jul End of Summer Term

Dates for your Diary 2021/2022

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

Tues 4 May Inset Day
Monday 7 June Inset Day

