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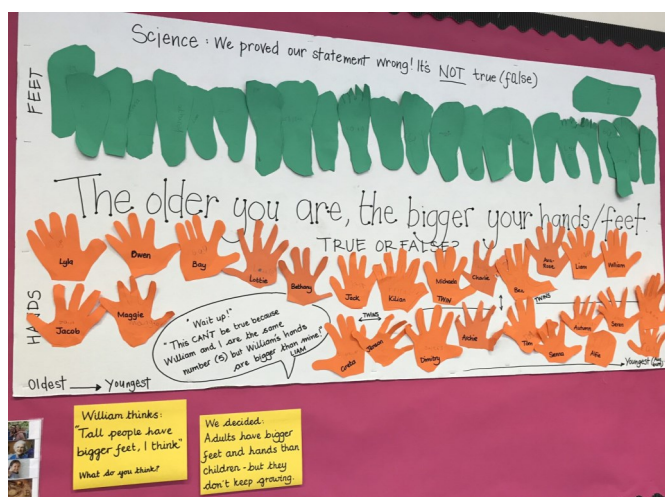
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Dear Parents/Carers,

4th October 2019  
Autumn Term No.2

## Ash Class

Ash Class have been making predictions and hypothesising! Wow! Mrs Wiggs gave us the statement "The Older you are, the bigger your hands and feet are". We had to prove the statement true, or false. In the course of our investigation we realised that adults do have bigger feet and hands than children, but that they don't keep on growing. We also observed that foot size might be related to height, so tall people have bigger feet. Thank you to all the teachers and mums and dads who gave us their foot and handprints to help with our investigation!



## Google Visit KS2

Google held an assembly with KS2 on the 19th September. They gave the children advice on how to create a safe password and how to stay safe whilst online.

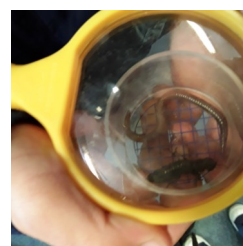


## School Ambassadors

The School Ambassador role is a very important role in our school, as they often show people around the school, complete jobs that I have for them and attend a variety of events, (which often occur at the weekend). It was so good to hear that so many of our year six children wanted to be one of our School Ambassadors. Unfortunately, we can only have two and so it is always difficult when we have to disappoint children. Nevertheless we live in a democratic society and the children and school staff all had one vote each and we are therefore extremely proud to announce that Rose and James will be the School Ambassadors for this academic year.

## Ecology at School

On Friday 20th September, the whole of key stage two worked together as they explored what they could do to help the environment. During the morning the children learnt about landfills, renewable energy and the how everyone can make a difference no matter how small. The children wrote poetry, designed machines of the future and developed our Eco Code. Following on from this morning the whole school participated in an Eco Day where the children explored many different facets of what it means to be eco. Wandering around the school is it impressive to see children discussing what they could do to help the environment, making eco bricks, exploring the local habitat, cooking inside and outside as well as making seed bombs.



## Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Parents

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on Friday 18th October for prospective parents of children starting in Reception Class in September 2019 from 1.15-3pm.



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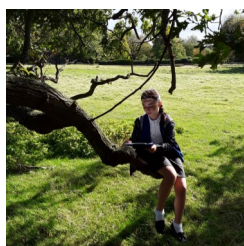
## KS1 Intra Sports Athletics

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September Ash and Rowan Class participated in the first intra sports competition of the new academic year. The children participated in different activities as they learnt about the athletics World Championships. The children worked as a team as they ran a relay, threw bean bags 'howlers', and ball and moved a big ball round a course. It was great to see the children helping each other and working as a team. The winners on this occasion were Jacques, Lyla, Kilian, Albie, Dmitry and Billy.

## Poetry in the Park

This week our year five and six children have been fortunate enough to work with a poet, Antosh Wojcik, who is working with The Arts Society and led three workshops for our children as part of National Poetry Week. The children used Petworth Park as inspiration, as they visited the park and worked with Antosh to create their own poetry around the theme of 'Truth in Nature'.

The Petworth Literacy Festival is holding a festival breakfast on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> when children participating in the workshops are invited to attend and share their poetry with Antosh and a wider audience.



## Family Film Funds to PPSA

Petworth Film House will be holding a family film showing on the **27th October**, at **4pm** in the Leconfield Hall. Tickets will be £2.50 per person or £10 for a family ticket. Proceeds will go to the PPSA.

The film will be announced nearer the time but we hope adults and children will be able to come along and support this event which will raise valuable funds for the school.

## PPSA Annual General Meeting

We are very lucky at School to have such an active Petworth Primary School Association committee. They have raised a considerable amount of money over the last academic year and without their support the cost of many visits would be considerably higher and "treats" such as the pantomime visit at Christmas, Easter eggs etc. would not happen. **On Friday 11th October we are holding the PPSA Annual General Meeting at 6.15-7.15pm in the school hall. The committee are always looking for new ideas and offers of help. So if you would like to be part of this committee or would like to know more about their fundraising activities please come along.**



Do you shop online? Buying online is convenient and many of us do it every week. Using [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and you could raise a free donation for Petworth C of E Primary School every time you shop! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/petworthprimary/> By purchasing goods through this website you will raise money for the school at no extra cost. Many retailers have signed up including Amazon, Argos, eBay, Sainsbury's, Tesco's to name but a few. Thank you so much for supporting our school.

## Reminder Year 6 applications for secondary school

Applications for secondary school must be made online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) by **Thursday 31st October**.

## 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 it's 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





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- 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.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in this position and would like to know more, our current Parent Governors Claire Abbott and Jennie Thorpe will be available to answer any questions that you may have at pick up on Friday 11th October.

## Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is on Wednesday 9th October at St Mary's Church which will start at 9.30am. We will leave school at 9am and as usual we are looking for volunteers to assist with escorting the children to and from the church. If you are able to help, please speak to the class teacher.

## PPSA School Disco

The tickets will be on sale from the office next week for the school disco on Friday 18th October 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.

## Dates for your Diary 2019

Fri 4-Mon 7 Oct	Year 6 PGL Little Canada IOW Trip
Weds 9 Oct	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30pm
Weds 9 Oct	KS2 Football Watersfield 1-3pm
Fri 11 Oct	Football at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri 11 Oct	Kids Club Xtra
Fri 11 Oct	PPSA AGM 6.15-7.15pm
Mon 14 Oct	Maple Class British Museum
Mon 14 Oct	Oak Class Six Week in Meeting 2-3.15pm
Weds 16 Oct	Year 5/6 Football Watersfield 1-3pm
Thurs 17 Oct	Forest School Beech Class Year 3
Fri 18 Oct	Flu Vaccinations (YrR-Yr6)
Fri 18 Oct	PPSA Autumn Disco
Fri 18 Oct	Open Afternoon 1.15-3pm
Mon 21 Oct	School Photos
<b>Mon 21 Oct</b>	<b>No Teacher Led Clubs This Week</b>
Mon 21 Oct	Parents' Evening 4.30-7pm
Tues 22 Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Tues 22 Oct	Andrea Prior Author Visit Yr2-5
<b>Thurs 24 Oct</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Fri 25 Oct</b>	<b>Inset Day (school closed)</b>
<b>Mon 3 Nov</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Weds 6 Nov	Year 5 Butterfly Lion Theatre Day Chichester
Weds 6 Nov	Rotary Youth Music Festival at MRC

Fri 8 Nov	Hockey at MRC 2-3.45pm
Mon 18 Nov	Beech Class Butser Ancient Farm Visit
Weds 20 Nov	Petworth Fair 3.30-6pm
Fri 22 Nov	Dance Festival at MRC 2-3.30pm
Thurs 28 Nov	Forest School Maple Class Year 4
Thurs 5 Dec	Last Teacher Led Clubs
Fri 6 Dec	Basketball Festival at MRC 2-3.45pm
Tues 10 Dec	KS1 Production Afternoon (details to follow)
Thurs 12 Dec	KS1 Production Evening (details to follow)
Tues 17 Dec	KS2 Panto Capitol Theatre Horsham (details to follow)
<b>Fri 20 Dec</b>	<b>End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Mon 6 Jan</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term at 8.30am</b>
Fri 17 Jan	Indoor Athletics at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri 31 Jan	Cross Country at MRC 2-3.45pm
<b>Mon 17-Fri 21 Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 24 Feb</b>	<b>Inset Day (school closed)</b>
<b>Tues 25 Feb</b>	<b>Back to School Starts at 8.30am</b>
Fri 6 Mar	Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm
<b>Fri 3 Apr</b>	<b>End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 20 Apr</b>	<b>Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am</b>
Fri 24 Apr	Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm
Fri 8 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri 22 May	Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 1 June</b>	<b>Inset Day (school closed)</b>
<b>Fri 17 July</b>	<b>End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 20 July</b>	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>
<b>Inset Days (school closed)</b>	
<b>Friday 25th October 2019</b>	
<b>Monday 24th February 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 1st June 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 20th July 2020</b>	