



P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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Galatians 6:9 'Let us not be weary in doing good'

4th March 2020
Spring Term No.3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ecology Day in Petworth Park

On the Wednesday 26th February, all of year 5 and sixteen and year 6 children visited Petworth Park to take part in an ecology day, led by 'Nature Back from the Brink.'

The children started the day, learning about the ancient trees in Petworth Park, most notably an old English Oak, which they estimate to have been at the park for over 900 years. They then thought about the history this tree would have seen, and learnt more about how Petworth Park came to be part of the landscape and the changes that had occurred, after it was given to the current family from Henry VIII.

Following on from this, the children split into two groups. One group went to work with Laura, looking at the tree as a habitat. They found out that many insect species rely on the trees in Petworth Park to survive and that also special types of lichen and fungi can be found on these trees. They then had the opportunity to use natural materials such as; charcoal, mud, grass and moss to create their own nature booklets, sketching and shading some of the insects and trees they could see. While doing this activity some of the children found owl pellets, which led us to believe that an owl may have also been inhabiting the tree we were focussing on. Laura then showed the children how to create their own clay insects and how natural materials can add texture and shape.

The second activity was led by Martin and focussed on using natural inks to tell our own stories and those of the trees in the park. The children started by representing their own lives using the circles of a tree and noted down any key events in their lives. To make these circles, they used a range of materials, such as; chalk, flint, charcoal, ink and some more adventurous boys used nettles. They then imagined themselves as the trees in Petworth Park and created a timeline spanning from 1066 to the present day, using the ink to handwrite sentences onto planks of wood.

The day culminated in the work being collected together for an exhibition which will be held at Petworth Park in the near future. The children and adults had a fantastic, if slightly cold, day and are very grateful to the charity and Petworth Park for allowing us to visit.

If you would like to find out more about the charities please see the links below.

<http://outdoorstudiosarts.com/>

<https://naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/ancients-of-the-future/>





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Running Through the Streets of Chichester

On Wednesday 26th February eight year five and six children participated in the annual Chichester Cooperate Challenge where the children compete against other schools and running clubs over a distance of 1400m, through the streets of Chichester. The races did not start until 6.30pm, which added to the atmosphere. This was the first race evening of three, so it is a large commitment from the children to take part.

Our year six boys' team were first (Oliver D, Jack R, Hendricks, Lloyd and Charlie G) and as expected running down North Street was like a sprint. The children did two laps of the circuit and our boys finished:

Lloyd 18th 5min 26sec; Charlie G 46th 5min 48sec; Jack R 54th 5min 56sec; Oliver D 75th 6min 19sec; Hendricks 76th 6min 21sec (out of 99 boys). Overall the team finished in 20th place out of 50.

Our year six girls were next and we only had two (Everlyn and Mae). Again, it was a frantic start but both girls were near the front throughout the race. Everlyn finished 10th 5min 38sec and Mae finished 13th 5min 50sec (out of 83 girls).

Harry R was our only year five representative and he ran steadily throughout. As he paced himself, he overtook the children who started off too quickly. Harry finished 47th (out of 84 runners) in 6min 10sec.

The challenge to the children now is to try and beat their time on Wednesday 11th March and then again on Wednesday 25th March. Once again, I am so proud of how our children competed and wanted to do their best. I am looking forward to the next race.

U9 Tournament at the Home of Football in Sussex

On Tuesday 3rd March, we took a football squad (Shay, Rio, Sebastian, Charlie D, Harry AS, Harry S and Leo) to the Brighton and Hove Albion football tournament at the Sussex F.A. headquarters in Lancing. It was an early start for us but it was well worth it.

Great start to the tournament with a 0-0 draw. Their goalkeeper was outstanding with three great saves and Harry S hit the bar. A superb save from Harry AS in the final minute.

Our second was children against giants! After a close couple of minutes, St. Nicholas overpowered us and won 5-0. Considering the size difference, I was very impressed how Seb, Shay and Leo tackled their opponents.

Our third game was against Vale who were victorious 2-0 after a very close game. Both sides had plenty of chances, but alas we were unable to finish off some excellent moves.

Our penultimate game was against Orchards, which once again

proved to be a close encounter. In an end to end game with some superb football the game remained goalless. The team spirit is still high and determined to score a goal, so will our last game bring the goal we richly deserve?

Our final game and we started off very strongly and Shay scored a superb goal. For the rest of the game our goal was bombarded and we finally lost 4-1.

Overall we finished 6th in our league, which proved a strong group as the top two reached the final. Our players played well, listened to ideas and were incredibly sporting. It was great to witness some high quality football as well as the constant laughter in the minibus as we returned to school.

Reminder World Book Day

Children can come dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate "World Book Day" on **Thursday 5th March**.

As part of World Book Day, if your child has a book that they have read and no longer want and are happy to exchange, (age appropriate for their year group) they can bring it in and swap it in class on **Thursday 5th March** (i.e. Year 6 will swap books with other year 6's). Also if you have any unwanted books we would appreciate it if you would donate these to the school.

On World Book Day all the children will receive a free book using their book token, unless they decide to take the book token instead!

World Book Day at Petworth House

'World Book Day' has descended on Petworth House and Park. Come dressed as your favourite character and receive a free badge which gives you a free hot drink in our café (tea, coffee or hot chocolate).

Can you find the 'Pufflings' hiding in the Servants Quarters shop? Find them all and complete the activity sheet for a reward!

Join in on free storytelling sessions at 11am and 2pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March.

"This event is free, general admission prices apply."

Driving onto School Site

In the interest of safeguarding, please could we ask you not to drive onto the school site in the morning and afternoon. Many thanks.

Sports Relief

On Friday the 13th March, the children can come dressed as their favourite sports person or in their favourite sports clothes for a contribution of £1 in support of the Sport Relief Charity.



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Reminder Bags2School

If you have any items, which you would like to donate, please put them in a bag (more bags can be collected from the office) and bring them into school by **Tuesday 17th March**.

Thank you

April, Neive and Keira.

Bags2School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:-

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers) **not duvets or blankets**

Dates for your Diary 2020

Thurs	5 Mar	World Book Day
Thurs	5 Mar	Willow Class Group 2 Forest School
Fri	6 Mar	Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm
Mon	9 Mar	Ash Class Goodwood Farm Trip
Fri	13 Mar	Sports Relief
Thurs	19 Mar	Maple Class Aviation Museum Tangmere Trip
Mon	23 Mar	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Tues	24 Mar	Oak and Ash Class RSPB Pulborough Brooks Trip
Tues	24 Mar	Parents Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Fri	27 Mar	PPSA Bingo Night (details to follow)
Weds	1 Apr	Elm and Willow Classes Parliament Trip
Fri	3 Apr	End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm
Mon	20 Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am
Thurs	23 Apr	Easter Church Service @ St Mary's 9.30am
Thurs	23 Apr	Elm Investigator Forest School
Fri	24 Apr	Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm (details to follow)
Fri	8 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri	22 May	Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm (details to follow)
Fri	22 May	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon	1 June	Inset Day (school closed)
Thurs	4 June	Elm Explorers Forest School
Fri	3 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Service Chichester Cathedral AM
Weds	8 Jul	Year 5/6 Production Going For Gold @ 6pm (details to follow)
Thurs	9 Jul	Year 5/6 Production Going For Gold @ 6pm (details to follow)
Fri	17 July	End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm
Mon	20 July	Inset Day (school closed)

Inset Days

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020



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www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries | West Sussex Libraries | @WSCCLibraries

Farmland Fun!

Enjoy springtime stories and crafts at the library.

Everyone welcome

Tickets are free but please reserve your place via Eventbrite

Parents and carers are asked to remain on the premises during this activity. Everyone is welcome at our regular activities and special events. Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk for our inclusion statement.

Wednesday 15th April
11.10am-12.00pm

west sussex county council | West Sussex Library Service | Midhurst Library
The Grange, Bepton Road, Midhurst GU29 9HD
01730 716671



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Community Day

Saturday 25 April 2020



Let's keep it LOCAL

Calling all local businesses, agencies and groups



Would you like to:

- share your skills
- demonstrate your craft and/or
- advertise your business

Engage with the local community and show what's on offer on it's doorstep

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or contact the College Office on:



01730
812451
10am - 2pm



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info@petworthfc.co.uk

This event is suitable for adults & children and we would love to see as many of you as possible. Please email info@petworthfc.co.uk for further information.

RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
AT 7PM.
PETWORTH PARK
PAVILLION.
TICKETS £7 PP WHICH
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