



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Fishbourne Roman Villa

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Year 4 had an excellent day at Fishbourne Roman Palace. The day started with the children taking part in a Roman life workshop, where they played Roman games, wrote their name in the Roman alphabet, using bees wax tablets, spun wool and role played being part of a Roman kitchen.

They then explored the outside area, looking for clues, before exploring the artefacts and the mosaics. All of the children had a wonderful day, with many fascinated by the skeletons and the plethora of Roman coins.

This trip will support the children's understanding of the Romanisation of Britain and will also allow them to write a recount, focussing on core English skills.



### Littlehampton Beach

Oak Class visited Littlehampton Beach on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> May to undertake superhero training. We had previously read the story 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside' and were shocked to find that when we got to the beach, Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh had stolen our ice cream money! In order to retrieve the money back, we were set various challenges. These included pebble throwing, litter picking and talking about what we could see at the beach using our superhero magnifying goggles. We then used natural objects that we found to make traps in order to catch Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh. The highlights of the day included paddling in the freezing sea and eating our well-deserved ice creams! We had a fantastic day and the children were amazingly well behaved for one of their first school trips.



### Year 6 PGL IOW

Last weekend, year 6 set off on their postponed trip to the Isle of Wight, braving the wind and rain. The children were quick to embrace the outdoors, many of them choosing to go for a 'paddle' in the sea as soon as they set foot on the beach on the Friday. The children represented the school superbly, many of the staff on site (particularly those serving the food) commented on their wonderful manners. What was most impressive however, was the attitude the children showed during the activities. The howling wind and pouring rain didn't deter them from challenging themselves to complete activities such as Giant Swing, Vertical Challenge and the Zip Wire. We are so pleased they were able to have this experience before leaving primary school and the team work, support and communication skills they learnt will certainly stand them in good stead when they begin secondary school in September. Well done year 6!



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## Ash Class

As part of our Outdoor Learning we have looked at foraging and have made lots of food using things we have found in school, including dandelion biscuits, nettle pakoras and rhubarb crumble with rhubarb from the eco garden.

We had a wonderful time at the Miro exhibit at Newlands House and the children did some beautiful artwork inspired by what they had seen. The staff congratulated the children on their excellent behaviour and questioning skills.

During History/Art week we revisited our learning on Petworth and used the Petworth Heritage Partnership website to look around some of the historic buildings in Petworth. The children were especially excited exploring the aerial viewpoints.

As part of our DT, linked to our learning about toys, we designed, made and evaluated hand puppets. We used J cloths as they are easy to cut and can be fixed in different ways such as with a pritt stick or a stapler. We used felt tips and material scraps to create our characters.



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## Football is Back!

It was great for our school to participate in a football tournament at The Weald School on Thursday. Four teams took part and we played each team twice. Our first game was against the eventual winners, Southwater Junior Academy (SJA), and we lost two - nil. Finley, our goalkeeper, made some very good saves and kept the score respectable. We then proceeded to beat Shipley and draw with Wisborough Green. Our next game against SJA was a lot closer and we had several chances to score. Unfortunately, they scored in the last minute to narrowly beat us one - nil. We then beat both Shipley and Wisborough Green, which meant we finished as runners-up overall. It was great to see our children participate in competitive sport once again. Our squad: Marley (c), Finley (gk), Charlie, Logan, Jack, Harry, Thomas and Leo.



## Class Reading Books

### Oak Class

Oak Class are currently reading 'Goodnight Spaceman' by Michelle Robinson and 'Field Trip to the Moon' by Jeanette Willis.

### Ash Class

Ash Class are currently reading 'The Velveteen Rabbit' (how toys become real) by Margery Williams Bianco.

### Rowan Class

Rowan Class are currently reading 'Man On The Moon' by Simon Bartram, 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy.

### Beech Class

Beech are currently reading 'Gansta Granny' by David Walliams.

### Maple Class

Maple Class are reading 'The Creatures of Chichester' (about the edible aliens) by Christopher Joyce.

### Elm Class

Elm are now reading 'Skellig' by David Arnold.

### Willow Explorers

Willow Explorers are now reading 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman.

### Willow Investigators

Willow Investigators are reading a drama/play script called 'The Second World War' by Ann Webley.



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### Dates for your Diary 2020/2021

- Fri 28 May** Break up for Half Term
- Mon 7 June** INSET DAY
- Tues 8 June** Back to School
- Thurs 10 June to 15 July Rowan Class Forest School
- Fri 23 Jul** End of Summer Term

### Dates for your Diary 2021/2022

- Thurs 2 Sept** INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri 3 Sept** INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
- Mon 6 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

- Monday 7 June** Inset Day
- Thursday 2 September** Inset Day
- Friday 3 September** Inset Day