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Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

17th May 2019
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Key Stage Two SATs

As you may be aware our Year Six children (Willow Class) have been taking their end of key stage two tests this week. These tests are much more important for the school than they are for the child, but we challenge the children to do their best. Being they are so important to the school as it may keep the 'wolf from our door', I am impressed with our ethos in getting the children prepared for these tests. We do not put on after school booster sessions; we do not give the children copious SATs papers to practise and we do not start revision until after the Easter holidays.

It was a delight to see the children dancing around as they attended breakfast club everyday where the word SATs was banned. You would think that the children would be cramming in last minute revision just prior to the tests...well we did a little, but it was so refreshing to see our children working in the garden, programming the 3D printer amongst other things prior to taking the tests. This is also another example that we place more emphasis on the whole child and our curriculum.

During the week the children sat two GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) tests, one reading test and three maths tests (arithmetic and reasoning papers). However the biggest challenge for the children was to work in silence. The reading test for some of the children was one hour and 15 minutes. When was the last time your child concentrated on their reading whilst completing a variety of questions in silence for 75 minutes? The relief on the children's face once they could speak was lovely to see. I honestly believed one or two of the children were going to explode!

No matter what we do the children will be slightly anxious because they want to do their best and we would like to thank all of the parents, all of the school staff (especially Mr Neary and Mrs Gill), who helped support and prepare the children. Most of all I would like to thank the children as they smiled, laughed and supported each other by just getting on with it. I am so proud of you!

Sporting Events

Over the last couple of weeks we have participated in a couple of sporting activities. Our boys football team played in the PAS football tournament at Watersfield. Our team played extremely well winning their first four games convincingly. They won their group and reached the semi-finals. No matter what our team did the ball just would not go in the goal and the game went into penalties after a very exciting extra time. Unfortunately we did not prevail and we had to play the third/ fourth play off match, which we won.

Our girls football team played their tournament at Watersfield and again it proved a very exciting experience for the children. For most of the players it was their first competitive match

against other schools. Once again we reached the semi-finals, which we lost. Mrs Dallyn was so proud of the children as they were by far the most vocal supporters and their sportsmanship and very positive attitude were inspiring..



Last week eight year four children participated in a tri-golf competition against Camelsdale. Although only two schools took up the offer from The Weald School, all of the children enjoyed learning new skills as they tried to score points in various ways. Hopefully this is just the start and we are looking for ways of how to include tri-golf into our curriculum.

Football Champions

Seven teams took part on a very sunny afternoon as our Year Four football team participated in the Petworth Area of Schools tournament at Watersfield on Wednesday 15th May. In total Petworth scored a total of 16 goals in 8 games as we won seven and only lost one game, which was in the group stages.

After winning our league with five wins and only one defeat we were in the semi-final against Fittleworth B. With goals from Leo and Logan this ensured Petworth made the final with a 2-0 win.

In the final we played against Fittleworth A. The team defence worked together, giving Marley the final opportunity to win the game. Marley chose this moment to produce his finest foot-work, weaving around the Fittleworth defence. One goal was all that was needed and he didn't miss. CHAMPIONS!

Great team spirit and teamwork was shown constantly throughout the tournament. Squad : Louie, Harry, Logan, Zack, Marley, Leo and Jack.

Rowan Class Visit to Planetarium

Rowan Class had a fantastic time at the South Downs Planetarium. First we relaxed in jet seats, which reclined back to watch the stars in the night sky. It was very dark in the planetarium but we all loved seeing the constellations such as the Big Bear, Little Bear, Leo the Lion and The Swan.

We held a 4.5 billion year old meteorite and a chip of the moon!

Finally we got to complete a quiz, all of us achieved at least 8 out of 10!



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Year 5 Funmaths at MRC

Elm Class had an enjoyable morning on Friday, when they took on the challenge of solving various maths puzzles at MRC.



Sports Day

Sports Day will on Friday 12th July at 1.15pm.

Spag Fact

Grammatical Feature : Subject

Definition : The person or thing that carries out the action or verb.

Children wearing Incorrect Footwear to School

Children who arrive at school not wearing black school shoes will be asked to change into their plimsolls or they will be sent to the office to borrow into a pair of school plimsolls. Trainers can be worn during PE lessons and break times only in school.

Unison Members

UNISON's scheme helps members on low incomes deal with the cost of school uniforms.

One-off grants are available to low-paid UNISON members of £40 per school age child, up to a maximum of £120 per household.

To be eligible you must either be in receipt of housing benefit or have a total net household income of £18,000 or less.

unisonwestsussex.org.uk/news/school-uniform-grants-2019/



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School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as per the list below:-

Our school colours are royal blue, sky blue (for summer dresses and PE tops) **and grey**. A selection of sweatshirts, cardigans and PE polo shirts are available at the school office. A price list is displayed in the school office and on our school website.

Girls:

Grey skirt, culottes, pinafore or smart grey trousers
White polo shirt or blouse School royal blue sweatshirt/
cardigan

White socks or grey tights

Sensible black shoes (**NOT TRAINERS OR BOOTS**)

For summer, girls can wear pale blue/white gingham dresses, grey trousers or culottes (not shorts or track suit bottoms)

Boys:

Grey trousers/shorts

White shirt or polo shirt

School royal blue sweatshirt

Grey socks

Sensible black shoes (**NOT TRAINERS OR BOOTS**)

For summer as above (not track suit bottoms)

Please ensure coats and anoraks have loops for hanging on pegs.

If you are experiencing difficulties in purchasing the correct uniform for your child, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Galvin.

PE and Games clothes

Sky blue polo shirt (available from the school office with logo), black shorts, plimsolls/trainers, shoe bag with drawstring (PE bags are available from school)

For outdoors in Autumn and Spring terms: Track suit bottoms (or similar) **NOT JEANS**, change of sweatshirt, trainers or plimsolls/trainers.

PLEASE COULD YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED, and encourage your children to look after their possessions. If items of lost property are not claimed within a reasonable period the school will dispose of them.

Jewellery:

We ask that pupils do not wear jewellery at school. This includes (with the exception of small studs), ear rings, rings, neck chains, bangles etc. Small studs are permissible, providing your child is able to remove them independently for any physical education. This policy reflects National and County Council safety guidance. This is to avoid possible injuries caused by jewellery to pupils during games and P.E. lessons.

Dates for your Diary 2019

Weds	22 May	Beech Class Petworth Park
Thurs	23 May	Year 4 Group 2 Swimming
Fri	24 May	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon	3 June	INSET DAY School Closed
Tues	4 June	Back to School at 8.30am
Fri	7 June	Football Tournament at Stedham (details to follow)
Thurs	13 June	Willow Class Forest School Group 1
Fri	21 June	Non-School Uniform Day (bring a bottle for the PPSA Summer Fair)
Tues	25 June	Year5/6 Rounders Tournament 3.30-5pm (details to follow)
Sat	29 June	PPSA Summer Fair
Mon	1 July	Year 6 Leaver Service Chichester Cathedral AM (details to follow)
Wed	3 July	MRC Transition Day
Wed	10 July	KS2 Athletics Watersfield (details to follow)
Wed	10 July	KS2 Production Darwin Rocks 5pm
Thurs	11 July	KS2 Production Darwin Rocks 5pm
Thurs	11 July	Elm Class Countryside Day Ardingly
Fri	12 July	Sports Day 1.15pm
Mon	15 July	Leavers Service Eucharist 9-10.30am
Mon	22 July	Year 6 Sports Evening 3.30-5pm
Tues	23 Jul	Last Day of Term finish at 3.15pm

Inset Days (school closed)

Monday 3rd June 2019
Monday 2nd September 2019
Friday 25th October 2019
Monday 24th February 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020



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SHOREHAM FORT 1st ~ 2nd June 2019 11am - 4.30pm
MEW 2019
8th Annual Military History Weekend

Living History Displays
Kid's Activities
Kit Kar Display Teams
Refreshments
Firing Demonstrations
Mini Airsoft Range
Military Vehicles
Cannon Firings*
Cakes and more.....

Sunday 2nd June Only
Photo by Trevor Slater

Scouts 1st Petworth

RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

(Races run with battery operated pigs)

COME JOIN THE FUN ON SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2019 @ 7pm HERBERT SHINER HALL

Advance adult ticket £10 / Under 18 tickets £5 includes entrance and light supper
Tickets on the night £12 adult / £7 under 18

TOTE BETTING, LICENSED BAR AND RAFFLE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

For more information, or to book tickets, contact Rebecca on 07930229406 or email pigtickets@petworthscouts.org.uk

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