

Petworth C of E Primary School

Summer Newsletter No.10



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Dear Parents/Carers

When you sit down, take a sip of a cup of tea and look back at the year it is incredible to think how much has been achieved, how many different learning opportunities have been offered and how much the children have progressed. It only seems like yesterday that we welcomed Oak Class into full time education. When I reminisce about the year several memories are firmly fixed. Eating fish and chips and the sleepless night we had for our so called key stage two 'sleepover'; Isle of Wight always brings a smile to my face; the productions and assemblies we have held over the year; our various church experiences; listening to children playing the cello, fife and flute and the numerous sporting and musical events the children have participated in. In addition to all of this I am in such a privileged position as I get to see the incredible work the children are producing on a daily basis while the children strive to ring the Old Boys School bell.

This time of year is always tinged with a little sadness as we say goodbye to our year six children, Ty and Cody. Everyone connected with Petworth CofE Primary School wishes the children all the best in their next adventures and we hope to hear about all of their future successes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with Petworth CofE Primary School. To our *Governors*, who are constantly challenging us to reach the high expectations we have set. To the parents, who are working with us to fulfil the potential of every child. To the staff of the school, who tirelessly endeavour to engage the children and help them learn as we take advantage of every learning opportunity. To the PPSA for the tireless fundraising they do to benefit all the children in our school. Finally to the children who are so enthusiastic when the right opportunities are put to them. They often make me smile, occasionally make me laugh, but they constantly make me feel proud.

From everyone at Petworth CofE Primary School we wish you a happy and safe break from school and we look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Farewell and Thank You

At the end of this term, Mrs Homewood, Miss Vellacott and Mr Mead will be leaving the school. We would like to thank Mrs Homewood, Miss Vellacott and Mr Mead for all of their hard work in the short time they have been with the school. We would like to take the opportunity to wish them all the best for the future.



BUILD ON OUR REPUTATION

We would like to thank Chandlers Building Supplies, who have donated twenty paving slabs to the school. Thank you to Hannah Jones for organising this.

Mathletics Summer Competition - Will you bet the rest?

We understand that the summer holidays is a time to recharge the batteries, enjoy the sun (hopefully) and relax. However, Mrs Sandon-Webb is challenging all of the children from year 2 to year 6 to complete a weekly maths challenge. Each week whoever scores the top two scores in each class will win be crowned the winner when they return to school in September. We are looking for two winners per class for each week of the summer holidays. Will you take up this challenge? Will you keep working hard to improve your maths? Will you beat your friends?

In those moments where you think you have nothing to do you could go on Mathletics and accumulate points.

Year 6 Leavers Games Afternoon

The children, together with staff, had a great afternoon and the party food was enjoyed by everyone! Thanks to all who stayed to help with this afternoon event and to the PPSA for paying for the food.



Lost Property

Lost property will be put outside at the bottom of the path after school tomorrow, any unclaimed items will be recycled. Many thanks.

Reminder - Scooters/Bike



A grandparent was badly injured last week by a pre-schooler on a scooter/free wheeler bike. Please can I once again remind you to you make sure that you supervise your child/ren when riding their scooters/bikes to and from school, especially within the school grounds.

REMINDERS

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that when your child returns to school in September they are wearing the correct school uniform as per the list below:-

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

Girls:

Grey skirt, culottes, pinafore or grey smart trousers

White polo shirt or blouse

School sweatshirt/Cardigan (available from the school office)

White socks or grey tights

Sensible shoes (NOT TRAINERS)

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

Boys:

Grey trousers/shorts

White shirt or polo shirt

School sweatshirt

Grey socks

Sensible shoes (NOT TRAINERS)

For summer as above (not track suit bottoms)

PE Kit

Named PE kit must be in school every day, Monday to Friday, then taken home on Friday to be washed. The kit comprises blue polo shirt, black shorts and plimsolls, together with any kind of sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for when the weather turns colder.

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

PLEASE COULD YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED, and encourage your children to look after their possessions. If items 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 and is to avoid possible injuries caused by jewellery to pupils during games and PE lessons.

Hair Accessories & Nail Varnish

Could we please ask that children do not wear nail varnish or elaborate hair accessories to school. Long hair should be tied back with narrow Alice bands, clips or bands to hold their hair back from their face.

Haircuts

Could we also ask that boys' haircuts are not extreme or modelled on the latest fashions, that hair is not coloured or tramlines/designs are shaved into their hair. Thank you.

Absence from School

Please could you phone or e-mail the school before 9.15am before the registers close on the day your child is ill, otherwise your child will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

Part Time Term Time only

Grade W02 £7.66 to £7.97 per hour.

Required to start as soon as possible

We currently have one vacancy for Midday Meals Supervisors to start as soon as possible. The posts are for 7.5 hours a week, term time only. The hours will be 11.45am - 1.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. However we are happy to consider fewer days as a part of job share.

Your role will include setting up the hall and supervising lunchtime with the children, supporting play activities, providing pastoral support for the children and generally ensuring they are safe and happy.

This is an opportunity to join our friendly and supportive staff and make a real difference to the children in our school.

If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, please come and have a chat with me.

Job Vacancy Petworth Children and Family Centre

There is an 18.5 hour per week vacancy for a Hub Support Assistant working from the Petworth Children and Family Centre.

In this role you will be responsible for providing information, advice and guidance to families both in person and on the telephone. You will also assist in delivering support sessions to families which will include setting out equipment and furniture. The post holder's duties will also include providing administrative support to the team relating to the delivery of the services.

All applications should be through the West Sussex County Council website.

The closing date is 2nd of August.

Inset Days 2017/2018

04 September 2017
05 September 2017
20 October 2017
09 February 2018
04 June 2018

Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

Tues 25 July **END OF SUMMER TERM**
Mon 4 Sept **INSET DAY**
Tues 5 Sept **INSET DAY**
Wed 6 Sept **START OF AUTUMN TERM**
Mon 11-15 Sept Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 12 Sept Gymnastics with Premier Education Year 1-2 13 weeks finishes 12th Dec 3.15-4.15pm £49.95 (term time only). Please book directly online with Premier Education.

Wed 13 Sept Introduction to PGL Year 6 Trip (current Year 4/Year 5 Sept)
Thurs 14 Sept Final Details Meeting at 3.30pm for PGL Oct 17 Trip for current Year 5/Year 6 Sept)

Mon 25 Sept PPSA AGM 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Tues 26 Sept Beech Class Stone Age Workshop
Wed 27 Sept MRC Transition Day (details to follow)
Fri 29 Sept Boys Memorial Service
Fi 29 Sept Sama Karate Club starts 8am (details to follow)
Mon 2 Oct Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wed 4 Oct Parents Evening (details to follow)
Fri 6-Mon 9 Oct Year 6 IOW PGL Residential
Thur 12 Oct Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30am-10.30am
Fri 13 Oct PPSA Disco (details to follow)
Fri 20 Oct **INSET DAY**
Mon 23-27 Oct **HALF TERM**
Mon 30 Oct **Back to School**
Fri 3 Nov School Photos
Wed 8 Nov Maple and Elm Class British Museum (details to follow)
Wed 20 Dec **END OF AUTUMN TERM**
Thurs 21-3 Jan **School Holidays**
Tues 9 Jan Gymnastics with Premier Education Year 3-6 13 weeks finishes 27th March 3.15-4.15pm £41.95 (term time only)

Thurs 4 Jan **START OF SPRING TERM**

Yours sincerely



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