



# P.P.S. NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

**6th November 2018**  
**Autumn Term No.5**

Last week saw every child in our school explore World War One. We had children visiting the Petworth War Memorial, exploring the importance of animals during the Great War, redesigning medals, uniforms and tanks, Year Four visited the Imperial War Museum (Year Five and Six visit IWM on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November), children making Trench Stew and much more. During this week the children will be further exploring World War One especially the brutality of war as well as what happened when the war finally ended. To commemorate the end of the war Mrs Harrison will be playing the Last Post for us during our collective worship on Friday.

To give you a brief glimpse into what the children have investigated and created over these two weeks, we would like to invite you in to school on **Friday at 2.45pm** to see the children's work.

We are very lucky and keen to take advantage of every learning opportunity which the community offers and as part of the Petworth Literary Festival the poet Rachel Long worked with our Year Five and Six children to develop their poetry skills. The children wrote poems about 'Change' focusing on similes and metaphors. Harry Wh. and Neive are our school poet laureates, so hopefully they will promote poetry in the school in the coming months. We had three children who were highly commended: Jasmine, Abbie and Chloe B.

Last week our Year Six children participated in Bikeability, which gives the children an excellent opportunity to develop their bike skills and awareness of using the road safely.

After school on Thursday we invited Year One and Year Two children to stay at school to participate in a variety of activities which included making s'mores, camp fire singing, listening to a story, playing numerous games, exploring the school grounds in the evening, eating hotdogs and more. I am very grateful to Miss Rawlings, Mrs Wiggs, Mrs Groves, Mrs Dallyn, Mrs Ashton-Smith and Mrs Abbott for organising and once again giving the children an excellent opportunity beyond the classroom. We must also say a huge thank you to Hawk and Cookie (Martin and Helen Taylor), from Petworth Scouts, who provided and erected the tents and organised several games for the children.

On Tuesday our Year Three children visited Petworth library to explore what the library has on offer. With so much in the news regarding tightening budgets this is a resource which we cannot afford to diminish and I urge to use this free resource as much as possible. As a school we are trying to encourage the children to read as much as possible and we are very

grateful to you in supporting your child to read every day. We are so impressed with many of our children choosing to read in their free time at school, instigating conversations about the books they are reading and sharing with their peers' recommendations. Our PPSA have supported us with this by buying the children many books over the last couple of years.



## Youth Football

As you may be aware youth football has returned to Petworth and the under 10 and under 9 teams are enjoying training and playing games. I know the football club are very eager to get other age groups up and running with letters being sent out last week. However should you wish to learn more about Petworth Football Club please visit <https://petworthfc.co.uk/>.

## Sharing Information

I spoke to many people during Parents Evening and it has become very apparent to me that still some parents miss information about the school or do not know about the different ways we are trying to keep you informed about your child's education e.g. class blogs. At present we use texts, emails, newsletter and Twitter (@Petworthschool) to communicate what the children are experiencing, dates etc. However because people are still missing information we have now a Facebook account (Petworth CofE Primary School). This site will only be used to share school information and **no** photographs of children will be on the site. We will **not** engage in conversations via comments or reviews.



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## Class Blogs

Sometimes finding out from our wonderful children what they have been up to at school can be problematic. As a parent we want to know what our children are experiencing from school, which is why each class has a class blog. The class blog gives you a small insight into what has happened in class during that week. These can be found via our school website at [https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class\\_blogs/307598](https://www.petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/class_blogs/307598). It would be great for the children and teachers if you could leave a comment.

## Forest School Update

Beech Class (Year Three) started their turn last week and they spent some time remembering the rules, exploring the terrain and then participated in a multitude of activities including beeswax and leaves, drinking hot chocolate and investigating the woodland.



## Our own mini Jazz Festival

For a surprise for the children Mr Parsons and Mr Granger (a World War One expert) treated the children to a music extravaganza as they played the piano and saxophone during Monday's assembly. They played several jazz songs, which were all new to the children and we hope will inspire the children.

## Petworth Litter Pick

On Saturday 24th November the town council will once again be litter picking around Petworth. If you would like to help, please meet at 2.30pm, outside the town council office. All equipment will be provided, but suitable footwear and clothing is essential.

## SPAG FACT

Grammatical Feature: Full stop  
Definition: Punctuation which shows the end of a sentence or an abbreviation.  
Example: Terry Prachett's latest book is not yet out in paperback.  
I asked her whether she could tell me the way to Brighton.



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### INSET DAYS

25th February 2019

3rd June 2019

### Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

- Wed 7 Nov Year 5/6 Imperial War Museum
- Wed 7 Nov Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Music Festival
- Thurs 8 Nov Year 6 Interfaith Morning Easebourne
- Wed 14 Nov Oak Class Chichester Visit
- Mon 19 Nov Maths Calculation Morning
- Fri 7 Dec PPSA Christmas Fair 6pm
- Wed 12 Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
- Thurs 13 Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity (details to follow)
- Thurs 13 Dec Christmas Lunch
- Fri 14 Dec KS2 Panto Horsham (details to follow)
- Wed 19 Dec Last Day of Term**
- Thurs 4 Jan Back to School Start of Spring Term
- Wed 30 Jan Year 5 Rother Valley All Sing at MRC 9.30-12.30pm
- Fri 15 Feb Break up for Half Term**
- Mon 18-Fri 22 Feb Half Term**
- Mon 25 Feb Back to School**

### Forest School Dates

- Thurs 1st-29th Nov Beech (YR3)
- Thurs 6th Dec-31st Jan Maple Explorers (YR4)
- Thurs 7th Feb-14th Mar Maple Investigators (YR4)
- Thurs 21st Mar-2nd May Elm Group 1 (YR5)
- Thurs 9th May-13th June Elm Group 2 (YR5)
- Thurs 20th June-19th July Willow (YR6)
- Spring Term Ash Class
- Summer Term Oak Class



Petworth Youth Football Club are looking to start more age groups next season, but we need volunteers willing to coach each team. You will be required to do a Criminal record check and a Safeguarding of children course both funded by Petworth Football Club.

We will be looking for the following age groups for next season (Boys and Girls):

- U6's (This years reception class)
- U7's (This years year 1)
- U8's (This years year 2)
- U9's (This years year 3)

If you feel you would like to take on one of these teams and progress this great club please contact me via email or by phone. (Details below) We will also be looking to start girls football training in the hope to start a team, so would greatly appreciate the interest as we have a coach available for this ready to go next season!

Thanks

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## PETWORTH POPPY APPEAL 2018

### PETWORTH EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WW1 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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| 06:00 hrs | Piper (Kevin Turner) will play 'Battle's O'er' at the War Memorial outside St Mary's Church                                     |
| 10:45 hrs | Muster for Act of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial followed by Remembrance Service in St Mary's Church |
| 17:45 hrs | Muster at Royal British Legion Club for Parade  |
| 18:00 hrs | Parade led by Petworth Town Band to march to Pound Street Car Park, via High Street and Market Square                           |
| 18:20 hrs | Petfringe Chorus to sing  |
| 18:45 hrs | Canon Gilbert to lead an Act of Thanksgiving  |
| 18:50 hrs | Piper to play 'Flowers of the Forest'   |
| 18:55 hrs | Bugler (Iona Harrison) to play the Last Post  |
| 19:00 hrs | Beacon Lighting by Lord Egremont  |
| 19:05 hrs | Town Cryer (Nigel Flynn) to cry a special piece<br>Thanksgiving Peal by St Mary's Bells   |
| 19:10 hrs | Petworth Town Band will entertain   |
| 19:30 hrs | Piper will play   |

At the Beacon Lighting, soup and rolls will be provided and there will be a bar operated by the Royal British Legion Club. For further information on these events please contact Fiona Kemp on 01798 343099