



# 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,

11th December 2018  
Autumn Term No.7

During last week our children had a multitude of learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. On Saturday 1st December our children sang at the Petworth Christmas Fair and we have had many compliments about the children's singing. Oak, Ash and Rowan were entertained by the touring drama troupe performing The Snow Queen on Monday; Maple Explorers entertained the school with their insight about the Egyptians on Wednesday and it was so good to see how the class had so many different cross-curricular opportunities.

On Thursday we were fortunate enough to be witness to three children being baptised and twelve children taking their first Holy Communion. This was a great learning opportunity for all of our children as it is essential that people have a good understanding of world religions.

On Friday we were visited by four science experts, who are giving professional development to our teachers, whilst engaging our children as they explore different aspects of the science curriculum. This will only help us further develop our diverse and challenging curriculum.

Also on Friday our fantastic PPSA held their annual Christmas Fair, which raises much needed money for our children. So much organisation, commitment and effort goes into this event. Many members were at school late on Tuesday wrapping and preparing. On Friday the PPSA started setting up at 8.30am and were here all day. I am very thankful to our PPSA, people who donated items and for everyone who turned up. As ever we try and use every event as a learning opportunity and it was great to see our year six children use their imagination and enterprise skills to create and run their stalls.

## Children's Work

### Willow Class

Rather than looking down, as had become his habit, Morris Lessmore looked up. Riding through the air above Morris Lessmore was the most beautiful looking lady ever; it left him slack-jawed for quite a while. The lady's beautiful brown hair and sky blue eyes together with the red shoes and a cream dress made a beautiful combination. He looked down for a second, constantly blinking as if it was a dream, but when he looked back up, she was still there, gliding around. He stared at the energised team of flying books.

"He...hello up there!" Morris finally stammered. He was so confused and felt shocked and puzzled.

The flying lady replied, "Hello, you're probably wondering how I'm flying right? Well, these books are magical and take me wherever the story leads me."

"Wait, don't leave yet, we can keep on talking!" he shouted. The lady replied, "I'm sorry. Here, take this!" as a book fell at a speed to the ground. Beside Morris' feet was a blue covered book. The book stared up at Morris and started to open the pages. Confused, Morris saw the book turning pages. He could make out the book was telling him to follow him quickly. The book started to fly off somewhere. Sprinting to keep up with him, they started to approach a huge and ancient mansion. After a couple of minutes of staring, Morris decided to look back for a second.

"Where am I?" Morris asked himself. He had never seen such a breath-taking place. The book started to move towards the mansion.

"Open the door Morris!" The book ordered. As Morris opened the doors, he saw shelves stacked with books.

By Teo

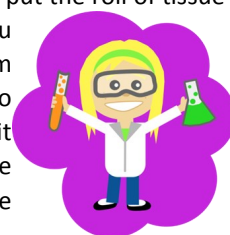
### Elm Class

#### Science "Professor Bubbleworks" Assembly

Last week's assembly was an amazing experience because we got to learn different experiments. I personally think that science is one of my favourite subjects because you can be very creative and fun with it. Firstly what we did was get a hair dryer and put a ping pong ball on top of the hair dryer. We turned the hair dryer on. The air from the hair dryer pushed the ball up so it floated.

Secondly there was a cup tower and a cake. There was a person standing on a line a short distance away from the cake and he had to blow out the candles but... he couldn't do it. So we got a cup and put it over the candle. This meant the candle had no oxygen to burn so it went out.

Lastly it was the tissue blaster. This experiment was my favourite because all you had to do was put the roll of tissue on a pole and get a leaf blower. Then you had to turn the leaf blower on and aim at the tissue. The leaf blower was so strong it unrolled the tissue and blew it into the middle of the hall! We have now learnt more than we thought we ever would!



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## Maple Explorers

Have been making shadufs and canopic jars as part of their Egyptian Project.



## Cello Assembly

Willow Class and George L, Lexie, Chloe E and Daniel C put on a wonderful performance for their parents showing them what they have learnt in their cello lessons this term.

## Children in Need

A huge thank you, we raised an amazing **£212.35** when the children and staff came dressed in their onesies, pyjamas and dressing gowns to raise money for Children in Need. The coins are still being counted from the coin trail and we will let you know as soon as we have an amount.

## Christmas Card Letter Box

The letter box is now outside of the office for the children to post their cards to their friends.. Please make sure that you put the child's name and class (you are sending the card to) on the envelope.



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## INSET DAYS (School Closed)

25th February 2019

3rd June 2019

## Dates for your Diary 2018/2019

Wed 12 Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm  
Thurs 13 Dec EYFS/KS1 Nativity 5.30pm  
Thurs 13 Dec Christmas Lunch  
Fri 14 Dec KS2 Panto Horsham  
Tues 18 Dec Christmas Parties  
Tues 18 Dec Christmas Carols Church Service at St Mary's 9.30am  
**Wed 19 Dec Last Day of Term at 3.15pm**  
**Thurs 3 Jan Back to School Start of Spring Term**  
Thurs 10 Jan Year 5 Pizza Express Midhurst  
Wed 30 Jan Year 5 Rother Valley All Sing at MRC 9.30-12.30pm  
Mon 28 Jan KS2 Young Voices O2  
**Fri 15 Feb Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm**  
**Mon 18-Fri 22 Feb Half Term**  
**Mon 25 Feb Inset Day School Closed**  
**Tues 26 Feb Back to School**  
Tues 26 Feb Year 3 Rother Valley All Sing at MRC (details to follow)  
**Fri 5 Apr Last Day of Term at 3.15pm**  
**Tues 23 Apr Back to School Start of Summer Term**  
**Mon 6 May Bank Holiday School Closed**  
Mon 13-Thurs 16 May KS2 SATS

## Forest School Dates

Thurs 6th Dec-24th Jan Maple Explorers (YR4)  
Thurs 31st Jan-7th Mar Maple Investigators (YR4)  
Thurs 14th Mar-25th Apr Elm Group 1 (YR5)  
Thurs 2nd May-6th June Elm Group 2 (YR5)  
Thurs 13th June-19th July Willow (YR6)  
Spring Term Ash Class  
Summer Term Oak Class