



Newsletter Friday 25th October 2024

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates:

- Friday 25th Oct** - Break up for half term
- 1st Nov**- Year 6 Tile Barn trip deposit payment due
- Tuesday 5th Nov** - **Individual photos Yr2,3,4,5**
- Tuesday 5th Nov 3.30pm** - Lodge Hill parent meeting
- Wednesday 6th Nov - Sibling photos
- Thursday 7th Nov - Individual photos EYFS, Yr1, Yr 6
- Monday 11th- Friday 15th Nov** - Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th Nov**- Odd Socks Day

House Point Results

 **Winning House** 
Petworth

Cowdray Parham
685 677

Goodwood Petworth
674 842

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a long half term, the children really do deserve a rest over the holiday! I have been really impressed with how the children have worked and shown enthusiasm through the half term. Yesterday, we welcomed headteachers from the Trust schools in for the day. I felt very proud and excited to show them our wonderful children and school.

After the success of the neurodiversity workshop held a few weeks ago, we will be run a second session. This time it will focus on **Managing Christmas with neurodiversity**. This will be in the KS2 hall 4th December at 6pm.

We would like to gradually encourage children in Key Stage 2 to walk through to their classrooms on their own to help support their independence. In the morning, teachers are setting up classrooms and trying to work with children in the class so it is not an ideal time to talk to parents. Senior Leadership are always on the gates and are very happy to talk to parents about specific concerns and then pass these on during break time when the teachers are not teaching. If there is an emergency, the Senior Leadership Team will ensure the message is passed on immediately. Teachers are very happy to talk with parents at the end of the day and will also phone if needed. We work as a team and Senior Leaders are here to support in the mornings whilst teachers focus on the children. Thank you in advance for supporting us.

I was thrilled to see so many parents and friends in school yesterday to sit with their children and share their learning. It was an informal opportunity to come share your child's work which I hope you enjoyed.

Thank you for all of the positive comments received during parents evening last week and after the Early Years 6 weeks in meeting. It really does mean a lot for staff to receive these positives.

Lastly a big thank you to you all for supporting us and working with us to make Billingshurst the best it can be.

Have a wonderful half term!

Ms Ley



Lateness

A polite reminder about gate times. Gates will be closed and locked at 8:55am. After this, children will be marked in late. Please do not be offended if the gate is closed and you have to walk round through the front office. This is to ensure we know who is in school after registers close. The morning is a really important time for children to settle. From gate opening times at 8:40am, teachers are working with children to support their learning and prepare them for the school day. This is a really key part to the day and we would encourage children to come in as near to 8:40 as possible.

Geography Field Work

This week, Year 6 went out into Billingshurst village to conduct some research as part of their Geography topic. They recorded data about the litter, pollution and population rates. We will use this data to suggest some areas that could be improved in the village, to reduce the impact on the local environment.

Thank you to any passer-bys who answered their survey questions!



'6 and a bit' weeks in - Early Years

Thank you to all the parents who came to our meeting this week. We hope you found it useful. We just wanted to say again how very proud we are of all your children! They have settled into school life incredibly well!

Leaflets have come home in your child's book bag today, all about how to support your children in reading, writing and mathematics.

There should also be a WOW moment form, these are for you to fill out at home as and when you would like, about something amazing your child has done at home. We would then love for them to come back to school so we can celebrate them in class and put them in your child's learning journal.



The children enjoyed their Headteacher's award this morning. They were rewarded with hot chocolate, cream and mini marshmallows. They enjoyed listening to some music and dancing before going back to class!



Chair of Governors - Across each academic year, the governing body monitors every single subject. All subject leaders have an action plan with their priorities for the current academic year and the meeting with governors will usually centre around this. This week, the governor linked to PE met with Miss Brown and Mrs Langley. Their meeting included observing some PE lessons and they also had the opportunity to talk to pupils from several year groups to capture their views on the PE curriculum.

BPA Bees - There's still time to book your tickets for our Christmas Decoration Making Night! Join us on Monday 2nd December, 7-9.30pm, where the KS2 hall will be brimming with Christmassy greenery, prosecco and nibbles. You can choose to make a beautiful wreath or table centre to take home with you. Tickets are £25 (plus booking fee) and can be booked here: <https://bit.ly/3ZTMgMM>

Horsham District Council is investing in **Billingshurst** and wants to hear from pupils and parents at The Weald as to what improvements to local facilities you would like to see.

To have your say, please go to <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Better-Billingshurst>

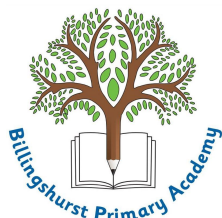
If you require any assistance, please contact **Rory Minchin** by emailing

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Letters home this week :

School photos - individual & sibling

Cross country (selected pupils only)



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