



# Newsletter 21st June

*Learning, growing and achieving excellence together*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week here at Billingshurst Primary Academy! Firstly, let me welcome new staff to our teaching team for September. Miss Milner, formerly a Learning Support Assistant in Early Years some time ago, joins us in Year 1. We are really excited to welcome her back into school. Miss Walker, who impressed us while working on placement in Year 2 this year, also will stay in the Year 2 team and teach her own class in September. Miss Erskine - who has trained and worked in journalism before training to become a teacher - will join the Year 4 team. Finally, Miss Curley will be teaching Year 5 and brings a enormous amount of knowledge and experience to our staff team. The staff have worked incredibly hard preparing classes and transition for next year and we are all feeling incredibly positive about it.

This week has been full of great learning. Year 2 had a great time visiting Arundel Castle and were rightly praised for their super conduct and behaviour. We have had children visiting The Weald for sports festivals from across KS2 and Mr Meaney has been in and working with Y6 as they prepare for their own transition to secondary school. School leaders have also been handing out some well-earned Headteacher's awards to Year 1 readers, Year 3 mathematicians and several Year 4s who have written some spine-chillingly spooky poems to create atmosphere.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Ms Ley



### Year 3 – Ukulele Concerts

This week, Year 3 performed their final ukulele concert of the year for their family and friends. We are very lucky that the BPSCA funds this amazing programme for our children and it was brilliant to see the progress that the children have made. Each class performed a number of songs and showcased brilliant singing and playing – even at the same time! A huge thank you to Mrs Eames for all of her hard work throughout the year. If your child would like to carry on playing or learn another instrument, please get in touch with the Year 3 team and we will point you in the right direction.



### EYFS –

This week Early Years we lucky to have a local farm visit. We wanted to say thank you to the BPSCA who funded this for us. The children loved having a chance to be in with a range of animals, including pigs, goats, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, a donkey and even the farm dog! The children talked to the farmer about how to care for animals, and they were given time to groom and feed the animals. The fun did not stop there; we then all enjoyed a picnic in our classrooms and some country line dancing all together in the afternoon! The children loved learning some moves.



### Year 2 – Arundel Castle

Year 2 had such a fantastic visit to Arundel Castle! We explored the highest part of the Castle Keep and we peered into the deepest part of the Oubliette (dungeon). The children have learnt many new facts about castles and knights, and they enjoyed hands-on experiences such as dressing up and handling artefacts. We even waved hello to the Earl of Arundel! The castle staff were blown away by the children's enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour, as were the team at BPA. Thank you to the BPSCA and helpers. Well done, Year 2!



**BPSCA** - WE NEED YOUR HELP at the Summer Fun Day! Sign up to volunteer serve drinks, sell cakes, run a tombola, or supervise one of the many games at the Summer Fun Day. The children love being in charge of a table with their parent for an hour, so adults please put your name down for one of the activities:

<https://volunteersignup.org/WHDHR>

RAFFLE TICKETS have gone home in bookbags; if you want any more, please ask at the school office. Prizes include a 60 inch Panasonic TV, and tickets to over a dozen local attractions like Tilgate Park, Drusilla's Zoo, and the Capitol cinema.



## House Point Results



**Winning House - Petworth**

**Cowdray**

**Parham**

**728**

**867**

**Goodwood**

**Petworth**

**860**

**957**



### Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 25th June: Transition day

Thursday 27th June: KS2 Choir Big Sing – The Weald

Wednesday 26th June – class photos

Thursday 27th June - KS2 Choir - Big Sing at The Weald

Saturday 6th July – Summer Fun Day

Tuesday 9th July – EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (backup date 16th July)

### Letters home this week:

Sports day menu change



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@BPSYearOne  
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