



Newsletter 1st March 2024

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. We have had quite a wet week and this often makes lunchtimes a bit more pressured. After recent discussions with senior leaders we have increased the profile of SLT over lunchtimes and particularly our wet lunchbreaks.

A very quick but genuine apology for the delay in opening the outer gates earlier this week. I will put my hand up for that one! Very sorry and I will ensure we do not cause congestion for parents wanting to come into school and for John our excellent crossing patrol.

Looking ahead we have some busy and exciting weeks ahead..... Science week, red nose day, welly walk, world book day and ground-force day! Please keep a lookout for more info and details.

Have a good weekend.

I Best wishes,
Mr Ball



Calling all Reading Volunteers

Do you have any free time in the school day to come in and read with our children? We would love to welcome all parents, carers and grandparents to join our dedicated team of reading volunteers. If you are interested in joining our group of reading volunteers, please contact the Office who will put you in touch with Miss Mack, our English Lead. We look forward to working with you on our reading journey!



EYFS

This week we have been looking closely at the signs of spring. We have been planting seeds, thinking about the parts of a flower, and we have been creating our own spring artwork. The children have enjoyed using different mediums, such as pencils, chalks and oil pastels. They also created a GIANT flower in the outside classroom.



Congratulations to our Year 6 Book Award winners!

On Tuesday evening, several children from our Year 6 Book Club visited the Weald School for the 'Weald Book Awards'. Four authors attended the event and the children had an opportunity to ask them questions. Prizes were awarded for winning submissions to the book club competitions, and we are delighted to announce that two of our fabulous children won a prize for their rap about their favourite book 'The Asparagus Bunch' by Jessica Scott-Whyte which is a humorous book filled with neurodiverse characters. Well done to Florence Doney who also won one of the competitions!

Winning Rap – The Asparagus Club!

I eat chips every day - way hay, way hay!
I eat chips every day - way hay, way hay!
I have autism 'tryna turn it into cool-tism
Autism 'tryna turn it into cool-tism!
AKA Aspergers syndrome
Taking everything literally
Going back in history
'Tryna solve a mystery about my mum
I'm making a group to fight all the bullies
Trying fully to beat them down
I live alone with no home, no place to go..



World Book Day 2024 - Thursday 7th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week as we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading. Next week, all children will receive a Book Token to use in a book shop on one of the £1 World Book Day books or for £1 off a book of their choice.

This year we have invited the children to dress up as a character from a book by some of our favourite authors or alternatively wear their comfy 'reading' clothes. This is a chance to celebrate our love of books so please don't feel that you need to buy anything. The day will include lots of fun reading related activities linked to this year's World Book Day focus: reading for pleasure.

KS2 Netball Tournament:

On Monday afternoon, a small team of Year 5 & 6 children took part in a netball tournament at the Weald. 9 schools competed in 5-a-side netball. Each short game was umpired by children from the Weald. The competition was strong, but our children were amazing! The team's positivity, resilience, adaptivity, and sportsmanship were fantastic and we're immensely proud of them!



BPSCA - Dates for your diary:

Welly Walk on 15 March. Wear something red for comic relief and your wellies for our sponsored stroll round the school. Donate at the BPSCA's JustGiving page.

Parents' Quiz n' Chips 22 March. We're excited to restart this fun annual tradition, so get your team ready for a fun evening of trivia and games! See the attached poster for details.

Note from Chair of Governors - This week, the finance committee held their scheduled meeting for the spring term. We have a minimum of 3 meetings per year to comply with Local Authority expectations and ensure finance-related documents are submitted according to the required schedule. At this meeting, we conducted our regular financial monitoring, including looking forward to anticipate levels of funding for the next financial year. We also carried out financial benchmarking against other similar-sized schools in West Sussex.

Year 4 are trying to source as many wire coat hangers for their parent afternoon activity for science week, if you have any that you can gift or any to be returned please bring them in!

Petworth winning house!

Cowdray
826

Goodwood
961

Parham
849

Petworth
977



Upcoming dates: March

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

w/c 4th & 11th March – Extended Parent Consultations

Monday 11th March – Science Week begins

Thursday 14th March – 2.45pm open classrooms for Science week

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday & Wednesday 19th & 20th March – Parents' evenings

Tuesday & Wednesday 19th & 20th March – Book Nook



Red Nose Day!
& Welly Walk
Friday 15th March

Letters home this week:

Red Nose Day & Welly Walk Letter (whole school) Multi-sports event (Yr3 and Yr4 only) Indoor Athletics, Year 5&6 Football



Year groups regularly post photos of children and learning so please follow your child's Year Group on X



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GROUND FORCE DAY 2



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Saturday 16th March – 12pm to 3pm

Come and help
us complete
some hands on
work around
our school!

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Wednesday 13th
March 2024

See you there!
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brushes...



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