





Letter 2, 20.10.16

Term dates—Autumn 2016

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OFSTED

We were very proud of the children during our recent Ofsted Inspection (12th October). The Inspector was very complimentary about our pupils' desire to learn and to challenge themselves. He was impressed by their perseverance too.

We can not announce the result until the report has been checked and validated. In approximately one week's time you will be able to read about it on Ofsted's website. Communication will follow after half term.

Going For Goals Afternoon

There will be a chance for parents to look at their children's work and to discuss the 'Stars' and 'Wishes' with their child, on Friday 11th November.

You should have received a letter explaining how it is going to work. Please see the website for a copy if you have not.

School will end at 1:15pm and then parents are encouraged to come back in with their child to look through all their wonderful work.

HORSHAM & BILLINGSHURST AREA CHAMPIONS!

Our school football team are the area 'Small Schools' champions for the second year running! This means that we have qualified for the Sussex Finals again, very exciting. The team were amazing and I would like to praise all our players for their spirit, team-work and determination. If you like to read more please go on this link:

https://www.hdsd.org.uk/News/october-2016/southwater-and-st-peters-triumph-inyear-56-football-climax



KATHRYN'S CAKES

Kathryn Winstanley managed to raise £105 with her cake sale for Macmillian Cancer. She would like to thank her class mates for all their help and all of you for supporting the event.



Well done, Kathryn! What a wonderful thing to have done.

INVITE TO REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Year 6 will be leading a Remembrance Service at 10:45am on Friday 11th Nov.

Venue : School Hall

ALL WELCOME



October Monday 24 th Monday 31st	- Half term begins - INSET Day
November Thursday 10 th Friday 11 th Friday 11 th Thursday 17th Tuesday 22nd Monday 28th	 Individual Pupil Photos Going For Goals' 1:15pm Remembrance Service in school - led by Year 6 Open Morning for 2017 Reception starters. Book Fayre Robot Workshop for Robot & Caracas Class
	Rome & Caracas Class
December	
Thursday 1st	- Christingle Service,
Friday 2nd	5:30pm in the church - Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
Monday 5th	- Nativity Dress
	Rehearsal 10:30am
Monday 5th	- Last week of clubs
Tuesday 6h Wednesday 7th	- KS1 Nativity – 10:30am - KS1 Nativity – 10:30am
Friday 9th	- Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Monday 12th	- INSET Day
Wednesday 14th	
	at the church, 9.15am
Thursday 15 th	 Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th	Rainbow Theatre - End of Term
	2017
SPRING TERM	
Starts: Tuesday 3rd January	

Starts: Tuesday 3rd January Half term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February INSET DAY: Monday 27th February Ends: Friday 7th April

SUMMER TERM Starts: Monday 24 April Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June INSET DAY: Monday 5th June Ends: Tuesday 25 July

INSET DAYS Monday 31st October 2016 Monday 12th December 2016 Monday 27th February 2017 Monday 5th June 2017

Year 6 SATS Week: 8th May to 12th May







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Reception 2017—Open Day

If you have a child due to begin school next academic year please come to our **OPEN DAY**

9:15am to 10:30 – Thursday 17th Nov.

If you know of anyone in the village who has a child due to begin school next academic year please tell them about this. Thank you. They can contact the office for more information.

Hall Of Fame Recent additions:

The Football Team Lauren Sunderland Daisy Beard Joseph Hopwood Ewan Barker Isaac Harwood Ella Francis Archie Redford Ursula Seymour

Millie Philcox Henry Gatward Kyle Rich Jack Ayling J-D. Hobbs

Congratulations

Poppy Planting

On Tuesday 18th Oct. ten pupils went with Fr. Martin and Marie Hall to plant poppies in the churchyard. This was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Edward Mears during WW1.



Message from Mrs Sherlock

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your kind wishes, lovely gifts, wonderful gift voucher and special cards that you gave me as I left. Thank you so much – I have read, and re-read them all and I am so touched by your kindness. I have had a very special 8 years at St Peters – it really is a very special primary school. My thanks again and best wishes to you all and, of course, your children here.



NEW MERIT BADGES

This academic year we are going to do away with our old system of giving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates to the children when they get a certain number of merits. We want to 'spice' things up with a new, exciting system.

What we will be doing instead is awarding the children a lovely badge that is theirs to keep. When they collect 25 Merits they will get a badge, like the one above, that they can wear proudly on their uniform. Then they'll get similar badges when they pass 50, 75 and 100 Merits.

Merit badges will be awarded in class assemblies rather than Wednesday Worship. Parents are always welcome in Wednesday Assembly at 9am, but due to the logistical challenges of the certificate presenting we will not be presenting the new badges in front of parents.







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Welcome to our church of St Peter.

Prayer and Worship St Peter's church is open for private prayer daily. If you see the gate open, feel free to step inside.

You are of course; always welcome to come to any of our services. Details can be found in church, and on the website: <u>www.stpeterschurch-cowfold.org.uk</u> or from Judy Penhaligon (Church Warden) 01403 865500 or email: <u>penhudsons@aol.com</u>





Especially for Families in the Parishes

If you are looking for something fresh, why not come to "Short and Sweet", our new family service? It is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month here in Cowfold. "Short" because it starts at 10am and lasts for 20 minutes, and "Sweet" because the service is followed by refreshments. Please note our 13th November service will be at 4pm as it is Remembrance Sunday.

A special service is held at St Peter's Church, at 10am on the 1st Sunday of each month, for people of all ages and stages of faith. Although we don't have a structured Sunday School at St Peter's, we do have "Church in a Box" at all our main services where children can dip into a box of themed activities and books. These are changed on a weekly basis.

Taize worship by candlelight is held at Cowfold on every 3^{rd} Sunday of the month at 6pm. This is a special time for simple chants, and quiet meditation on short passages of scripture.



Remembrance Service: Sunday 13th November. There will be a service at St Peter's commencing at 10.45am to remember those who fell in WW1 and all wars and conflicts since.

"Short and Sweet" Our new 20 minute service will meet again on Sunday 13th November. Due to the Remembrance Service in the morning, our Short and Sweet Service for this month only will be at 4pm. The theme will be "Saints" with a fresh look at a few of our Christian saints. There will be a time of informal worship, and I'm sure Fr Keith will entertain us with his cartoon skills. Craft activities and refreshments. Churchyard: Construction on our bug hotel starts Saturday 29th October at 10am. Everyone is welcome to come along to help. Donations of seed heads, cones and other suitable materials will be gratefully received. If any children would like to take part during the half term week, please let Judy know as this can be easily arranged.

Posada: Look out soon for more news of our Posada event where the Holy Family travels round the village during Advent, receiving hospitality in families' houses before coming into church at the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

Also – Forthcoming events: Saturday 22nd October 2pm to 5pm in Cowfold Village Hall – Autumn Fair – Lots of stalls to start you off with your Christmas shopping. Saturday 10th December 2pm to 5pm in Cowfold Village Hall Reading Room. Cake sale and Christmas Wreath Sale. Beautiful wreaths to adorn your front doors during the festive season at a very good price.