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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 28th September over 2000 Headteachers marched at Westminster to campaign for fairer school funding. This last week there has been a great deal in the news about the DfE providing misleading statistics about school funding, including the costs of university tuition fees and private school fees in their calculations. Today you will receive an update from the Worthless campaign about the continued pressure Headteachers are putting on the government to fund schools fairly and to be truthful about their claims. Please do read the letter and do get involved – writing to your MP or joining planned day of parental action on 19th October. We really need your support and parents do have the strongest voice. Thank you.

House Cup

Well done to Petworth who won the House Points Cup.

Reading Raffle

Reading Raffle winners this week were Amy (France), Florence (France), Cameron (Egypt), Amy M (Morocco), Freya (Nepal) and Harry (Russia). Well done to you all.

Harvest Festival

Today we had a wonderful Harvest Festival with the faith leaders from the village. Thank you all so much for the wonderful donations you sent in to go to Crawley Open House. You can be sure they will be put to good use and go to people who really need them.



Parents' Evening

We look forward to seeing you all next week. Our Book Fair will be here too so please do think about some early Christmas shopping if you can. We get a great deal of books through the commission received when you spend money at the fair so please do support us if you can.

Just a reminder that parents' evening has been postponed for Cambodia class as Mr Buckler is unwell. This will be rescheduled as soon as he is well enough.

Lions Race Night

The Lions are holding a Race Night at the Billingshurst Community Centre, on the evening of Saturday, 27th October.

It is in aid of the Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, sepsis critical care unit. We have first hand experience of them saving a young Mum's life. Please do come along, tickets are available from the Lions Book Shop in Jengers Mead. Thank you

Talented Athletes

On Wednesday 3rd October, a group of 29 children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Talented Athlete event at The Weald. There were many different activities for us to participate in, such as: basketball, sprint relays, throwing, catching and football. We had to practise our footwork and skills in each of these sports and make sure that we encouraged one another during these.

Activities went on throughout the morning. After our snack and a quick rest break, we had the chance to play more of a team game using basketball skills in our mixed school groups. After this, we enjoyed doing sprint relays in our chosen teams. Lunch soon followed and the afternoon was spent planning and playing our own activities in teams of about 6 or 7. We finished the day with catching and throwing skills on the field.

We all really enjoyed the day at the Weald and hope that we can go along to the next event of Talented Athletes and represent our school once more.

Written by Adam, Petworth Sports Captain (Year 6 Russia)

British Legion – Poppy Appeal Launch 2018

West Sussex County Poppy Appeal Launch will take place on Saturday 27th October at the WW2 Wings Museum in Balcombe.

At the launch there will be the opportunity to meet veterans of varying ages, look around the museum itself, enjoy hot food/drink, live entertainment and take a look around the new county poppy bus where you will be able to make your own poppy.

If you would like to attend you are more than welcome.

BPSCA News

Children's Quality Sale - TOMORROW 11am-1pm

We look forward to opening our doors tomorrow from 11am-1pm for the Children's Quality Sale.

In addition to all of the fabulous donations many people made for the sale, 65 sellers from Billingshurst and many other local villages have been busy preparing thousands of items. Both halls and the corridor in between will be packed full of clothes 0-12+ years, shoes, toys, books and all many of baby and toddler equipment. £1 entry for adults (children free) and we can accept cash only at the tills. This is an event for the entire community, raising money for the school and Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice so please extend our warm invitation to friends and family of anyone not directly associated with the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our coffee morning on Wednesday and an especially big thank you to those who signed up to help with future BPSCA activities and events.

We are planning to run further coffee mornings so if you missed it this time, there will be another opportunity to come along and find out what we do and how you can help.





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Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2018

Autumn Term:	-	Monday 3 rd September – Wednesday 19 th December 2018
Autumn Half Term	-	Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October 2018
Spring Term	-	Thursday 3rd January 2019 – Friday 5th April 2019
Spring Half Term	-	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February 2019
Bank Holidays	-	Friday 19 th April and Monday 22 nd April 2019
Summer Term	-	Tuesday 23rd April - Tuesday 23rd July 2019
Summer Half Term	-	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019
Bank Holidays	-	Monday 6 th and 27 th May 2019
INSET DAYS	-	Monday 29th October, Wednesday 19th December, Friday 15th February and Tuesday 23rd April
10 th October	-	Coffee Morning
13 th October	-	Children's Quality Sale
16 th October	-	Parents Evening 4 – 7.30pm
17 th October	-	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm
2 nd November	-	Quiz Night
3 rd December	-	Year 6 Christmas Performance 9am
4 th December	-	Year 2 Christmas Performance 9am
4 th December	-	Year 5 Christmas Performance 2pm
5 th December	-	Year 3 Christmas Performance 2pm
6 th December	-	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9am
6 th December	-	EYFS Christmas Performance 2.15pm
7 th December	-	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.45am
7 th December	-	Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
17 th December	-	Carols in the car park 3.30pm
8 th February	-	Quiz Night
8 th February	-	Welly Walk
9 th March	-	Children's Quality Sale
28 th March	-	Film Night
4 th April	-	Spring Fair
10 th May	-	Quiz Night
Week beginning 13 th May	-	Year 6 NCT's
22 nd May	-	New parents evening
3 – 7 th June	-	Year 6 to Blackland Farm
22 nd June	-	Summer Fun Day
10 th July	-	Film Night
16 th July	-	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day
17 th July	-	KS2 Sports Day
BPSCA Meeting Dates	-	5th Oct, 9th Nov, 14th Dec, 11th Jan 2019, 1st Feb, 1st Mar, 5th Apr, 3rd May, 7th Jun, 5th Jul
AGM Meeting	-	1 st November at 3.30pm

(NB: Dates may be subject to change)

Letters Home This Week

Year 6 – Blackland Farm Payment Schedule Letter
Year 6 – Book Club Letter



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