



Learn, Discover, Achieve

Friday Flyer – 7th June 2019

Welcome back to school for what will be a very busy and exciting last half term of the year.

Sporting Achievements

Cross country

A large number of boys and girls from Years 3 – 6 competed in the Petworth Area Schools' Cross Country event at Petworth Park on the last day of the half term. All the children finished the course (which was a fantastic achievement in itself!) and there was tremendous team spirit and



encouragement by all the runners. Congratulations to Grant in Year 5 who won the boys' race and to the girls' team who finished 4th and the boys' team who finished 5th of the six PAS schools.

Cricket

Congratulations to the cricket team who won all their matches at yesterday's Petworth Area Schools' cricket tournament to win the overall competition. There was some sparkling batting, fielding and bowling on display and some magnificent performances by the whole team. Some of the team will go on to represent a united Amberley/St James' team at the County Ground in Horsham next week.



Little Big Sing

Children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed combining with other children across the Petworth Area in a singing event at Bury School on Wednesday. The children learned three new songs which were performed in a choir with three other schools.



School Crossing Patrol

It would be wonderful if a parent could volunteer to fill in for Tracey if she is ever absent from the crossing. West Sussex County Council will provide training and a DBS check will be required. Please let the office know if you would like further information.



New Intake pupils, September 2019

Final numbers for next year's Reception year are still uncertain, however, we do know that our intake for September is comfortably in double figures and is the largest intake St. James' have had for many years.

Class Structure for the 2019/2020 academic year

The structure of the classes will remain as they currently are for the next academic year:

Class name	Year Groups	Predicted number	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistants
Ash	Reception 1	13 + 10 = 23	Mrs Watt (Miss Barnes)	Mrs North Mrs Skirrow Mrs Rigby
Elm	Years 2, 3 and 4	8 + 7 + 8 = 23	Mrs Holt (M,T) Mrs Hall (W,T,F)	Mrs Skirrow Mrs Casebow
Yew	Years 5 and 6	6 + 12 = 18	Mrs Martin	Mrs Rigby

The children will have a number of transition afternoons where they visit their new class/teacher.

Staff Training – what *do* teachers do on Inset Training days?

The teaching team wrote action plans for their subject leader roles and then worked with their Amberley colleagues to moderate reading, writing and maths across the year groups. Last evening, staff and governors attended training exploring gender differences in autism led by an advisory teacher from the Autism and Social Communication Team.

Federation with Amberley School

The Local Authority, Diocese and Department for Education have all approved the move for St James' and Amberley Schools to become a federation. The Federation will be known as 'The Arun Villages Federation' and a single governing body has now been appointed to run across both schools with an equal number of governors from both

schools. Sally Cleaver and Richard Charman are the parent governors representatives for St James. The federation date has been set for Monday 1st July.

Malawi Update

The recent fundraising by Yew Class features on the website for the Malawi Schools project. If you are interested in finding out more about the project, please follow the link to www.themalawischoolsproject.org.

Advance Notice – Changes to Text and Email Communication Systems

During June we will be changing our parent communications provider from “Teachers to Parents” to “Parent Pay”. This will bring enhanced benefits such as online payments, online consent forms as well as the usual text and email messaging.

There will be a short period of time, from 24th June to 1st July, when we will be unable to send texts. Instead messages will be sent to parents usual email addresses.

If any of your contact details change before 24th June, please let the office know promptly so data transferred to the new system is as accurate as possible.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Gilbert
Head Teacher

Important Dates for your diary:

Thurs	20/06/2019	Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Mon	17/06/2019	Year 5 Stoolball Tournament at Northchapel
Fri	21/06/2019	Elm Class Worship 9.00am
Mon	24/06/2019	Yew Class to Amberley School – Local Area Walk
Wed	26/06/2019	Yew Class Trip to The Big Bang Science Fair
Tue	02/07/2019	Leavers’ Service at Chichester Cathedral 10.30am
Tue	02/07/2019	Music Performance (Years 2-6) 3.00pm
Wed	03/07/2019	Year 6 Transition Day to Midhurst Rother College Whole school Transition Day
Thurs	04/07/2019	Joint Sports Activity Day at Amberley School
Fri	05/07/2019	Ash Class Worship 9.00am
Thurs	11/07/2019	Yew Class trip to Connect with the Countryside
Wed	17/07/2019	School Production 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Thurs	18/07/2019	Reserve date for School Production
Tue	23/07/2019	Leaver’s Service at St Giles’ Church 9.00am Term ends
Mon	02/09/2019	InSET Day
Tue	03/09/2019	Autumn Term Starts
Fri	25/10/2019	InSET Day