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Dear Families

What a busy week the children have had! We thought we would take this opportunity to share some of the exciting learning that has been going on at our school.

On Monday, Little Lifesavers worked with our Years 5&6 children to deliver CPR skills training. They learnt how to recognise choking, back blows for choking, hands-only CPR and how to put somebody into the recovery position. This was a fantastic workshop, enjoyed by all the children. There are some photos of the afternoon on our [Facebook](#) page.

Year 3 children had great fun learning about rocks in their recent science lesson. Using Starburst, Mrs Sparrow showed how the 3 types of rock are formed - sediment to sedimentary rock to igneous rock (heated in hands and cooled) to metamorphic rock, where they added heat and pressure with an iron. Again, check out our Facebook page to see some photos of the results!

Year 2 children wrote amazing diary entries for how 'The Great Fire of London' started, using well thought out expanded noun phrases to describe what it would have been like.

Children in Oak class have been inspired by honesty quotes from famous people, including William Shakespeare and Elvis Presley to create art work reflecting our school value.

Inspired by the book 'Curiosity' written by a local Brighton author, Markus Motum, Holly class designed their own rover this week and are currently writing an explanation text using technical vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and multi-clause sentences to describe its various features.

In Science, Year 1 children have been busy drawing their faces and labelling their senses.

Ash class are making large 3D animal models from recycled materials, and have been learning African songs. Miss Cove is very excited about celebrating these with everyone when the children have finished.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Sharrock

Recent Correspondence

- Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre visiting school – please return £8 voluntary contribution towards the cost
- PTA flyer – Non-uniform day, Friday 26th January

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Hello everyone!

As we embark on our first term as your PTA committee, we are looking forward to all that is ahead. We have spent our first week trying to get to grips with all that the wonderful PTA entails and find our feet, so please do bear with us whilst we settle in!

As you may have already seen on our social media page, we have arranged a PTA social evening this month – Wednesday 31st January at 7 pm at 'The Black Horse'. We would encourage each of you to become part of the PTA. The number one reason for joining the PTA is to benefit all of our children and our school. Every bit of time that you could give, however big or small, would be invaluable, so please do come along to this evening and get to know us more, ask questions and see what it is all about. We would love to hear from you if you are able to join us on the 31st – PTA@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 26th January: Non-uniform day (please bring in unwanted gifts towards our Revels tombola).

Wednesday 31st January: Social evening (7pm) at 'The Black Horse'.

Have a great weekend!

Sian, Emma and Wen



DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Fri 26 January	PTA non-uniform day
Tues 30 January	O2 trip – final payment due ASAP
Wed 31 January	PTA Social at The Black Horse (7pm)
Mon 5 February	Rainbow Theatre Company workshop – Ash and Willow (1pm)
Tues 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 February	Reception Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	Half-term break
Mon 19 February	Back to school
Tues 20 February	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 21 February	Rowan & Holly trip to Chichester (letter to follow)
	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5pm)
Thurs 22 February	World Thinking Day
Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at morning service (St John's Church 10am)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser
	No Book Club/last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Fri 17 May	PTA non-uniform day
Sat 18 May	SUMMER REVELS
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited

