

NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2018

Pankhurst Class Update



Pankhurst would like to tell you about their exciting learning journey this term through poetry - enjoy!

What an exciting term Pankhurst have had,
We can't honestly think of one thing that's bad,

In maths we have mastered column addition and subtraction,

When we recited the 6 times tables you should have seen Miss Beaney's reaction,
We've learnt about the Maya and the food that they ate ,

We tried chilli hot chocolate and the maize tortillas were great,
To further our knowledge we went to London on Monday,
To visit the British Museum, oh it was such a fun day,
We listened to Mike talk about Mayan temples,
And about the incredible carvings on all of the lintels,
The Firework-Maker's Daughter is the class text we have read,
How to use apostrophes for possession is now firmly in our head,
Our balancing skills have been thoroughly tested in gymnastics,
Our Athletics lessons with Mr Digby have been truly fantastic,
Just call us Jimmy Hendrix as our guitar skills are improving,

During our Christmas Panto rehearsals we've all been grooving,

In science we have learnt how periscopes use light,
Our knowledge of refraction has reached a great height,
In PSHE we now know how to deal with conflicts between peers,

In RE we learnt about Malala Yousafzai and how she showed no fear,

Our heads are filled to the brim with all the lessons we've had,

We most definitely will be on Santa's good list and not on the bad.



British Museum Trip



On Monday, the children in Key Stage Two went on a trip to the British Museum. They arrived at school at 8.30 and left in a convoy of three coaches for the long journey. Finally, they arrived in London and, after putting their bags in lockers and after grabbing a quick snack, they had a



look at some of the amazing exhibits. At 12 o'clock, all the classes gathered together for a presentation on the lives of the Ancient Maya, which has been their topic since September. After that, we all had a very quick lunch before making the most of the time left to see some Maya artefacts.

It was a long but very enjoyable day and a great way to end our topic. The children were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school.



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Football



Congratulations to our football team who received their certificates in this morning's assembly.

Nightingale Class Forest School Reminder

On Wednesday, the children will have lunch in the woods. If they would like to have a cooked lunch, please send in £2.10 or, alternatively, the children can bring a packed lunch. We would like parents to come along, too. We will provide you with a hot drink and biscuits or you can bring a packed lunch. Come along and join in and see the fantastic things the children have been doing.

P & F Update

Only a week to go until our Christmas Fayre. We aim to get everyone really in the mood for the festive season, from Santa in his Grotto ready to welcome you, to lots of gift ideas ready to be bought from our outside stall-holders. There will be refreshments, our chocolate tombola, games and crafts, all topped by our fantastic raffle with some amazing prizes.

We can't wait to see you all in the School Hall between 3.30pm - 6.00pm.

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Children in Need

A huge thank you to Darcie and Elsa for lovingly making pompoms to sell for Children in Need. Such an exceptionally kind thing to do!



Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	99.1
Nightingale	97.0
Darwin	100
Pankhurst	98.1
Shakespeare	97.7
Churchill	93.3

Darwin 'smash it' again this week. 100% attendance and NO LATES - three weeks in a row!

Ted and Pup have practically moved in. The termly treat is getting ever closer.

Excellent.

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Dear Parent,

Santa Special Trains - would your child like to help us?

You may be aware that the Kent and East Sussex Railway is a volunteer run, educational charity. During December, we operate our very popular "Santa Special" service. Trains travel between Tenterden and Northiam Stations with Santa and his team of elves distributing presents to each child at their seat. The purpose of this letter is to invite your son or daughter to assist us as an Elf this December.

A typical day will start one hour before the first train departs (certainly no earlier than 09:30am). When they arrive and sign in they will be introduced to their team and their team leader (Staff Member of KESR) - who will be co-ordinating their tasks for the day. This team will stay together for the entire day. They will then change into their costumes and help to load the train with presents. They do not need any special clothing but we would prefer black shoes (no trainers), dark trousers and a top to wear under the "Christmas jumpers" we will be giving them to wear. Hats with ears will also be provided for them to wear. A food voucher will be provided to each child per day.

When the train departs, they follow Santa through the train, listening to the answers each child gives to Santa and handing Santa the correct present from their own sack.

Subject to your agreement, please complete and submit our online elf availability form <http://www.kesr.org.uk/santa-elf> by Monday 26th November. Rosters detailing which days and times your child should attend will be emailed to you along with a slide show giving further information on the duties of our wonderful Elves.

Should you have any questions please direct them to me. I can be contacted on 01580 766467.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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Diary Dates

30th Nov	Shakespeare Class Assembly P & F Christmas Fayre (after school)
7th Dec	P & F Children's Christmas Shopping morning
10th Dec	Flu Immunisation Years R-5
11th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
12th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
13th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
14th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
17th Dec	Whole school trip to Pantomime Carol Concert St. Nicholas Church - Evening
18th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec	Read and Discover Celebration assembly KS1 and KS2 Parties
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
3rd Jan	Term 3 begins -Children back to school
14th Jan	Year 6 Bikeability week
8th Feb	P & F Disco 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
18th Feb	February holiday
25th Feb	Term 4 begins -Children back to school
4th Mar	Book Week
6th Mar	Book Fair after school
7th Mar	Book Fair After School
8th Mar	Book Week Dress Up Assembly
12th Mar	Year 6 Memory Book Photographer visiting Parent Consultation Evening
13th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon
14th Mar	KS2 Trip to Bethany School-Peter and the Wolf
15th Mar	Comic Relief Day
29th Mar	P & F Mother's Day Sale
5th April	Easter Service Mission Church P & F Easter Tombola after school End of Term 4