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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our November newsletter. Thank you to all those parents who have been reading and commenting on our Twitter feed throughout the month. I hope that you are enjoying the fantastic learning we are sharing with you every day.

### **Book Fair**



Many thanks to all those generous parents who supported our book fair during parents evening. We raised £298 for school to spend on renewing some of our more dated library books.

Our second hand book fair also raised over £40 for school too. A fantastic amount and well done everybody!

### **Planetarium visit**

Blue & Yellow classes had an amazing day at Chichester Planetarium recently. The volunteers outdid themselves to teach and show the children things that they might not necessarily be aware of. Did you know that a nickname for earth was 'Goldilocks'? Not too hot, not too cold, just right.



After their tasty lunch they were allowed to hold meteorites of different weights some of which were 4.6 million years old! No school visit is complete without a trip to the shop and I am told that stretchy men were very popular!



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## **Easy Fundraising**

Did you know that school is registered as a 'cause' on Easy Fundraising?

This means that we can raise money when you shop on line! There are three ways to shop and ensure you raise money for school.



You can visit the website: [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. They will take you straight to the retailers website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but they will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

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You can install the wonderful Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Our Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

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Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too.

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## **Harvest Festival**



Thank you very much to all our parents who enjoyed our harvest festival and sent their children in with a non-perishable food item. These 5 boxes of food were donated to Stonepillow for use at St Joseph's homeless shelter who were very grateful and asked that we pass on their thanks.

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## **Fire Safety**

Red and Yellow classes had a visit by a real fireman from Chichester Fire Brigade who reminded them all about fire safety in the home. They talked about matches & lighters and asked the children to remind their parents that smoke alarm batteries should be checked regularly!

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## **Dogs**

Parents are reminded that dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. They should be left in a safe place outside the gate please.

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### Wear it pink day



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October school went very **PINK!** We raised £120 for Breast Cancer Care, the UK's largest breast cancer charity.

Every year 50, 000 women and 350 men are diagnosed with this particular cancer, so it is a real opportunity to raise some money and make a difference to someone's life.

### Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Green class went back to the Iron and Stone Ages during a recent visit to Butser Ancient Farm. They enjoyed many hands on activities, making the most of their 'visit to the past'.

The ancient farm features archaeological reconstructions of ancient buildings from the Stone Age, Iron Age, Roman Britain and the Anglo-Saxon period and their buildings are internationally famous and appear on television and in feature films.

The children all returned with lots of things they had made and they all said while they liked 'visiting' the past, they much preferred living in modern times!



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## **Stamps**

As it's that time of year again, please would you all save your stamps in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Mrs Manning is collecting them in school but they can be sent in with your children.

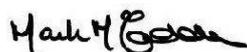
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## **Word Mania**

All the children should now have brought home their log-ons and information sheets to take part in the literacy planet 'Word Mania' competition. We are very proud of our Year 3's, who came **second** in the South East Region of the first round of the competition in this year's event. Very well done to them!

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Kind regards



Mark McCadden  
HEADTEACHER

## **Dates For your Diary:**

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- 17<sup>th</sup> Red class visit to Fishers Farm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Blue & Yellow Class science museum (2.30 – 3.30pm)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Viola Assembly – 9.15am

## **December 2017**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> FPTA Christmas Fayre (3.30 – 5.00pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Play
- 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carols by Candlelight – Birdham Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch and jumper day

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- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day and service in Birdham Church

## **January 2018**

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- 8<sup>th</sup> First day back to school

