

#### Newsletter Friday 7th February 2025 Ambition Belonging Courage

## Key dates:

Tuesday 11th - SLT coffee and catchup - 08.40-09.00am - Internet Safety day - Yr 3 class assemblies PM Wednesday 12th - Yr 6 class assemblies PM

Friday 14th - Open Classrooms - 8.40-9.00am - EYFS games with parents - 8.40-8.55am WB Monday 17th - HALF TERM Monday 24th - INSET DAY

### **House Point Results**

## Winning House Cowdray

Cowdray Parham 610

529

Goodwood Petworth 548 516

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week the school has had! 83 of our children travelled to the O2 in London to perform with over 8500 children to a packed audience. We are so proud of our children for an excellent performance and our parents who supported so passionately... we've seen the videos of the audience dancing!

This week, year 2 held class assemblies for parents to learn all about the history of flight. The children rose to the challenge and presented clearly and confidently. We loved having parents in to celebrate learning with their children. Next week, is the turn of year 3 and 6!

Open classrooms will be held next Friday at 8:40am where parents will have the opportunity to share their children's learning in classrooms. We are looking forward to welcoming you in then.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Ley



Mr Hampson has worked at BPA for 6 years and lives in Storrington with his young family. He is originally from Bolton and is a huge Bolton Wanderers fan! Mr Hampson also lived and worked in Dubai for 4 years.

**Fun Facts:** Mr Hampson has been around the world and once rode an ostrich!

Hobbies: Singing in choir, football, spending time with family, **BWFC**!

## **Mental Health Week**

This week, the school has been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and each year group has been exploring their strengths, likes, dislikes- anything that makes us us! We have also participated in lots of mindfulness activities such as: finger breathing, colouring and yoga. We found this really beneficial and kept us nice, calm and ready to learn.



## Young Voices - KS2 Choir

On Tuesday, 83 of our KS2 children went to the London O2 Arena to Young Voices. They joined a choir of over 8500 children to sing 10 songs they had been learning since September! The choir had 'the best time ever' and their faces were just magical as they sang their hearts out! They were joined by 160 parents, family and friends who had just as much fun watching, singing along and dancing in their seats! Thank you to all the staff that made it possible and a huge well done to all the children for their amazing performance and exemplary behaviour throughout!









## Year 2 - Class Assemblies

This term, Year 2 have been exploring how we learnt to fly. From singing and acting, to acrobatics and reading work aloud, Year 2 had a wonderful time sharing their learning with parents and carers in their class assemblies.





# SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the SEND coffee morning this week. We focused our discussion around sensory needs and how these can be supported in school and at home. Emily Folan was able to join us and added some invaluable insights into the connection between speech and language difficulties and sensory processing. Thank you to parents for being so supportive to each other and sharing great ideas. Our next get together is planned for **Wednesday** 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will be in the afternoon - 2:50pm to 3:10pm. We hope to see you then.

## BPA Bees

**Quiz Night - Friday 7th March** - Tickets are selling fast and there are now just a few tables (for teams of up to 6 people) available. Book your tickets here: <u>https://shorturl.at/bZ0eX</u>

**BPA Bees Update** - So far, this school year, we have funded the following: Ukulele lessons for all children in Year 3, a £2,500 contribution towards the pantomime trip and some new playground equipment. Thank you to everyone who has supported us!



## Chair of Governors

It was my great privilege to accompany children and staff to the O2 arena this week as part of Young Voices. It is difficult to describe the magic that happens when almost 9,000 children are joined in song. The children were magnificent! Many thanks also to our school community for coming along to support the children and for your lovely comments on social media. Finally, special thanks to Mr Hampson and Mrs Pullen for their excellent organisation both in the lead up to the event and on the day. It is no easy task to ensure such a large group of children is kept safe, particularly in such a large venue amongst so many other schools.





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