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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a brand new term and although short, we have a lot to pack in to it! I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things we have already done.

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### Steve Clifford

On our first day back to school, we had author Steve Clifford come in to school to talk about his 'Walking with...' series of books which approach the subject of children being transported back through time and how they cope without the trappings of modern life. He presented an assembly to the whole school and talked to some of the older children about how he became an author and the writing process. It was a very enjoyable visit and we have some of his books now in our library for children to read.

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### Prayer Spaces



2018 has been designated as Chichester Diocese' year of prayer. This is an initiative to help us to develop and deepen the life of prayer and spirituality within the Diocese. Children spent two sessions in the prayer spaces which were erected in the school hall and shown many different ways in which God can hear us and how we can be more spiritual in our daily lives. They made crosses and wrote out tags for our prayer tree which is still on display in our school hall.

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### FPTA AGM

Notice is given that the FPTA Annual General Meeting will take place in school at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Agenda items include re-election of current committee members, election of new committee members and a review of the last year of fundraising events.



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Any parents interested in volunteering to serve on the committee for the next year should please enquire at the office in the first instance and be available to attend the AGM please.

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### **Orchestral Childrens Concert**

On Tuesday this week, all our children were given the opportunity to go to Chichester Festival Theatre to see a childrens concert performed by Southern Pro-Musica Orchestra. There was plenty of audience participation and some very entertaining stories about different sections of the orchestra. The performance finished with a song written by the conductor that required everyone to stand up and sing along!

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### **Netball/ Football**

As part of our sporting curriculum, children are given the opportunity to take part in different sporting mini tournaments. Next week we have children from Y3 – Y6 taking part in either netball or football and we wish them luck and success in their competitions

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### **Budget**



We are using our limited funds as best we can to maximize our curriculum. Having said that, for the next financial year, we are facing a budget reduction (exact amount yet unknown) and increased costs of approx. £20 thousand. We must therefore carefully consider our resources and how we best spend them to ensure we are getting the best value for money when delivering the curriculum to our children.

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## Booking online

All bookings for school events and clubs should now be done via the online booking system which now updates directly from our school information management system. Please remember that all clubs should be booked on line in this manner at the start of every term. If your addresses/ emails or phone numbers change, please remember to tell the office!

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## E-Safety Evening

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Alastair Ghinn is again running an e-safety evening 'Keeping our Children Safe Online' in the school hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Featuring advice from the West Sussex Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP) department on how we can best protect our children when using the internet and social media. Please book for this using the parents evening system.

Kind regards

Mark McCadden  
HEADTEACHER

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## Dates For your Diary:

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### **February 2018**

- 9<sup>th</sup> INSET day (Friday)  
12<sup>th</sup> Start of half term  
19<sup>th</sup> First day back after half term  
20<sup>th</sup> Hockey Tournament  
23<sup>rd</sup> Blue/ Yellow Class School Trip (returning to school at 5.00pm)  
(Provisional)

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### **March 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Green Class school trip  
13<sup>th</sup> Orange Class school trip (returning to school at 4.00pm)  
(Provisional)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Little Big Sing  
29<sup>th</sup> End of Term

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### **April 2018**

- 16<sup>th</sup> First Day Back

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