

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

*Friday 18th January 2019*

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### **OUR SCHOOL & TRUST**

Last week the school community attended St. John's Hyde Park to participate in this year's Epiphany Service. This week, as a part of our daily Collective Worship schedule, Fr Dan spoke to our school community about the importance of Trust and how this played an important part in the early years of Jesus's life.

With the assistance of some Year 5 and 6 students, some chairs and a deceptively tricky picture of a boat, he demonstrated how trust can be evident in all parts of our lives. He showed us that we trust each other to do what is right to keep everyone safe and to also ensure that we get the most out of all the opportunities we are given.

Fr Dan, too, helped us identify that having trust in others to assist us was perhaps one of the greatest gifts Christians were given through the stories of Jesus's life as well as his teachings.

As we progress through this half term, we, as a community, will be connecting our value of Trust to all areas of our daily school lives – working together, helping others and taking responsibility for our actions and learning – and, in particular, the continued focus on our Growth Mindset.

For some insight into Fr Dan's discussion you might like to talk to the students about how successful Nicole and Despinar were in demonstrating their trust in Sophia and how Sophia, in return, showed her trust in them during the boat activity. They truly showed how powerful trust can be.

### **TEA PARTIES, HERO HUNTS & MUSICIANS ON SITE**

Memorable experiences have continued this week for some of our classes with Year 1 celebrating personal histories during a teddy bear's picnic with parents. Thank you to all those who attended this afternoon's festivities.

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Year 2 went hero hunting this week as they looked for evidence of the namesakes of our four houses – Mary Seacole, Sarah Siddons, Alexander Fleming and Isambard Brunel – whilst music was the focus of Year 4's visit as they listened to one of our parents talk about the way the oboe makes sound and how it fits into an orchestra with the sounds it makes.

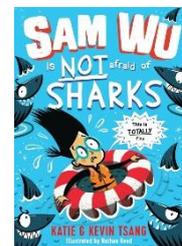


Parent visits are always excellent ways for our children to see how

learning is used throughout our lives. If you think you might be able to share something from your work life, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Peters or Mr O'Donoghue as there may be clear links to different parts of the curriculum being studied in different year levels that the children would love to hear about.

### **AUTHOR VISIT - KATIE TSANG**

On Wednesday of next week, a special visitor will be talking to Year 4 about her novel, Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Sharks.



In the afternoon, limited copies of Katie Tsang's books will be available for purchase from the downstairs meeting room. Year 4 is very excited about meeting her.

### **KS1 & KS2 SATs MEETINGS**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the KS1 and KS2 SATs meetings. Copies of the relevant

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presentations are available for all on the Year 2 and Year 6 class pages.

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

Please remember all vehicles **MUST** be **TURNED OFF** when parked outside our school campuses.

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

Spring 1	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>POETRY WEEK</b> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Class finals <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Whole school final at St John’s Hyde Park</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>PFA SCHOOL DISCO</b>

Half term holiday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February

Spring 2	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – School closed to children
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Spring term parent &amp; teacher meetings</b> <i>Booking forms will be sent home before half term so please keep an eye open for them!</i>

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Whole school Ash Wednesday service at St James’s Sussex Gardens 2pm</b> <i>All are welcome to join us</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> <i>We look forward to seeing your book themed costumes!</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA Mothers’ day tea party <i>Please support our PFA fundraising event.</i>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>International Week</b> <i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Celebration Day at St James’s Sussex Gardens from 1:30pm</i>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 School Journey to PGL
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Whole school church service at St John’s Hyde Park 10am</b> <i>All welcome to join</i>
<b>Easter Holiday</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	