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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Summer 2016 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

By the time you are reading this newsletter we will have completed the end of year tests for the Key Stage 1 and 2 children. Education is about developing children and young adults as individuals with honesty, respect for others, belief in themselves, responsibility and resilience and, whatever their ability, helping them to be proud of who they are and what they can give back to society. This is why our school values are so integral to everything that do at school and outside the school gates. I am extremely proud as are the staff, of the efforts that the children have put into their tests and quizzes this week, they showed perseverance and determination to show their best. Well done to you all.

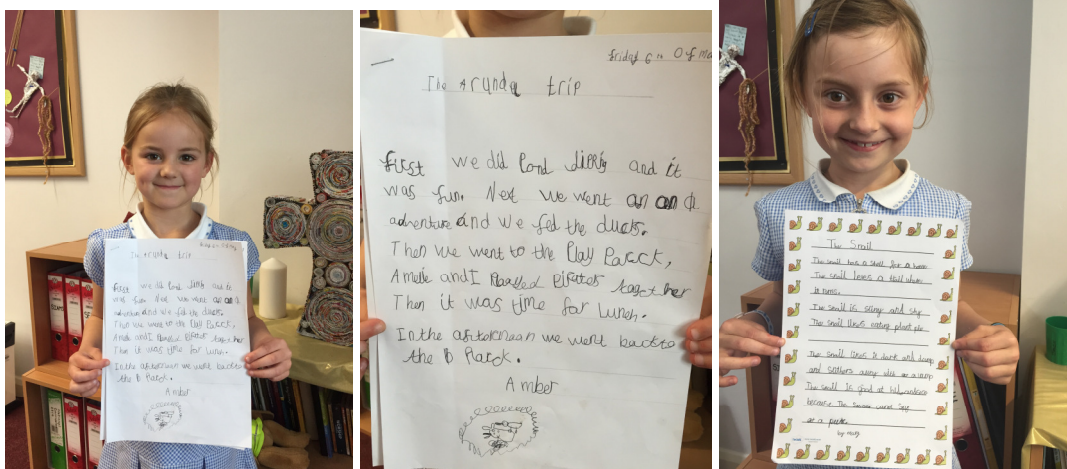
Children face harder content of the new National Curriculum now at Key Stage 2. Children will get lower marks initially. But no-one knows where the standard will be set. Recently an educational expert stated that; "The government has committed to a floor standard for attainment of sixty five per cent, but sixty five per cent of what? We'll know part of the answer in July, when the raw scores are converted to the scaled scores. We'll know the attainment floor. Many schools will be below it!" As the March school community we need to have high expectations and we need to always encourage children to do their best. But that best is different for every child and, as a Head Teacher, I personally feel the basics in English and Mathematics are very important, but so is creativity and teaching children about having strong values and a moral compass to guide them.

Beautiful Handwriting

I am a great believer in the importance of good presentation of work. At the March we encourage children to take pride in the presentation of their written work, but also to make them aware that different degrees of neatness may be appropriate for different tasks. They are helped to see that there is a balance between speed and legibility which is dependent on the purpose of writing: the product or the final draft of a piece of writing, needing the greatest attention to handwriting skills. This week children have been proud to show me their work and



effort at cursive handwriting . As you can see two children have shown particular care and attention with this in Year 1 – Amber and Mary. Well done to both of you.



1st Communion.

It is lovely when children come and share important events in their life with me. Ruth in Yr 3 was beaming when she told me she had taken her first communion. As you can see she received a rosary and an angel as part of this special time.



Gymnastics award

Katie has been working very hard at her gym club and was proud to show that she had achieved a Level 1 award .This is the top award that she can achieve. Huge congratulations !



Year 4 go electric!

Year 4 have been completely immersed this week in the sky lines and buildings of New York. They have been creating a large scale 3D models of the Empire State building, Towers and even yellow taxis you can get in! Added to this is their knowledge of circuits and switches where they have been adding further aspects to the buildings. Flashing lights galore! The pictures below show the large scale of the design projects, the teamwork, cooperation and patience of the teachers as they help children bring to life their ideas! Well done Yr 4.



Year 6 make an Impression!

Last week Year 6 worked hard in class to show their best in the SATS tests, alongside this they have created the most beautiful art work based on the Impressionists. They created these from the original designs, working in teams to discuss tones, shades and techniques to recreate these famous pieces. 5 house points to anyone who can name the artists.



Another Bronze award!!

Huge congratulations to Anne in Yr 5 who is the second child in the school to achieve 100 House points and receive the coveted Bronze badge to wear. I have had lots of children telling

me this week “ I only need 5 more points” or “ Nearly there Mrs Metcalfe, I can’t wait to get my bronze badge” It is lovely to see the children so enthusiastic with their house points and aiming high. Well done.



Year 3 Art Work

It was lovely to see the children of Yr 3 working in the style of David Hockney , they have produced their own piece of work in his style whilst retaining their own individual ideas as you can see in the pictures. Did you know that David Hockney, one of the most popular and influential British artists of the twentieth century, returns to Tate Britain in 2017 for his most comprehensive exhibition yet. This show gathers together an extensive selection of his most famous works celebrating achievements in painting, drawing, print, photography and video across six decades. He is 80 this year !



Times tables Champs

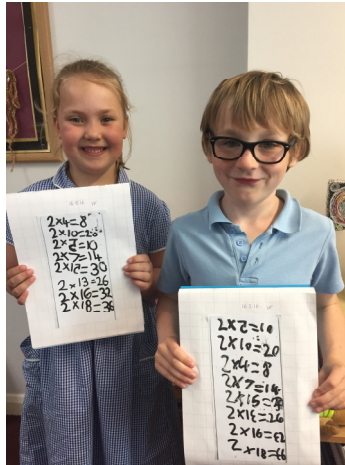
There are many parents and pupils who wonder why learning the times tables is important. It's a necessity. Once a child has mastered the times tables, they begin to gain that foundation in mathematics. This is going to benefit them throughout Primary school and into High school as well.

If you think about it, you use multiplication in your day to day life. When you go grocery shopping, you often need to compare out the cost of similar items or how much it will cost to get multiple items. If you are cooking and need to make a double recipe you are going to need to know how to multiply and if you are at a store and want to determine what type of discount you are getting you need to learn multiplication.

Multiplication and math is used whether you realise it or not almost on a daily basis. We recommend trying to find some fun ways to practise the times tables at home e.g. songs, computer programs and web-based activities. Learning by song and repeating the tables can

be very effective. Also having the tables up on the wall as a visual aid is great. Repetition is key, whether playing online games or completing worksheets – working on them daily will see the best results.

Mia and Joe are some of our times tables champs who worked very hard this week on their 2x tables and were doubling numbers. They were able to answer my challenge questions too! Well done to you for working so hard!



A quick challenge to solve for 2 house points. Please bring to Mrs Metcalfe

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Zoo Lab Visit Yr 5

On May 13th 2016 Heather came in from Zoolab to show year 5 loads of cool invertebrates and vertebrates like a Scorpion, Millipede, Corn Snake, Toad, rats and more.

Facts for you

- Millipedes have 248 legs!
- Toads can jump 30 times their own body length!
- If scorpions claws are big then they don't have a powerful sting and vice versa!
- Corn snake has 400-500 muscles in its body!
- Rats use their powerful tail to keep their balance!

By Sam Kelly and Isaac Hughes



Skate School

At the March we are very lucky to have so many different after school clubs across the year and Wrap around care. So, this week when a new opportunity arose we were very excited and keen to try this. Some of the Yr 5 pupils were consulted and thought it would be a popular club. Skate school will run after half term each week and a letter will be sent out with the newsletter to sign up to. There will be two qualified coaches, all equipment provided and no experience necessary so I might even have a go!!



PROFESSIONAL SKATEBOARDING COACHING SESSIONS

7 Week After School course for children in **Years 3 – 6**

Monday 13th June 2016 - Monday 18th July 2016

Skateboard & All Safety Equipment Provided.

Please bring appropriate clothing, trainers & water

3.20pm - 4.20pm

£35.00 for 7 Weeks

Uniform reminder

Please note the changes to be implemented for September 2016

- We have looked into more substantial book bags which the new company will provide.
- All pupils will now wear pale blue polo shirts or cotton shirts (white will no longer be needed as from September)
- All children will be expected to wear black school shoes – **no** trainers, ankle boots, knee length boots or open toed sandals.
- KS2 pupils asked about ties and we have agreed that they can wear these as from September and will be available from the supplier. It is optional for KS1.
- Grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores to be worn. Summer dresses for girls in the summer term if they wish to.
- White or grey socks/tights only.
- The new supplier can also embroider the surname of your child onto the back of the jumper beneath the collar (surname only) to help jumpers return to owners.
- Simple hair accessories school colours for the girls please.
- There are no changes to the PE kit.

Game Set and Match are very helpful – please phone them with any queries

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SCOOTER HIRE - Great news!

We have now taken delivery of 8 scooters, 4 large and 4 smaller from ESP in Chichester. Huge thanks to Ana- our Bike-it officer from Sustrans for organising and funding this exciting opportunity. They are available to hire if you wish from next Friday for two weeks at a time. We have 4 parents who have already expressed an interest in hiring, although there are four available for the half term.

Please see the office and complete a loan agreement form. Happy Scooting!



All previous newsletters are archived on the website, so you can catch up on anything you may have missed. Key dates and the latest school news are also available to view on the school website and the APP.



Thank you for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe
Head Teacher

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