



Forward March!

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

Spring Term 2016 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year. I trust everyone had a happy and peaceful break. As at the start of every year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts that were received at the end of last term. Everyone was very touched at the thought put into the gifts that were received.

As a new term and a New Year dawns we continue to grow and thrive, reflecting on our strengths and areas for development. We will continue to have a clear focus on teaching and learning and the progress our children are making, seeking to further strengthen the children's daily experiences. We also continue to focus on manners, courtesy and our Christian value which will underpin all the work we do.

Spring term is a short one; 6 weeks and 5 weeks. This means that we have so much to pack in. Do keep an eye on the app, website and newsletters for dates and events. We try to give as much notice as possible for trips and school events. We have had so much positive feedback about the new school app, so please do download this new tool to keep up to date with notices and information for your child's year group.

We have had a fantastic first week back with the children there are new topics being introduced across the school, trips out and historians in to work with the children. The children are getting excited about these and we are looking forward to them participating in lots of fun and challenging new activities with great learning outcomes.

Cold weather

Please send your child into school with a warm coat and, if possible, a hat, scarf and gloves. We like all the children to go outside for morning and lunch breaks. The weather is getting very cold and they all need a coat!!!

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS!



NEW YEAR, NEW START, NEW REMINDERS

- PE Kit – please remember to send your child's PE kit into school at the beginning of the week. It can stay in school for the entire week, ensuring that your child always has a PE kit. At the March we value PE massively and, unless we have had a message from you via a note or phone call, we expect all children to participate in all aspects of PE.
- Healthy Snacks please. A plain biscuit or a piece of fruit for breaktimes. Years R,1, & 2 have fruit provided for them by the Healthy schools Government scheme
- Remember to check for headlice weekly!
- Please remember no nail polish or jewellery should be worn at school.
- Label ALL UNIFORM!!!
- SENSIBLE PARKING – Keep our lovely children safe!



Events so far in 2016.....

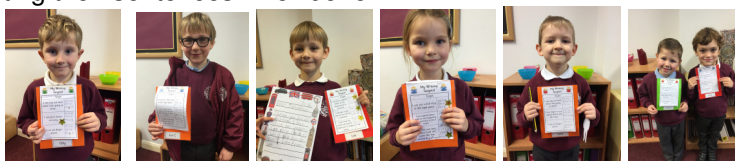
Each newsletter I have the delightful job of sharing some of the news from our wonderful March children about their learning activities throughout the fortnight. The first couple of weeks have been very busy as you can see below.

Can you guess which classroom is which? As you can see the class teachers have been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new topics.



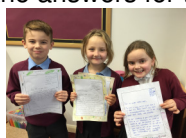
Aiming High in Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy aiming high to reach their targets this week. Erza, Joshua, Seth, Amelie, Lee, Joe and Olly were very proud to show their target cards and how they could use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing their sentences. Well done



Off to Sainsburys we go!

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Sainsburys this week, investigating the food aisles, finding out where the food comes from and how it's stored. George, Ruth and Daisy had questions to ask when they got there and wrote to the PR Manager. Lets hope they got the answers for their topic!



A visit from the tooth fairy.

When visiting the different classes this week, I was amazed to enter reception class to find a tooth fairy in Mrs Burns' chair. She was being asked many questions by the children about the teeth she collected and where they went. Wearing her wings and holding her wand she confidently answered the questions explaining to us all about her wonderful job. How lucky are we to have such confident and well spoken reception children to ask and answer questions, taking turns and listening so well.



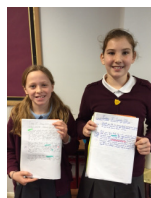
Year 4 become the Romans!

Year 4 have been learning all about the Celts and Romans. Eddie even wrote a wonderful Celts information booklet to share with his class as extra learning work! On Wednesday we had a class of Roman citizens arrive at school, including the teachers! A visit from Paul Ullson, roman food and activities have been a highlight of the Year 4's learning this week. A stunning start to an exciting topic!



Year 6

Phoebe and Amelia have worked very hard on their Antarctica fact file thinking very hard about sentence construction and sentence openers. A pleasure to hear such clear and expressive reading of their work. The Year 6 will be building an Amazing Igloo construction this term so if you have any spare 4 pint milk bottles please bring them in!



Altar Competition.

We had some lovely designs and some very interesting ideas for the structures of the new school altar. We are now able to announce our winners who were chosen by Rev. Simon this week. Many Congratulations to everyone who took part and a huge congratulation to our winner, a beautiful contemporary design which I am sure Rolls Royce will enjoy making with us.

Winner Freya Aldred Year 6

Runner Up Florence Madden Year 3



Working with Other Champions – This half terms topic is Turn Taking



Reception	Lexi Jurd
Year 1	Olive Pascoe
Year 2	Bobby Harmer
Year 3	Katie Barnett
Year 4	Teya Eason
Year 5	Henry Bastable
Year 6	Saam Alam

Thank you to Mrs Arnell,

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Arnell who has been a Co-opted school Governor for 11 years and we greatly appreciated all her work with the Governing body. Rachel Bryan will now be the Co-opted Governor for the school.

Thanks 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