



Forward March!

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

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Spring Term 2016 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first month at school has certainly been a busy one for the children, staff and myself. Thank you to all the parents who were able to make the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. I hope that you found them interesting and that you were able to feel better informed about the up and coming topics. I do appreciate that it can be difficult to make these meetings if you are working and hope that you have received any information you may have missed.

After School Clubs

Now that clubs are up and running for the term, may we remind you to please let the front office know if your child is not attending on a particular day. This will negate the need to contact you unnecessarily, should your child be away when the club registers are taken. We are very lucky to have so many clubs run by both staff or outside providers and such a large variety. Due to such popular demand some clubs have had to pull names from a hat to be fair in their selection and will try to change the children about each half term.

Wrap around child care

As you may have seen, or even taken part in over the last two weeks, we have been conducting a survey to ascertain the demand for wrap around child care at The March. As soon as the survey has finished I will inform you of the results and next steps. From the many parents who have discussed this with me I know that there is a need but, to what extent we don't yet know. My aim is to open a breakfast club from 7.45-8.45am and an afterschool club from 3-5pm. This will be a fee paying club to include healthy breakfasts and a healthy snack after school. This is not homework club but one where children can play, read, have fun, socialise, craft and take part in many different



activities. This is a very exciting prospect and I look forward to sharing more news with you in the forthcoming weeks. Please bear with us as this needs to be set up correctly to ensure a smooth running.

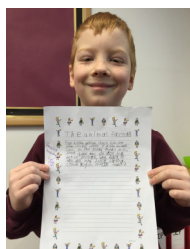
Good work and News across the school.

It is always wonderful as a Head Teacher when you get a knock at the door followed by lots of smiles from children as they bring you their fabulous work, and are able to share with pride what they have achieved.

Year 3 have worked so hard on their story for Charlie and the Chocolate Story. It was spellbinding to watch and the children had me wanting to know more. I would tell you so much more but that would spoil their fabulous finish, certainly one not to miss! We can't wait.



As you can see from the photo **Benjamin in Year 3** was thrilled with his cursive handwriting and the progress he has made. Handwriting is so important in a day and age when computers seem to rule our lives. Cursive handwriting aids spelling and fluency in sentence construction and underpins many other skills. It requires children to learn to control the forces and objects held in their hands. It requires the use of visual feedback to correct errors and is intrinsically linked to other important skills such as reading. Not as easy as we all think but Wow Benjamin this is a superb skills that you are producing so well done.



In **Year 4** I had the pleasure of seeing Matilda , Anne, Frazer and Alfie's mosaic work that have been working so hard on. As you can see from the pictures they have created wonderful designs and weaponry. The concentration and time taken by the children certainly produced great results. Well done to you all!

Anne came to share her wonderful battle cry that she had worked on, using powerful language and after reading it, made me want to rally with her! Well done Anne.



Year 5 had a wonderful time with Historian Mr Ullson who taught them all about Tudor life. Lots of excitement and fun was had by all, learning through artefacts was a highlight of the afternoon. With great laughter I was asked to meet one pupil who had talked too much and had to wear the Scolds bridle. The shock on the teachers faces and laughter from the poor tudor girl taught them all about the harsh realities of the Tudor life in the past! Thank you to Mrs Pendry for organising such a great afternoon.



Year R and Year 1 Bikeability

It has been a wonderful 2 weeks for these two classes as they race about on their balance bikes. It was amazing to see how quickly they mastered the skills and could balance whilst conquering a course of cones. They learnt control and balance which will ultimately help with their cycling. A great skill to continue which should mean better control for the children, faster progress to mastering cycling and less sore backs for our parents as they won't have to hold onto the saddle for a long in the future.

Water bottles

It is very important that children are able to access water during their learning time. Please ensure that your child has a spill proof bottle for the classroom. Only water will be allowed so please do not make it difficult for the children by filling bottles with juice or flavoured water as this will be replaced.

Friends of the March

We had a very idea packed meeting last week with lots of new faces. Thank you for all your enthusiasm, I am sure that we will have some fantastic events planned for the future.

Parents Forum.

A wonderful turnout yesterday, thank you for all your comments and ideas to support the school and its Christian ethos work. The wrap around child care was keenly discussed. After school clubs will continue to run alongside the wrap around facility. More details will follow.

Car Parking

May I please remind you to park in a considerate manner which allows the children to cross safely at the one and only crossing point. This is clearly marked by the bollards and double yellow lines. The children need to be able to see clearly when they cross. Crossing the roads safely is a life skill that we teach our children. This is not easy to reinforce when they can't cross.



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'.

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