



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 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The weather was pretty good and it was good to see many of you have had the opportunity to spend time together with the children being out and about in the fresh air. We have a very busy half term ahead and a very short one too! I know all the children are going to be working very hard on their learning as after the next holidays some of the children will have to sit their end of year tests.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for being supportive in my first half term at the March. Please do continue to share your thoughts and support for the school, working in partnership to ensure we get the best for our wonderful March children. Parent partnership is essential to any school and if we all really want our children to succeed we must do it together.

After School Clubs

After school clubs are up and running for the remainder of this term, please ensure that you let the office know if your child is unable to attend. Lego club has now finished until after Easter.





NEWSFLASH - Wrap around child care

A huge thankyou to everyone who took part in the Survey Monkey to ascertain the need for wrap around care at the March. I am very pleased to say that we had an overwhelming positive response to the survey with 89% of respondents asking for this service to take place at the March.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that we will be able to open this service straight after the **Easter Holidays**.

Breakfast club will start at 7.45 until 8.45am and your child will then be delivered straight to their classroom. Afterschool club will start as soon as school finishes, your child will be collected from their classroom. The timing for this session is 3-5pm and you will be able to pick your children up from the school hall.

I have produced a very clear policy and guidelines for the Before and After School Club. If you would like for your children to attend please complete the forms within the policy so that they can be booked in. This will be available Monday afternoon from the school. Payment details are included and you will be required to pay for a half term in advance. Currently you can pay at the Office but we are moving towards a cashless school online system during the summer term and will let you know when this is available. We currently will be limited to 30 places. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Arnell, Miss West and Miss Long will be the wrap around carers for the school.

Good work and News across the school.

Over the last few weeks I have had the joy of seeing some lovely pieces of work which will be shown in my Proud Cloud display in my Office.

The March children are very proud of their efforts and capabilities and it never ceases to amaze me at their achievements and pride when they begin to explain their work. Well done everyone.

Year 1

There was much excitement just before half term when a Fire engine turned up at school! It was Year 1 who had the wonderful experience of learning what happens when you make a 999 call. They listened so carefully to everything they were told and explored the fire engine and its equipment with

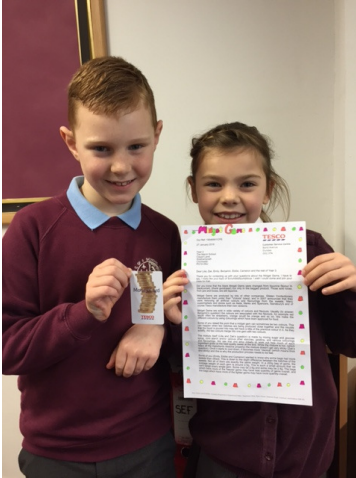
The block contains two side-by-side photographs. The left photograph shows a firefighter in a dark uniform kneeling on a paved playground area, holding a small fire hose nozzle and talking to a group of children. In the background, other firefighters and a grassy area with trees are visible. The right photograph is a closer shot of a firefighter assisting a young girl in holding a fire hose. The girl is spraying water from the nozzle. Other children are standing nearby watching the demonstration.



In a day and age when we rely heavily on our ICT hardware and digital watches it is still so important to learn how to tell the time and in Year 1 they have been making great strides with this.

Year 3 wrote to Tesco's to ask questions about the different types of sweets they sell, what they are made from and which are the most popular. They

were so excited to receive a response packed with wonderful information and all their questions answered. Tesco's also included a gift voucher for Mrs Burnett to spend on the children as a thank you for their wonderful letters. Well done Lillie and Jack you have learnt so much in your last topic and have asked so many exciting questions!!



Amazing art work in Year 4

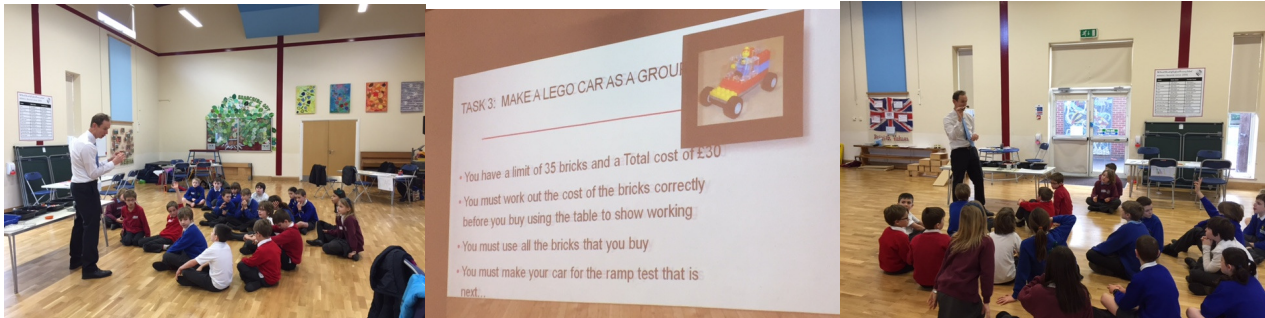
It never ceases to amaze me at the talent that we have at the March! We have some wonderful artwork in the school which you will see as you walk around. Year 4 have been learning how to create model from wires and tinfoil. At times it has been tricky but they have shown such great perseverance at this this. George was thrilled to show me his wonderful Celt figurine that he had made. Well done !



Locality work – Talented mathematicians solve Lego problems!

As part of the Chichester Locality we have the opportunity to take part in Gifted and Talented workshops at different schools. This term we were lucky to be able to host the Maths workshop which was planned and led by Mr Jackson. The children from the locality schools stayed with us for the whole day, investing mathematical concepts through the use of Lego.

It was an amazing day and the children learnt so much working together, solving many problems created by Mr Jackson. It was wonderful to hear as they left to go home comments such as “isn’t this a lovely school they are so lucky to have such a big field!” “the children were so friendly at break” and “the teachers are really nice here.” A big thank you to Mr Jackson for arranging this event for us.



Rewards Rewards Rewards

You may have heard this week your children explaining the exciting news about house points. We are using a new system for house points called Epraise. This is recorded electronically and links in directly to the children’s houses. They are so excited to see their house points go up and that they can work towards achieving their milestone awards.

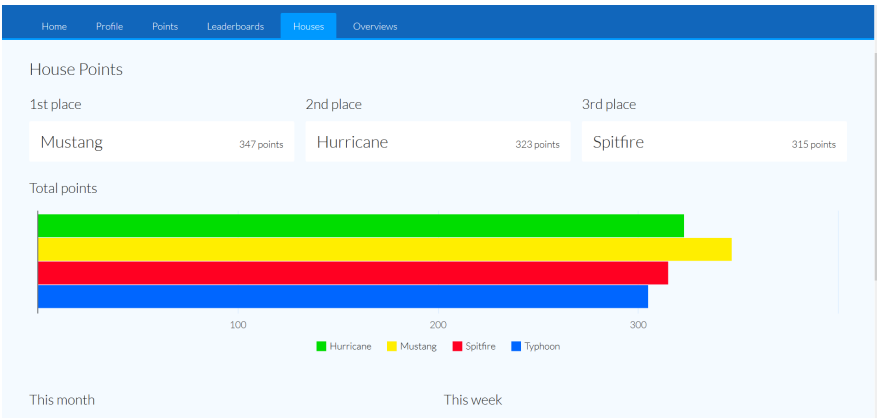
The awards will be;
Bronze 100 House points
Silver 150 House Points
Gold 200 House points.

When the children reach these milestones they will be presented in Fridays Head Teachers assembly a metal pin badge to wear for the year and a certificate. The children were so keen to see which house was in the lead this week and it created quite a buzz throughout the school.

The children’s house points link to our school’s core values of

- Trust and Respect
- Learning
- Compassion
- Service
- Growth attitude
- Working with Others

This is an example of last week's total house points. I very much look forward to presenting the bronze awards as the year continues



World Book Day - Some amazing characters visited our school
Can you guess who?



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

Proverbs 22:6 Start children off
on the way they should go,
and even when they are old
they will not turn from it.



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