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December Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and Merry Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of the performance they gave - fabulous! Well done to our talented children for giving of their best, and thanks to staff who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully. Thank you to the Family Events Team for their hard work and commitment and to you for supporting our events so enthusiastically. The school Fair was well attended and we raised any **amazing £2300** and a few pennies, to go towards a class set of iPads.

Many thanks must also go to you the parents and carers of our pupils because without your support and dedication to ensuring that your child achieves their best we would have an even more challenging job. I sincerely wish you and all members of your family a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you when school reopens on Monday 6th January 2020

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and Governors at The March CE Primary School for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the pupils of the school during the year.

Merry Christmas

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe
Head Teacher



Christmas Fayre



The Christmas fair was once again a very enjoyable event and well attended event. We were so pleased to be joined by Father Christmas who read us wonderful stories in the grotto and listened to our Christmas wishes. A huge thank you to the Family Events Team and the many parent helpers and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that this was such a success for all. We had many stalls, craft stalls, BBQ, Year 6 games, raffles, jolly jars and lots of yummy cakes and drinks. We all appreciate the support given to the Christmas fair when it is a busy time of year; but it wonderful to see the community at school coming together to support the children at these events.





Nativity

The EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances were wonderful. Parents, children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed watching this. The singing, acting and dancing were amazing with the children looking great in all their costumes. The dancing rabbits were certainly a highlight one which I am sure none of us will forget in a hurry!

It really helped to deliver the true meaning of Christmas and we are very proud of all the children that took part. Well done to all the children for learning their lines and great singing throughout.



Worships this term

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the worship leaders this term. Reverend Rachel, Open the book team, Pastor Steve, Hugo and Swanfield Chapel for their wonderful support, singing and bible stories. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas.





Christingle

The Christingle Service is one of my favourite of the year as we prepare for Christmas. It is always lovely to have our service at St Peters and with all the candles alight this was a truly special occasion. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. This year Mr Talbot our CEO attended and took part in the service. The children were beautifully behaved and raised the roof again with their beautiful voices.



House Captains

A big congratulation to our new house captains voted for by the children of each house team. All the children who applied to be a house captains did a fantastic job with their speeches



Bronze Badge Winners – Well done everyone

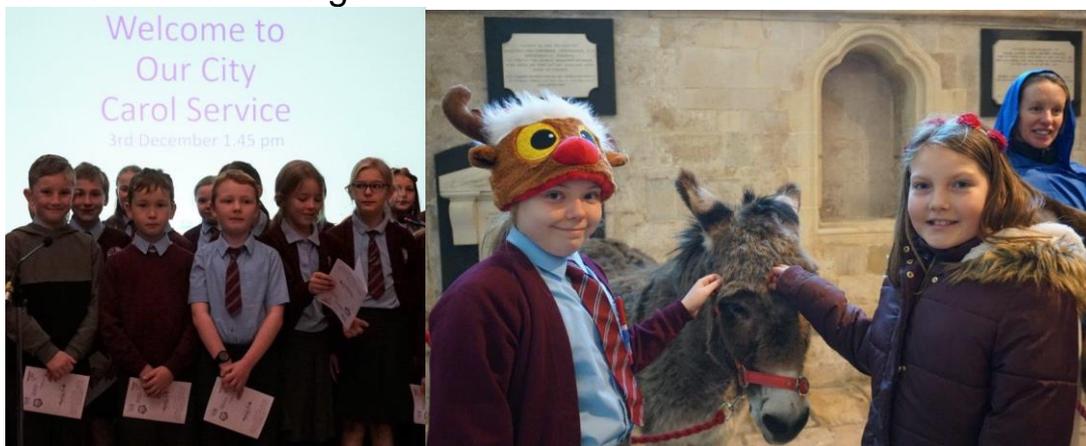




The March school Choir



The March Choir have done us all proud this term - singing at the Cathedral and touring our local rest homes - the smiles of the faces of the people they have sung to were priceless - what a gift ! Keep it up choir - next term we are entered to the Chichester Music Festival and will be recording an album of some of our favourite songs





Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills

Some children from Year 1 and 2 attend a multi-skills event at Westgate to try out different activities. Well done to Jacob who won the overall best score for pitching. The children had a great time and represented the school so well.



Athlete Visit

Thank you to all who sent in sponsor money for our visit from Luke Lennon-Ford. We raised £313!

The children had a great afternoon taking part in circuit activities and learning about what it takes to become an elite athlete. The children can watch out for Luke in Tokyo 2020!





Year 2 have been very busy this half term being pirates for a day and learning about fictional and non-fictional pirates. They have made pizzas using their maths weighing skills and most thought they tasted delicious. They also took pirate in dance and created a pirate ship out of their bodies



Inter house sports

On Tuesday 3rd December Year 1-6 took part in an inter house event. They competed as houses in their classes. Key Stage 2 had netball tournaments and Years 1 and 2 played an adapted game of netball working on goal scoring and defending. The games used the skills the children have been working on this half term in their PE lessons.

The result were as follows:

Year 1 - 1st Yellow / 2nd Blue / 3rd Green / 4th Red

Year 2 - 1st Red / 2nd Yellow / 3rd Green / 4th Blue

Year 3 - 1st Red / 2nd Blue / 3rd Green / 4th Yellow

Year 4 - 1st Red / 2nd Blue / 3rd Green / 4th Yellow

Year 5 - 1st Blue / 2nd Red / 3rd Yellow / 4th Green

Year 6 - 1st Green and Yellow / 2nd Blue and Red

Overall

1st = Red

2nd = Blue

3rd = Yellow

4th = Green



Year R

Our Topic this term of Light, Dark and the Shadows has inspired the children to find out about space, different Festivals that celebrate Light at this time of year and of course they have loved the Nativity story.

All the children really enjoyed their acting debuts as they took on the different characters of the Nativity Story. They learnt the songs, sang with expression (and volume!) and remembered their cues and dances – a lot to ask of 4 and 5 year olds!

We concluded the Nativity story on Monday with a visit from Paul Ullson who explained about the journey of the Magi, the gifts of Gold, frankincense and myrrh and the importance of these gifts.



We have also been very excited about maths too in Reception, particularly setting up Santa's Christmas shop, making Christmas stars and using numberlines,



Year 5 trip to Chichester Planetarium

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in November stargazing at Chichester planetarium.

The children were able to explore the past, present and future of the universe and the magic of the night sky from the warmth and comfort of the dome. They were mesmerised by the special star projector and its breath-taking images that brought the night sky to life. A truly wonderful afternoon was had by all.



Football Tournaments – November 2019

The last week in November saw the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls competing in the West Sussex West football tournaments at Chichester University. Congratulations to both teams who finished 3rd and 4th respectively and who represented the school with enthusiasm and pride.



School Games – Athletics

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Athletics team who took part in and WON the Chichester Schools Games Indoor competition at Bishop Luffa on Friday 13th December. The children took part in a series of track events, winning the majority of them. The field events were also extremely successful. The children displayed wonderful team spirit, cheering each other on and encouraging every member throughout each race. The children will now be competing in the area finals in January - watch this space.....

Well done to Alfie, Tom, Olive, Harvey, Morris, Hana, Amelie, Noah, Amber, Lexy, Olly, Isla, Jake, Joe C, Haydon, Ella, Erin, Ollie, Joe B and Fern!



This half term **Class 3's topic** has been Scrumdiddlyumptious and it has been truly delicious! To start the half term tasting a variety of breads from around the world; I think brioche was definitely our favourite. We have learned about the journey our food takes before it reaches our shops, about Fair Trade and why it is so import as well as learning about the places Fair Trade farmers live and work by locating these countries and labelling our own maps. In art we have learned about different sketching techniques and have sculpted a piece of fruit out of clay.

As part of our link with Sanctuary in Chichester we have been learning a dance/drama routine with the help of Helen. It has been a wonderful way to explore the journey refugees go through and the children's effort and acting has been superb. We have continued our horn lessons with Mr Wilkonson and have been preparing for our end of term performance.

As a memorable experience we visited the Salon du Chocolat and it was brilliant. We created our own chocolate by choosing our chocolate and fillings as well as designing and making our own chocolate boxes. During our visit we learned about the history of chocolate and how chocolate is made. Visiting a chocolate factory may just be the best visit ever!



Yet another busy and exciting term for Year 6!

The Topic was Blood Heart- a science based one which involved dissecting a heart from MJ Penfold [a superb butcher in Parklands]. Every year, without fail, he donates hearts for the class to dissect. This was followed by Dr Tania and Olli's mother, who is a paramedic, to further discuss the functions of the circulatory system. Did you know that the heart creates enough electricity in a day to power a small electric car for 20 miles?

Hard Knock theatre ran a drama workshop in November that involved acting out scenarios and 'holding the frame'. Later on in the month, the children grouped together to design and create Christmas stalls for the Christmas Fair to raise funds. We raised £208! Year 6 have had lots of music sessions; rehearsing for United Voices, which is being staged at Chichester Festival Theatre on January 16th. All the children have worked very hard since September – so relax and enjoy the Christmas holiday!



Dates for your Diary 2020

6 th January	Return to school
9 th January	Swimming Y3
10 th January	Karate starts again
4 th & 5 th February	Parents Evenings 3- 5.30
14 th February	INSET Day
Half term 17th – 23rd February	
24 th February	Return to school
3 rd April	INSET Day
20th July	INSET DAY

