



# Forward March!

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we will  
live kindly,  
love each other,  
learn and  
laugh together!*

## October Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

The first half term of the academic year is already drawing to a close and in the first six weeks we have taken part in school trips with different year groups, had historians in school, welcomed three new chickens to the school community, had a wonderful Harvest Festival with Rev. Rachel and enjoyed many after school clubs. It has been a busy half term and we are all looking forward to the next half term of opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank any parent or carer who makes time to come into school to support us both as volunteers for trips and reading support but also for attending our parent's evenings this week. Parents' evenings are important because they give you an opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on. Going to parents' evenings can help you to become better involved in your child's learning. It helps you to give your child good, practical support and to make choices. When schools and parents work together, children do better and it really makes a difference to partnership working in school.

As the weather is getting cooler and we are approaching the second half term, **winter uniform needs to be worn after the half term holidays**. Please ensure that your child has a coat and wellies in the school. We are keen that children are outside even in light rain and can make use of the school field.

We are all proud to be part of the school and children are encouraged to wear their uniform well!

### School Uniform.

- Tailored grey trousers, shorts or skirt or pinafores to be worn from 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Autumn term.
- Grey socks/tights with winter uniform.
- Pale blue cotton shirts/polo shirts with **school tie for KS2**. Pale blue cotton shirts/polo shirts for KS1, they may wish to wear a tie with their shirts.
- **After half term you will be able to buy school ties from the office and pay for these on parent pay**
- Burgundy sweatshirt with school logo. Game Set and Match can embroider the surname of your child onto the back of the jumper.



- All children are expected to wear black school shoes, no trainers or open toed sandals.
- Simple hair accessories, school colours only.

**For Physical Education (PE kits should be kept in school between Monday to Friday).**

- Pale blue "Leaping March hare" tee shirt
- Burgundy sports shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers whichever your child wishes to wear.
- Navy blue/black tracksuit for winter (optional)
- Draw string PE bag to hang all kit on peg

**For Swimming KS2**

- Swimming kit - one-piece costume or trunks (not Bermuda shorts)
- Towel
- Bag for kit and hairbrush etc

All items of clothing should be clearly marked and labelled with your child's name. Jewellery is inappropriate and can be dangerous in school. Children may wear a watch and if your child has pierced ears single small studs are the only style permitted. However, these must be removed for PE and swimming and they must be able to do this themselves. **We do not use tape on the children's ears.**

# Harvest Festival

A wonderful service took place this term at St Peters with all children taking part. Yr R 1and Yr2 sung a lovely song to the school that was written by the teachers. Yr 3 -6 led prayers and readings throughout the service. Rev Rachel made us think carefully about the word harvest and the meanings behind this with a clever use of the letters within the words. A huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for Chichester Food Bank which supports families in times of need. You were all so generous and I know it will all be gratefully received at this time of year.



## House events

On 10<sup>th</sup> October we had our first inter-house event of the year. All year groups took part in a range of athletics activities. The children competed for points and took it in turns to score. Some of the activities included a relay on the track, turn board and speed bounce. It was great fun and all the children tried their hardest and really worked as a team. After all year groups taking part, the winners with an impressive 1104 were Blue House. Yellow House came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1079, Green House were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1054 and Red House scored 1008. Well done to everyone for taking part.



**Year 2** had a fantastic visit to Arundel Castle. The weather shone all day and this made the trip even better. The children were amazed by the size of the castle and couldn't believe they got to go all the way to the top of the keep and see the views. They dressed up as knights, archers, Princesses, Queens and jokers. Thankfully no one got left in the dungeon!



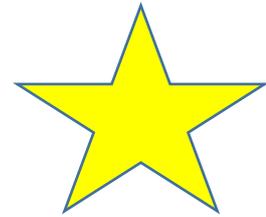
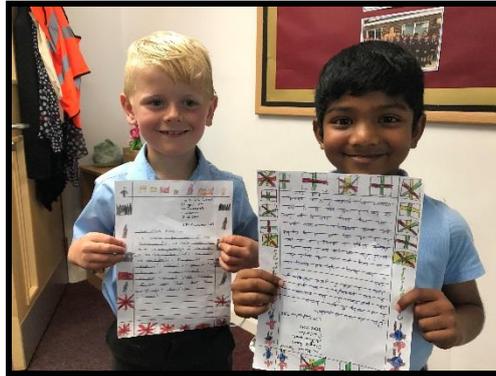
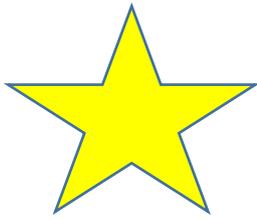
### **Macmillan Cake Bake and Sale**

A huge thank you to all the parents on the Family Events team and those that baked, bought and ate cakes at our event this week. We have some very clever bakers as you can see below and raised a wonderful **£175** for this charity. Thank you for your continued support and look forward to many more exciting events planned for next half term. The Christmas Fair looks to be a great event with all the creative ideas shared at the last meeting.

**Next meeting is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.05pm.Christmas Fair Planning!**



It is always wonderful to see such an array of work the huge amount of effort that children put into their work throughout their days. I was especially pleased at the work both boys had produced for their writing last week. They were writing to people of interest such as famous authors, Prince Harry or Princess Megan, hoping for a reply to their questions! The boys were keen to show me how they had concentrated on their adjectives and handwriting. Well done both of you and keep up the great work. I hope they write back to you!



## Big Science Day – Aiming for Awesome!



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October saw the March transform into a flight school as we got full immersed in our Big Science Day which celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the RAF. Across the school children could be seen making parachutes to drop eggs, launching rockets and testing helicopter blades. We moved into their house-groups for part of the day which was a super opportunity to work with children from different classes. Big Science Day gave all of the children the chance to work like engineers and think about flight, gravity, surface area, thrust, propulsion and even chemical reactions with our pop-rockets! It was tremendous to see their minds whirring as they came up with different ways to make flying objects; there were lots of trial and error which allowed the children to refine their designs. A super day was had by all and we look forward to our Big Science Day next term!





### **Important dates for your diary.**

Return to school	29 <sup>th</sup> OCT
Individual School Photographs	29 <sup>th</sup> OCT
Astrodome for yrs 1 and 5	30 <sup>th</sup> OCT
Yr1 and Yr 3 to visit dig site	1 <sup>st</sup> NOV
Family Events Team Meeting for Xmas Fair 3.15pm	6 <sup>th</sup> NOV
Year 2 Pirates Workshop in school	14 <sup>th</sup> NOV
OPEN DAY for new starters in Year R 2019	14 <sup>th</sup> NOV
Children in Need Dress in Pyjamas All day!!	16 <sup>th</sup> NOV
Xmas Fair 4.30-6.30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm	11 <sup>th</sup> DEC
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Term ends Carols round the tree in school hall at 2.30pm	18 <sup>th</sup> DEC

Finally ...

If you would like to talk to me about anything please do stop and chat or make an appointment if you would like more privacy or a longer length of time. I am here to help and support you all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this month'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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