



# Forward March!

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

## Spring Term 2019 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas season and had a chance to have some quality family time and opportunities to relax throughout such a busy time of year. It went so fast now we are back in full swing, busily taking part in many wonderful events such as the Music Concert at the Festival Theatre and numerous sporting events. We are very lucky to have 18 after school clubs this term covering many different interests for the children. A huge thank you to staff who have volunteered their time after school to do this for the March children.

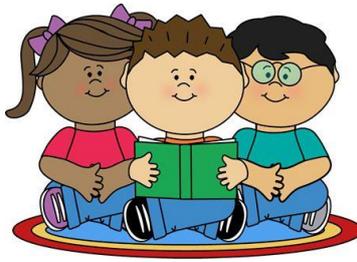
Thank you so very much for the generosity and kindness you showed all the staff through the many gifts, cards and messages that we received at the end of term. We were really overwhelmed and very appreciative.



### **Illness**

Please ensure if your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea that the 48-hour rule for children to stay at home is observed (children may return 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea). This is to reduce cross infection, and ensure children are fully rested and recovered before returning to school.





## Faster = Families And Schools Enjoy Reading Together

If your child has an early morning club or after school club, please do feel free to make use of our new library area to listen to siblings read. We will have this area as a **quiet zone** for you to spend time with your children from **3-4pm on Mondays and Tuesdays** reading for pleasure. I know that some of our choir families already make use of this opportunity for quiet reading in the morning. Children need to be accompanied by their adult.

Our Library has lots of books, if you need help with choosing reading material suitable for your child please do ask your **class teacher or Mrs Lee**. Please also take every opportunity to ask your children about Maths or encourage them to help you around the home – measuring for that room you are decorating, or ingredients for the delicious cake you are baking! It sounds obvious but it all helps!

## Chichester Sings Live



What an amazing night for our choir on January the 17th. Our months of rehearsals for children in Yr 3-6 of early Tuesday morning rehearsals (8.00am) all came to fruition in a stunning note perfect performance from our choir, as we took part in Chichester Sings Live at the Festival Theatre.

We sang our own song 'When You Believe' to a packed house of over 900 people and bought the house down - both tears and applause - I have never felt more proud .

To top it all the BBC were there too - as well as filming the choir, Isla-Boo was picked out from the crowd to do bit of acting and be interviewed - she made everyone laugh!!

Well done choir - you were and are amazing - can't wait for our next concert at Chichester Cathedral with Year 6.

**Year 4 - Netball**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January saw the first netball tournament of the year. 11 Year 4's took on the freezing conditions and displayed outstanding skills on the netball court. Despite the children's lack of experience (some had never played before) they gave it everything they had. Stunning goals were scored, wonderful team work shown and accurate passing saw us finish as runners up. What a fantastic achievement!!!

A huge well done to Mia, Amelie, Amber, Olly, Erin, Scarlett, Olly, Freya, Joe, Bay and Ezra.

Mrs Bird

**Key Stage 1 - Infant Agility**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Levi, Maci, Sofia, Lyla, Darcy, Jacob, Yazdan, Emma, Zach, Edward, Annabelle, Alfie and Emily took part in an Infant Agility Festival at Westgate Leisure Centre. The children had the opportunity to take part in 10 different sporting activities alongside children from other local primary schools. The activities included: javelin; long jump; balance beam; bowling and group games. All children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were engaged in all activities throughout the afternoon. Well done!



**Beat Band and Boogie**

Year 2 had a fantastic music morning to begin their Beat Band Boogie topic. They learnt lots of rhythms and how to count different rhythms and notes. They all had a go at using the chairs as their drums to beat out rhythms. 'We Will Rock You' was a great song to stamp and clap the rhythm out to. Everyone who wanted to go to have a go on the drum kit, including Mrs Arnell, and learn about the different parts of the drum.



## The Great Fire

In Year 1 this month we were very excited when 'Captain John Grey' came to visit us. He told us that he worked for King Charles II. He knew all about the Great Fire of London. He talked to us about how the fire started, why it spread so fast and how much of London was destroyed. We were very busy acting out what happened. Some of us were in large lines passing water from the well to where the fire was, while others were busy knocking down buildings, to try and stop the fire. We all worked together and finally put the 'fire' out. We asked him a lot of questions about the fire



Year 4 has had a brilliant start to the new year. We have been visited by a Norse Man who told us all about the Anglo-Saxon times and taught us the ancient language of runes. Our music lessons began and we found out we are learning the cello. Our first lesson was great, we learned three notes and cannot wait to play with the bow. In English we read the story of Beowulf which inspired us to write our own historical narratives, they will fill the library in our Saxon museum at the end of term



## Year 3

Ralf Lauren and Chanel - have nothing on Year 3 this week as they set out to design and make a really cool T shirt based on our class book 101 Dalmatians by Dodie Smith .

We aimed to prove you don't need puppy fur to have fabulous clothes- all being modelled next week in our fashion show - so watch this space !



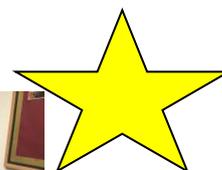
## YR 5 Visit to the Mary Rose January 2019

Year 5 children had a great time learning more about Henry VIII's famous warship at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The two workshops they attended taught them more about life on board for both the crew and the officers, as well as what it was like to carry out the gun drill and also what happened on the day she sank.

Children also had a guided tour of the museum and explored the theories as to why the ship sank and also where the different duties of the crew were carried out on board.



### Bronze Awards





Well done to all the children who are working towards their bronze and silver badges. ...

## March Cross Country Team



Yesterday we attended the West Sussex Schools West Cross Country team event. Our March Team were amazing! Their determination and resilience throughout were superb as they battled the cold and thick mud round the course. All children completed and never gave up for a minute. We are very proud of you all. A special shout out to Noah Goldsmith who came in **the top 15 boys** and has been asked to compete at the next county level. Well done to you all

## Family Events Team Meeting

Next meeting is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 3-4pm at School.

The agenda will cover items such as;

- Budget update
- Summer Fayre Debrief
  - School Disco
- Class Monthly Cake Sale
  - Movie Evening

Any other wonderful exciting fundraising ideas you may have.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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 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