



# Forward March!

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

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks since my last newsletter but we have enjoyed the wonderful weather, in time for our glorious sports day and summer fair. We raised an amazing **£1650** so a huge thank you to everyone for helping out, attending, making cakes, painting faces, cooking on the BBQ, providing drinks and so much more!!



Its nearly time to say good bye to some of our pupils but before that happens the children will enjoy meeting their new class teachers for a transition day on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.



I would like to welcome three new members of staff to the term this year.

**Mrs Bryan** will be our new school Bursar/ Business manager and working in the office, many of you already know her so please come and say hello.

**Mrs Walker** who has been with us all year will be starting her wonderful teaching career with us from September and we know she will make a great addition to the team.

**Mrs Cass is our new SenCo.** She is very experienced and will be here to work with you and the children supporting their learning needs. If you have any worries or concerns, please do book in to see her on clinic slots. Mrs Cass will be working Wednesdays and Thursday in school.

### **A Flying start with a “Race to School” for our new Intake**

On Wednesday we welcomed our new intake for Sep 2018 to the March family. They will be joining us each Wednesday afternoon over three weeks to get to know the staff, children and school environment. It can be a very daunting time for new parents and children when they join a school community but I believe that it is crucial for children to experience a good start to their school years. By welcoming the children in before they start it enables them to familiarise themselves with the March so that they have a flying start in September and Race to school with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new things.

Our wonderful Year 5 pupils have been buddied up with each pupil and spent time writing introduction buddy cards for each new child. They will be there to support our new pupils in September at lunchtime and break times, a familiar face around the school to go to if they need some extra support. It is this attitude of our pupils which makes the March what it is, a special caring place where children look after each other and work together as the March Family.

This year we had 80 children apply for 30 places for September, a fantastic result which goes to show what a highly valued school we are.

Our pupils have been excelling themselves over the last few weeks to earn house points through demonstrating the school values and persevering when completing challenges. I have had to order more bronze badges to keep up with the steady flow of proud children that arrive at my door to announce their news. As you can see below from their faces it had been a successful week and they now have to rise to the challenge of obtaining their silver awards. Congratulations to you all!

### **Year 6 Leavers Service**

Last week our Yr 6 leavers took part in the Diocese of Chichester service to celebrate their time at a Church school. Our wonderful Yr 6 were selected to present the dramatised bible reading They performed this with clear purpose and we were very proud of their performance to all the other schools. You were superb!!



### **What a super time we had at Fairthorne Manor this year!**

The activities covered watersports, high ropes, aerial runways, den building and much more. So many activities and all of them were attempted by the children. I was so impressed with the way they all worked as a team and helped and encouraged each other to scale heights, canoe down the River Hamble, build a raft and sail away; and sing round a camp fire.

It was such fun sleeping in canvas tents and enjoying the outdoor life. The weather was kind; sun, sun and more sun. The children were taught by experienced instructors and developed a good bond with Rachael our lead instructor who was good fun. We befriended another school from Waterlooville and the children made new friends - some will keep in future contact. Time passed quickly and all too soon we bade a fond farewell. George said: " This is one of the best visits ever. "

Cricket who scaled the climbing wall at superhuman speed cried: " I am going to try and do some of these activities again. "

It will be an etched happy memory of their last year at school.



*Many more photos in the Gallery section of the school app*

### **Uniform Reminder**

- Tailored grey trousers, shorts or skirt or pinafores to be worn. Summer dresses for girls in Summer term if they wish to.
- White or grey socks/tights only
- Pale blue cotton shirts or polo shirts with school tie for KS2. **All KS2 pupils are expected to wear a tie.**
- Pale blue cotton shirts or polo shirts for EYFS/KS1. **For KS1 and EYFS ties are optional although most enjoying wearing their elasticated tie**
- Burgundy sweatshirt with school logo. Game Set and Match can embroider the surname of your child onto the back of the jumper. This is great for ensuring your child's jumper is not lost and can be returned to the owner quickly

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

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

- Pale blue “Leaping March hare” T-Shirt
- Burgundy sports shorts
- Plimsolls ( EYFS)
- KS1 and KS2 can wear trainers
- Navy blue tracksuit for winter (optional)
- Draw string PE bag to hang all kit on peg

I would also like to remind you that our Uniform policy states that **plain black shoes should be worn, not trainers.** Whilst writing about uniform, please could I also request that long hair is tied back for hygiene and safety reasons, preferably in a plait if the hair is very long. Earrings should be taken out for PE days we do not tape ears at school. Game Set and Match are our uniform supplier.

**Year 4**

We have had a brilliant start to new half term in class 4. In English we began our new Literacy and Language unit reading a play based on a Vietnamese folk tale. In maths we have been learning about shapes and lines of symmetry. We completed symmetrical figures of maps from the countries playing in the World Cup. We have had so much fun in Class 4 learning about the USA! We learned about the where in the world the USA is and the names and place of each of the 50 states. For our Stunning Start we learned all about the Native Americans and created dream catcher, totem poles and stories using symbols.



**Mathematics Calculation Workshop-Thursday 7 June**

Year 5 Mathematicians did a fantastic job at our recent Maths Calculation Workshop. They modeled how we approach the four operations in Maths from early Years to Yr 6. They

were also able to explain how we use apparatus such as Numicon, Dienes, Multi-link and number lines to support children's understanding of number.

Over 20 parents attended and gave really positive feedback, both about the knowledge and behaviour of the children and also how useful it was to learn more about calculating. Please note that the calculation policy, with the expectations in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 is available on the website, under Learning.



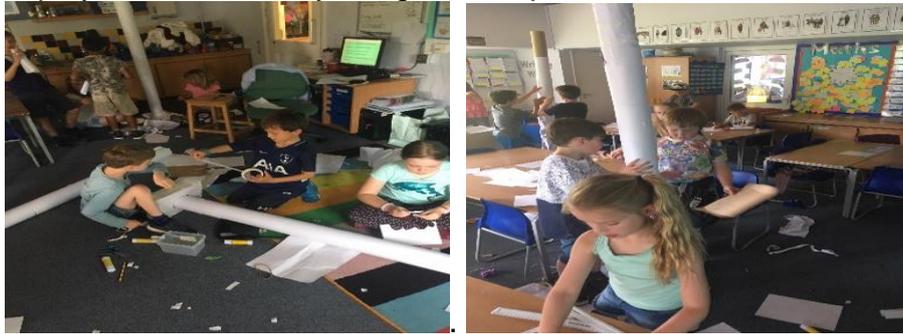
### Happy Shoesday- Friday 25 May

Well done and thank you to all families for supporting this fundraising event to promote our walk to school initiative: Living Streets. Children chose which shoes they wanted to wear with their school uniform on the day and decorated these with felt tips, different coloured laces and even some tinsel! We raised **£84 for Living Streets**, which helps to fund the badges we award the children for walking, scooting and cycling to school. Keep up the good work!

The car park is under way and so of our children popped over to meet the CEO's of Rolls Royce and discuss what would be happening next !



**Year 3** had a fantastic start to their topic Gods and Mortals by building their very own life size temple. Set up as a team work / problem solving exercise there was much measuring / sticking / taping/ negotiating / listening and sharing. After 2 hours the pillars were up and a very useful temple was made! It's used daily by our gods and goddesses of the day for work as well as play and it has really bought our topic to life



**Key Stage 1** enjoyed a visit from the author of 'The Day Grannie's Knickers Blew Away', Grant Kopar. The children loved hearing the story and had lots of laughs. They asked lots of questions about how the book was written and how to become an author. Some of the children bought copies of the book and had it signed.



**Year 2** had a fantastic time visiting the Cathedral to learn about St Richard. They took part in drama workshops learning about the life of St Richard. They took part in treasure hunt in the Cathedral looking for key objects. They also made beautiful stained glass windows which are proudly on display in the classroom



## Year 1

On Tuesday 19th June, Year 1 visited St.Peter's church at Westhampnett. Our mission was to find out why churches are so special. We had pictures of different things to find and searched around the church to find them. We also needed to find out what the objects were used for or how and why they were used in the church. Outside the church we identified the oldest part of the building and saw some gravestones. We discussed the different types of headstones and why one family were all together in a fenced area. We are now ready for our class based learning to further consider why churches are so important to Christians.



A huge well done to all our **Play Activity Leaders** this term you have been amazing and set up wonderful games for all the children each day to take part in. The playground has been alive with active children having fun and working together in teams!



**Congratulations to the eight Year 5** children who took part in the Year 5/6 School Games Quadkids Athletics tournament on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. They competed in four disciplines: 75m sprint; standing long jump; vortex howler thrown and a 600m run. All the children were fantastic and a real credit to the school. Congratulations to Finlay, George, Lilie H, Lily T, Eddie, Willow, Noah and Poppy.

Mrs Bird



### **Quad Kids Event**

Congratulations to Amber Lexi Hana Amelia Bobby Ollie Cash and Josh who recently took part and **WON** the Year 3 / 4 Quad kids event at Bishop Luffa. Each child took part in all four events 50m sprint, 400m run standing long jump and Vortex howler throw. The children were exceptional and displayed an extremely positive attitude throughout the afternoon. Congratulations



### **Year 3 and 4 Girls world Cup Football.**

Congratulations to Erin, Olive, Mia, Amelia, Bay, Fern, Maya, Evie, Jasmine and Demi who competed in the West Sussex World cup. We were allocated Russia as our Country to represented and the girls took turns to wave the flag in support. Despite not having played before as a team they displayed good attitude in the heat and never stopped smiling. Excitement was in the air when we were told the BBC were there to record a segment and our girls were rewarded with a goal from Maya being shown on TV that evening. We have put this on the school website in the video section for you to watch. Congratulations girls you were fantastic!

### **Year R**



Am I the Fastest? Harry thinks he's pretty fast!

In Class R we have been looking at things that are very fast and things that aren't.

We read The Very Busy Spider and then watched a spider spinning a web and were astonished at how quickly the can make a web.

We thought we could make a web too, so we made a frame in the forest and then tied, knotted and wove a web of our own.

It took us all day !

We have made a magical discovery as we sandwiched a leaf between two pieces of material and then tapped it with a hammer. We made amazing leaf prints! They took ages as we had to tap every part of the leaf carefully.

And of course it wouldn't be Forest School if we didn't do some cooking. This time we tried Braised pineapples – delicious!



### **Staying safe online during the summer holidays**

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

For parents, it's a great chance to sit down with your children and visit their favourite sites and games together, so you can keep in touch with their online lives, and show them you are interested. It's a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so that if anything happened online that worried or upset your children later on, they would feel more confident in confiding in you

### **Keeping in touch online**

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and remind them you have to be at least 13 to use most social networks.

Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your children set these up, we have a guide to the privacy settings of different sites

### **Sharing those holiday snaps**

Some children may want to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, if you share a selfie of you and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

### **Finding a balance**

Without the structure of the school day, children may spend a lot of their time on the internet. The internet is a fun place to be, and children may find it hard to manage their time between being online and offline. Talk to them about how important it is to spot the signs that they have been online for too long. For example, they might get tired eyes, a headache, interrupted sleep or mood swings. Setting a time limit can be helpful, but remember to set it before they start playing a game or chatting online, so they get less frustrated when it's time to stop. Offer some alternative activities to being online, and remind them the summer holidays are also a time to enjoy being outside and having a rest.

- Read Childnet's [Digiduck's Big Decision](https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiducks-big-decision) and help educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online.  
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Download the [safety checklist's](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides) for popular sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

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**Well done to our award winners this month !!**



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'.

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher