



Forward March!

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

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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 all our new children who have settled well, had a wonderful Harvest Festival and enjoyed many school clubs before and after school. 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 last 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.

Harvest Festival

A wonderful service took place this term at St Peters with all children taking part. Yr R and Yr2 became conkers and sung a lovely song to the school. Yr 3 and Year 4 led the prayers for St Brendans our sister school in Kenya and thanked God for the Harvest this year. Yr 5 recited and acted out a lovely Harvest poem, whilst Year 6 read the Gospel reading and prayers to end. A huge thank you to everyone who brought in donations for StonePillow Foundation a local charity which support the homeless. You were all so generous and I know it will all be gratefully received at this time of year.

New Years Reception places.

The round of applications has now opened for 2017/2018 Reception children to attend the March. Please note that this closes on 14th January. If you or a friend are applying to the school please make sure you have completed this



and read our school's admissions policy. We have our Open Day afternoons on the Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November at 1.30pm. Please pass this information on to anyone who would like to attend.

Why is high attendance important to my child's education?

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly
- at least 1 million children take at least one half day off a year without permission
- 7.5 million school days are missed each year through unauthorised absence.

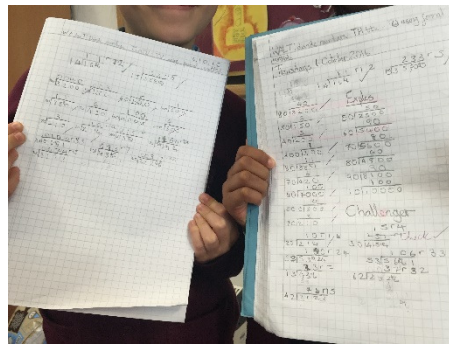
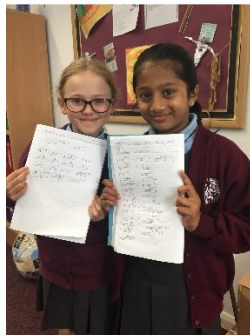
GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences

We are very lucky at the March CE to have good attendance by our pupils at 97%. We appreciate your support to ensure you child attends school and that holidays are booked during the school breaks. Thank you.

In line with Government Policy and our Locality Attendance Policy, we are not able to authorise any request for holiday during school term time.

They were very secure in their knowledge and it was lovely to see such well-presented work, well done girls.



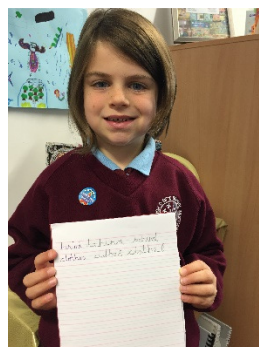
Off with her head , Send them to the Tower! !

Year 5 have been learning all about the reign of Henry VIII and the Tudor times. This has inspired Alfie to make an amazing replica of the Tower of London as you can see below. He said it took 8 days to create! A wonderful model with such detail. I can't wait to see what you creat next. Well done Alfie



Wonderful Handwriting in Yr 2

Lily in Yr 2 has persevering with her handwriting this half term and what a difference. It is lovely to see how proud you are and I look forward to seeing you work towards being a master scribe. When I popped into class this week I couldn't believe the difference in the children's writing, such wonderful efforts by all. Well done Year 2.



Year 4

We have a budding designer in Year 4 called Katie who created her own Mystical Mountain pillow which also shows the water cycle. She used her own machine to create this and I can say it was very comfy! I think the Christmas orders will soon be coming in! Well done for a very original piece of work.



Dinosaur Land in Year 1.

I had the pleasure of being invited to join Year 1 this week to see the dinosaur lands, fossil shop, and lovely topic books they have created. They even had a real life Dinosaur called Lexi in the class!! As you can see from the picture below we had some great shop assistants selling the artefacts to parents and friends. Well done Year 1 you have all worked very hard this term and learnt so many new facts that you were keen to share with me!



Next half term we will be focussing on the value of PEACE.

Before we come back to school please discuss with your child.....

What does the word **PEACE** mean to you?

What can you do to help to make the world a more peaceful place?



Important dates for your diary.

Return to school
Individual School Photographs
Cycling Proficiency week YR 6
How to support your child with Phonics 3.15pm
Children in Need Dress in Spots or stripes day
SEN Clinic with Mrs Smallwood 1-3pm
Friends Christmas Festival celebration Evening
Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm
Nativity Performance to Year R 1 2 parents 6-7pm
SEN Clinic with Mrs Smallwood 1-3pm
Term ends

31st OCT
31st OCT
1st NOV
7th NOV
18th NOV
30th NOV
2nd DEC
6th DEC
8th DEC
14th DEC
16th DEC

Peace for us all.

***Here in our school
Let us be peaceful at all times.
Let our rooms be full of happiness
and respect for each other.
Let love be in our hearts
With kindness and compassion for all.
Let us remember
In learning together,
We grow together
And succeed together.***

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