



# Forward March!

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

## Autumn term September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this term; so many have grown over the summer! A big welcome to our new reception children who have all been in since day one and have settled so well making new friends all around the school.

We hope you had a fantastic break with your children and enjoyed some of the sunshine we managed to get. It has been great to see that the children are refreshed and ready for the new academic year. The building has been a hive of activity over the summer and it was wonderful to witness the excitement that each child had entering and settling into their new classes. The school feels alive again and I can assure you that the hard work has already begun.

Thank you on behalf of all of the staff and myself for the wonderful cards and gifts which parents very kindly gave before the summer holidays. They were all very much appreciated and I've seen a number of staff sporting personalised items of which they are all very proud.



## Great News

We are delighted to announce that The March has achieved the **School Games SILVER Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.**

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their



dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: Eli Burnett and Rebecca Bird.

We look forward to applying once again in 2019!

### **Nut free school**

Can we remind all parents that The March is a nut free school as we have children here who, if they were to even come into contact with someone with nut oil on their hands, would be very ill indeed. Please make sure that no products containing nuts are brought into school in sandwich boxes etc.



### **Please check Inhalers are in date.**

Even if your child hasn't had an asthma attack in a long time, please check that school has an inhaler which is in-date for your child.



### **Coats and wellies needed now!**

As autumn starts to set in, please remember to send your child to school in a coat as we have had a number of children come to school in a car without one and then complain of being cold at playtime. We use wellies at break time when the ground is wet. Please ensure you have a names pair of wellies in school. The PTA paid for welly boot racks for every class to have. They **will not** be allowed on the field or in to be with the chickens if they do not have wellies in school.

### **Healthy Snacks at breaktimes.**

We encourage the children to eat healthy snacks at break times such as fruit, raw veg, or breadsticks, not chocolate or crisps . KS1 and EYFS have fruit provided for them each day as part of the National scheme. We will be reminding of this each week, please support us in doing the same and reminding them in the mornings.

## **Secondary Schools**

If your child is in Year 6 and due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 please do contact the local authority for advice <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-andfamilies/schools-and-colleges/school-places/secondaryschool-places/>

If you would like to ask any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



### **Year R**

What a wonderful start to school life for our fantastic new Reception class. Three weeks into the new term and all the children have settled well. It is an absolute delight to see them all running in, excited and eager to embrace the day, with barely a backward look to their anxious parents.

The children really enjoyed their first Forest School session, where they helped create the Forest Dragon, collected sticks and logs for the fire, made their own dragonfly using clay and found objects in the forest and helped make their lunch, which they devoured. We went on a dragon hunt to find evidence of the Forest Dragon, we found claw marks on the trees and the petrified forked tongue of the dragon!

As you can see the children love the outdoor activities and are very good at being able to independently access them. Here's a few 'Fly on the wall' moments for you to see how independent they are.

It's going to be an exciting term and I'm thrilled that they have settled so quickly. Well done Parents, you have done a great job in preparing them for school





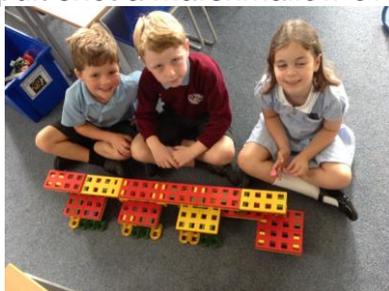
### **Year 1**

Year One has made a fantastic start to the year. Life in year one is very different to reception and we have all settled into a very different routine brilliantly despite our classroom being taken over by dinosaurs! We are loving our dinosaur planet topic and have been very busy learning all about their habitats, what they ate and how they looked. We have particularly enjoyed making our own dinosaur fossils, clay dinosaurs and dinosaur habitats.



### **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a great start to their new topic! They have been busy building and testing bridges using different construction materials. Some of the bridges were able to hold the weight of a child. They have also designed, made and tested catapults using levers. The winning catapult shot a marshmallow over 4m!



### **Year 3**

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have literally brought our topic Predator! alive by welcoming lots of new four, six and eight legged friends!! Zoolab came to visit and introduced us to: a corn snake; a gerbil; a tortoise; a cockroach and a tarantula to name a few. The children were very brave and were able to hold or feel the animals. We heard lots of interesting facts about their habitats and diets and the children amazed me with their high-quality questions and prior knowledge. A lovely afternoon treat that will develop and enhance our learning.



## Year 4

What an amazing start to a new school year!

Class 4 has been a very busy place this month. We have learned about the Romans, helped with Prayer Week, learned and performed poems as well as completing a week of inspirational maths.

In topic we have learned about how big the Roman Empire was, made a timeline of significant dates during the Roman invasion and conquest of Britain as well as learning about why the Romans came to Britain.

Our heads have felt a little bit heavy because of our brilliant work on having a growth mindset, our brains have been firing electrons and growing lots. We don't give up and give everything a go and have learned that its ok to make a mistake and that its actually a very important part of learning.

It has been a very exciting and very busy start to the school year, we are having such a super time in Class 4!



## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed an exciting start to the year with the Revival Dress up day in the first week. The children are also looking forward to the Mayan stunning start with the History Man next week, as well as their second cello lesson from West Sussex Music Service.

The whole school took part in a re-enactment workshop with visiting volunteers who explained about rations, weapons and what life would have been like at the time for those on the front line.

A huge thank you to Mr Bennett who ran the show like clockwork and for his wonderful volunteers who made the day so exciting. The children learnt so much from you all and

you made history come alive ! We so look forward to seeing you next year for more demonstrations , artefact exploration and history of days gone by!



Some of our Year 5 boys , Morris and Harvey also gave an impressive display with remote control tanks for their classmates. Well done Boys .

### Year 6



### Goodwood Revival

At the end of their first week in Year 6 the pupils had the wonderful opportunity to go to Goodwood Revival and entertain everyone with their singing ! They were all dressed as 1940's school children and travelled on a vintage bus to the grounds. Their singing was mentioned by many people and Mrs Lee was proud of the enthusiasm they had for singing at every opportunity. When they returned to school the school was filled with chatter with "that was amazing !" and "I'll never forget that!"

Thank you to our Year 6 parents for making the children lovely lunches and packing them into the gas mask boxes we really appreciated the support early in the morning! Well done Yr 6 you did us proud and we are so glad you enjoyed the experience.

The rest of the school were all dressed in 1940's outfits including the teachers and enjoyed the volunteer re-enactment group. A wonderful day for all.

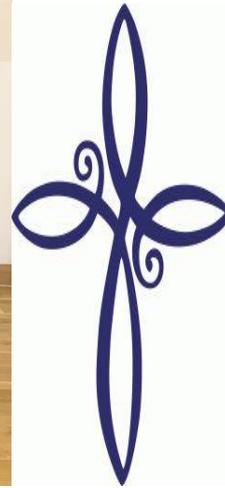


### **The School Council**

They discussed many items that they will be working on throughout the year, such as: Fairtrade Tuckshop, fundraising ideas, playtimes, a project with the Parish Council and a debate to be held at the Assembly Rooms in North street. All children showed great listening skills and it was lovely to see the older members supporting the younger children, from reception.

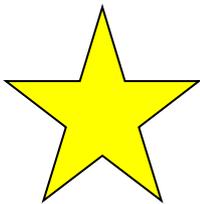


### Faith Council of 2018



### Prefects of 2018

Our new prefects are already in their roles! We have library prefects, EYFS prefects, Office assistants who answer the phone at lunch, Sports prefects, ICT assistants, Eco Warriors, Chicken squad and Tour guides. They applied in writing, obtained references and sat their interviews! A huge well done to you all!





### **Shocking snake in Year 3**

I really enjoy seeing the wonderfully creative homework that the children bring to school linked to topic work but this one gave me a big surprise this week. It was so realistic and I even thought it had eaten one of the chicken's eggs! Well done Lexi, a superb piece of work !!

## **Safeguarding**

At The March C of E Primary School, we regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that everyone has the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn.

We will ensure that:

- The welfare of the child remains our top priority
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/ or sexual identity have the right to be protected from harm.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All staff and volunteers working at our school have a responsibility to report concerns to the **Designated Child Protection Officer Mrs Nicky Metcalfe (Head Teacher)** and **Child Protection Officer is Mr Steve Jackson**

If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact us for advise or support.

### **Internet Safety this half term in all classes.**

During this first half term of the year the whole school have been focusing on internet safety. We ask that parents also think about internet safety in the home, check restrictions on your Wi-Fi and take a regular look at what your children are doing when they are on line. We need to all work together to ensure children remain safe from potential harm and thank you in advance for your support. More information and support can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/free-internet-safety-resources-for-parents>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.connectsafely.org/great-internet-safety-resources/>

1. Aspects of internet safety we have been looking at to stay safe:
2. If someone is being nasty to you on the internet or using a phone – don't respond and don't reply!
3. You should tell a trusted adult straight away if someone is upsetting you, or if you have been getting upsetting messages.
4. Never tell anyone who you don't know in the real world your address, your mobile number, your name or which school you go to.
5. Never share photos or use a webcam with people you don't know in the real world.
6. Always ask permission before you play games on the internet.
7. Always delete emails from people you don't know. They might be nasty or have a virus which can stop your computer working.
8. Don't tell anyone your password.
9. One of the most important things you need to remember is to treat people how you would like to be treated. Be kind and nice when you write anything on the computer so you don't upset anyone.

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'.

*Mrs Nicky Metcalfe*

**Head Teacher**

