



Forward March!

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

Autumn 2016 Newsletter 6



Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter of the Autumn Term and it seems to have gone so quick! Only 3 ½ months ago our lovely reception children joined us at The March and now it feels as if they have been here forever. We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold and dark weather of the season.

The Autumn Term is always a busy one. It is in this term that teachers lay down expectations, get to know new classes and lay the foundations for the rest of the year. Our new prefect system has worked extremely well and many students in Year 6 have grown in self-confidence and leadership skills as the term has progressed.

We cannot do all the things we do without you so please accept a very big thank you for all you do in helping us to give the children so many different opportunities both during the school day and outside too, for example, in sporting occasions, school trips, costumes for productions and many, many more events and occasions. As I've said before, we can do so much more together as Team March!

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at The March CE Primary School for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the pupils of the school during the year.

I would personally like to acknowledge all the support I have received from so many people over the course of my first year with



you and on behalf of everybody at the March, we wish you, your family and the pupils a peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Change to the APP

The APP has proved to be a wonderful way of ensuring that communication between parents and the school continues to be good, but we have had to change our APP provider. This will now be **Myschoolapp**. It will work in the same way as notifications to your phone and you should have received a letter this week explaining the new app features. Please bear with us as we transfer all dates across this does take a while as you can imagine

Children of the World

The nativity season is always a treasured time for children, staff and parents and this year was no exception. Year R 1 and 2 performed the most amazing play this year with all children shining and being involved on the stage. The singing was magical and brought lumps to throat and tears the eyes of many. Thank you all so much for supporting the nativity by providing the amazing costumes and helping children learn lines. It was a wonderful start to the beginning of Christmas.



Drumming in Year 4

This term the Year 4 pupils have been learning to play the African drums with great success. The drum beats and performance to parents this week at their fantastic finish was amazing and they have all enjoyed the opportunities so much. Well done Year 4



Tenor Horns in Year 5

Learning an instrument is never easy and Year 5 have tried so hard to learn to play the Tenor Horn in one term. They have progressed from learning how to blow a raspberry into the mouth piece to finally playing a whole song. Well done Year 5 it wasn't easy but you really persevered!



Bronze awards

A big congratulations to our bronze award winner this term. They have achieved 100 house points and should be very proud of themselves as we are!



Beautiful voices

The school choir has been busily learning new songs this term under the direction of Mrs Swindells. They have been entertaining us with their wonderful song choices and lovely voices. The nursing home in Westhampnett and St Peters church are some of the events that the children have attended and we are very proud of the performances. Well done children, we look forward to you learning many more songs next term.



Father Christmas Visits

On his way back to the North Pole Father Christmas managed to pop into school on Tuesday which was a lovely surprise for all the children. He asked them to make sure they went to bed on time on Christmas Eve and not to wake their parents up until at least 7am which was good to hear! Thank you Father Christmas for your extra special visit.



Dates for the Diary

Term ends
Term starts for all children
INSET DAY 3

16th DEC
3rd January 2017
17th FEB

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

