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



December Newsletter 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and Merry Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!).

Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception. It was so lovely to have all the children together with parents as the audience to see this memory making experience. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of the performance they gave - fabulous! A huge thank you to our staff for the patience and dedication with the excited children in their costumes.

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work and commitment and to you for supporting our events so enthusiastically. The school Christmas Fair was well attended and we raised an **amazing £1932.35**. We will be using the monies for an outside school stage in the Peace Garden and playtime equipment such as arts trolleys and construction trays to use outside at breaktimes. A huge thank you to *Tara Atkins and Patricia Dickie* for the hard work behind the scenes at organising this event.

Many thanks must also go to you the parents and carers of our pupils because without your support and dedication to ensuring that your child achieves their best we would have an even more challenging job. I sincerely wish you and all members of your family a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you when school reopens on Wednesday 4th January 2022.



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.

Merry Christmas

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher

E- Safety over the Christmas period

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year, excitable children and time to relax with family and friends. And of course, there are new toys to play with.

With a huge increase in sales of devices (around 13 million people receive smartphones for Christmas each year) it is important to ensure that you and your children are safe when playing with new kit. To help, we've attached a link below with top tips to help keep your household safe online over the holidays.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/top-tips-for-staying-safe-online-at-christmas>

Wellbeing

We are delighted to introduce Katie Cox, our new Family Liaison Officer (FLO). Katie will be working Mon-Thurs and is available to speak to families about any issues in relation to supporting your children, both at home and at school. Katie is able to signpost to agencies and support children's wellbeing in school. Should you have a personal concern or a school related issue, Katie is here to listen. She has access to a number of agencies who may be able to provide support to you and your family and is looking forward to working with everyone in The March family.



The EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances were wonderful this year lots of lovely singing. Despite lots of illness this month the children still persevered and learnt their lines well.

It really helped to deliver the true meaning of Christmas and has linked well to our themes of Hope in Joy in worship this term. Well done to all the children for learning their lines and great singing throughout.



Worships this term

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the worship leaders this term. Reverend Rachel, Open the book team, Hugo and Ben from Yapton Free Church for their wonderful support, singing and bible stories. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas.



Blood Heart: Year 6

Children in Year 6 enjoyed their stunning start for their latest topic Blood Heart. Here they looked in detail at the lungs and heart from a sheep and explored how the lungs inflate and help to oxygenate the blood. Children described the looks, smell and texture of the organs and compared them to a nice fillet steak!

In future lessons they made blood 'smoothies' from raspberries and white 'squashies' to help them understand the different elements contained in blood such as white blood cells and blood plasma.

More recently they have been designing experiments to explore the effect of exercise and rest on pulse rate and thought carefully about the changes that occur during exercise.

It has been an engaging topic with lots of memorable learning experiences!



Christingle



The Christingle Service is one of our favourite of the year as we prepare for Christmas. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. The whole school make the Christingles which is mammoth task but one that is a tradition in our school and one that they always remember.

Year 5

The children in Class 5 have really enjoyed their learning about the Tudors era this term, even the gruesome elements! They have been amazing at discussing the adventures of Will, who is working in the court of Henry VIII, in their class novel Treason. They have all written excellent biographies and persuasive letters linked to their topic. They have also worked very hard in maths to master fractions and have been great scientists in investigating the effect of air resistance on parachutes. We were particularly proud of them on their class visits to the Cathedral and Pallant House Gallery, where their behaviour was exemplary and they developed their knowledge and skills in art, producing wonderful still-life collages.



Year 4

This half term **Year 4** have been learning about a range of subjects as part of our Unit 'Misty Mountains'. The children have been writing a rescue story based on a famous mountain range from the text 'Touching the Void' and we are about to publish an explanation text on the water cycle. Supporting our learning in Destination Reader we have been using the book 'Mountains' where the children have explored the different types which can be found on Earth.

In Maths, we have been exploring the key relationship between multiplication and division whilst continuing the progress in times tables knowledge. In Science, we have looked at the changing states of matter producing our own water cycle experiment which are on display in the classroom.

We had a familiar visitor in the form of Mr Willson who brought in his climbing equipment for the children to explore as he explained the various expeditions he has been on. In Geography, we have been looking at the various mountains around the world and recognising whether they are fold, fault, block, volcanic, dome or Plateau Mountains. In Art, we have been mark making, drawing reflective images along with playdough and stamp printing. For Computing, we have completed some further coding with Scratch, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed this half term. Our unit for PE was a focus on Hockey as a part of Invasion Games where we have moved to small-sided games with attacking and defending tactics.

We look forward to Spring 1 where our Topic will be on Traders and Raiders.



Year 3

Scrumdiddlyumptous has been a busy and engaging topic! We started the journey by looking at play scripts and plays in English. The children had lots of fun acting and writing their own play scripts. We then moved onto the power of instructional writing, learning how specific instructions must be to get to a finished product. Finally, persuasive writing was explored, looking at how adverts make you buy something you don't necessarily need.

With the topic being a food related topic, the children researched into seasonal fruits and sampled some non-seasonal fruits from around the world. We then created some delicious apple crumbles, with each child being part of the process. The children's favourite part of the crumbled was of course the eating!

How can we forget about the fantastic finish? We were lucky that Fun Food Academy were on hand to help bring our topic to a fabulous end. The children have been reading Charlie and the chocolate factory; therefore, there was only one way to end the topic... by making their own chocolate! We first tasted the chocolate, thinking about amazing adjectives to describe milk, dark and light chocolate, before designing our very own Wonka bars! Sian and Sarah then made our very own chocolate to pour into our boxes. The children then decorated and piped onto their bars, creating some marvellous March chocolate bars. Some of the comments from the children included: "Best day at school ever!". A big thank you to Fun Food Academy for providing such a spectacular finish to our topic.

I wish all of year three and the parents a magical happy Christmas. I hope many memories are made and I am very much looking forward to our next topic of heroes and villains.



Year R

We have come to the end of our second term, and it has been another great one. Thank you to all of you for being so helpful and cooperative with our 'Starry Night' topic, and with all the Christmas preparations. The children have worked very hard this term and I hope you have enjoyed seeing them develop and grow.

The children are continuing to make fantastic progress in phonics and are becoming more confident in their independent reading. The children are clearly applying the skills they have learnt in Phonics sessions and from reading 1:1 with an adult, both in school and at home.

We have been exploring different art techniques and media. Our Jackson Pollock inspired Christmas tree artwork was particularly fun to create! We thoroughly enjoyed flicking the paint to make the tree picture and used different techniques to make the decorations, including blow painting and making dots.

We have continued to enjoy Forest School this term. We have linked our learning from school and have used the space to explore more about Nocturnal animals and night-time routines.





We've been hard at work learning lots of new songs and dances for our Nativity this term. The children have practiced and performed so well! We have had so much fun teaming up with Y1 and Y2 to deliver a great Nativity play.

Year 1

This half term our topic has been the Enchanted Woodland. Over the past weeks we have been learning about types of trees, woodland animals and natural art. We enjoyed our Mondays in the forest and were kept busy with our Nativity performances. The weather has been a bit wet at times so we had some forest school days at school. We learned about the continents and oceans in geography and created our own woodland maps. In art we have learning about famous artists and the use of lines and shapes in their work.



Year 2

This term we have been learning all about pirates, different countries, great explorers and map reading in our Land A'Hoy topic. The topic started off with Pirate Day where the children learnt to sing 30 Sea Shanties and performed this outside and played PE treasure finding games. They also had their pirate workshop with Paul Ullson where they got to look inside a smugglers box.

They have also been busy learning about algorithms in computing and we have had a lot of fun with Google Quick Draw! The children have been busy designing and creating our moving 'under the sea' creatures as part of our Design Technology project. After an extremely busy and fun filled term, Year 2 have been looking ahead to Christmas, sharing what this time means for them and getting some time to spend with their families.

Craft Club

Thank you to Mrs Denton who has volunteered her time to run craft club this term . This has been so popular and I know the children have really enjoyed all the creations



Bronze Badge Winners – Well done everyone



The Recycled Christmas decoration competition was won by Maya !
Thank you to Henry Adams for their amazing idea this year and for providing the wonderful prizes !



Sporting achievements

We have been extremely busy in the sporting arena this term and have enjoyed many successes.

Early in November, our Year 5 Dodgeball team took part in a competition at the Westgate Leisure Centre. They played fantastically and finished a very well-deserved 7th place out of 16 schools that attended.

Later that week, the Year 5/6 girls took part in the Chichester area schools football tournament. Both teams were a real credit to the school and our Year 6 team won the tournament and will represent Chichester in the area finals on Monday 12th December.



The following week, it was the Football A Team's turn. Having enjoyed success in after school matches leading up to the tournament, on the day - it wasn't our day!! The children played exceptionally well but the results just didn't reflect the effort and we came away in 11th place.



The Year 3&4 and 5&6 boys have been showing off their exceptional rugby skills with fixtures against local primary schools throughout this term. They showed excellent team work and a real talent for the sport which will continue into the new year. A real credit to Lee and his after school club!



Early in December it was the turn of the Year 3&4 boy's football' team. 9 boys took part in a tournament to at Bishop Luffa. They finished 2nd in their group having beaten West Dean, East Wittering and St Richards B Team. In the semi-final they lost to St Richards A team 3-1 which meant they finished in joint 3rd position out of 16 teams alongside Bosham Primary School. The boys behaved superbly over the afternoon and were supportive of each other at all times.



A huge congratulations to everyone who has competed this term. We look forward to more rugby, football, athletics, netball, cross country and swimming competitions in the Spring term.



The March school Choir

The March Choir have done us all proud this term - singing at the Christmas Fair and our local rest home - the smiles on the faces of the people they have sung to were priceless - what a gift ! The children then spent time talking to the residents of Dovecote Rest Home, sharing Christmas hopes and stories. A smaller group visited one bed bound resident to give her a personal concert, which brought tears to many eyes.

Keep it up choir - next term we are travelling to the 02 to sing in the Young Voices concert, this is the most amazing experience for the choir !!



Great ways to help Grammar Punctuation and spellings stick!

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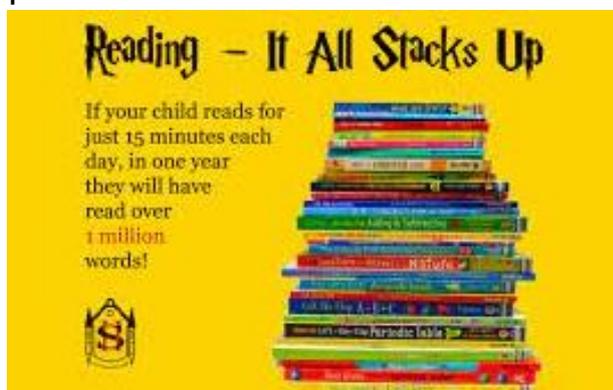
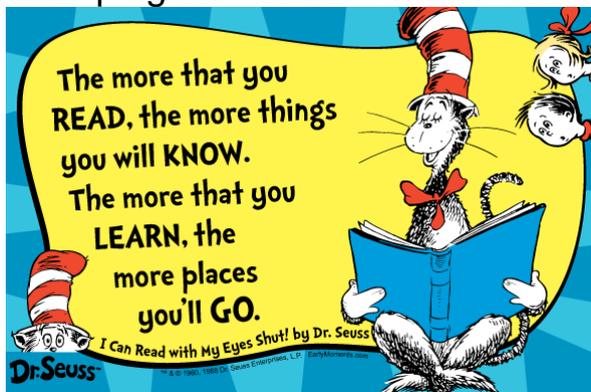
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

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<https://youtube.com/c/SillySchoolEducation>

Reading

Our first Golden Ticket draw of the year takes place this week! Well done to all those children who have been awarded Golden Tickets for reading at least 3 times a week at home, and those children who are now proudly sporting a 'Reading Champion' badge for getting 10 Golden Tickets. Reading is the key to learning across the curriculum and we appreciate the part that parents play in helping ensure their child's development in this vital skill



Christmas Maths

If you would like any fun Christmas maths to do over the holidays with friends and family. The link below is packed with fun !

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/12572836/xmasbookupdated.pdf>

Dates for your Spring term Diary 2023

3 rd Jan	INSET Day
4 th Jan	Return to school
24 th Jan	Choir to the 02
10 th Feb	End of half term
13 th Feb to 17 th Feb	Half term Holidays
20 th Feb	INSET day
21 st Feb	Children return to school
2 nd March	World Book day – Dress up
31 st March	End of term
3 rd April to 14 th April	Easter holidays
17 th April	Children return to school

