

# Forward March!

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It hardly seems like we have been back from Easter however the school has been a hive of activity with so many wonderful learning opportunities and activities taking place.

We now have a wonderful summer half term to go, with the year 6 residential, Maypole dancing, sports day and summer fair to name but a few.

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the Year 6 children (and staff) for all of their hard work and preparation for the SATs that took place last week. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard and all the staff are so proud of the efforts they put into their tests last week. Some tricky questions but they showed perseverance and determination to complete the tasks. In recent years it has become an even more challenging time with the expectations on schools and pupils themselves being hugely increased. As always everybody involved was a credit to the school and did all we can ask of them – their very best!



We will be having **2 non school uniform days for the summer fair**

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Bring a bottle for the bottle tombola



**22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Bring unwanted clean teddies for the teddy tombola



Please remember to sign up to help on the link below. We really need all the helping hands possible to make this an exciting event for all the March Families. We are only asking for half an hour of your time which you can share with a friend!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4aa5ac23abfd0-summer>

### **School Council -Summer Term 2018**

Our School Council have been proactive in their work in many different areas to help develop the school this year. They have written to local Councillor Jeremy Hunt to look at the possibility of a cycle path along Stane Street. They have also organised our forthcoming Happy Shoesday fundraiser to support Living Streets and help raise awareness of sustainable ways to travel to school. Many of our School Councillors are also Play Leaders at lunchtime, helping to develop and run different games with new resources. Back in the spring term they also helped raise money for Sport Relief and ran the March Mile event. Looking ahead to the second half of the summer term, we are hoping that children will be able to secure donations from local nurseries and supermarkets for plants and funds to develop a garden area on Stane Street, to make drivers more aware they are entering Westhampnett village and to help reduce driving speeds. Well done to all our superb School Council members- they have worked so hard to be responsible leaders and role models for The March!

### **Clarinet in Year 5**



Year 5 have been immersed in their learning about the Black Death, its symptoms and effects and key historical events since 1066, with their Peasants Princes and Pestilence topic this half term. They have enjoyed the artwork on Illuminated Lettering, where they have spent a long time designing their own fonts to spell their names. They have also enjoyed learning the clarinet in preparation for their final concert with Mr Mott. A particular highlight was the visit and workshop with West Sussex Fire Service and sitting inside the engine as well as learning about fire safety and using the hose to aim a jet of water. The fire engine holds 1800 Litres of water, which can be used up in less than ten minutes !



**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, Lily, Eddie, Willow, Noah and Poppy.



## **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a busy half term planting lots of growing herbs, lovely flowers, tidying the school grounds and using herbs and flower flavouring to make play dough and biscuits. They have also had an amazing workshop from LUSH and made their own bath bombs using lavender and rosemary essences. Make sure you have a look in the small playground at all the lovely flowers Year 2 have been busy planting



**Year R** have loved this term's Topic 'Why Do Bees Collect Pollen?'; they have been exploring shape and tessellation as they recreate a honeycomb, dressing up as minibeasts in wacky head gear and investigating and learning about the habitats of minibeasts





All was calm today as the Reception children played together but they were also confident to explore their own interests in their own way.

The children had great fun .....

And so did the adults!

Reception have also been reading the alternative story of Jim and the Beanstalk, in which the giant wishes he was young again. So the children considered he might want to get married (and this ties in nicely with the impending Royal Wedding!) One of the activities today was to create a 'special place' in the forest where the Giants might be married? With the help of some of the parent helpers, the children created a den structure that took them all day to build.

We also have been creating our own Forest School Scarecrow for the Oving Scarecrow Day which is loosely based on the 'chicken' theme.

There were also lots of opportunities for the children to explore with cooking and different foods, creating their own pizzas, eating Eggy Bread –one of their favourites, buttered potatoes and garlic bread, to name but a few!

**Year 1** have thoroughly enjoyed being back in the Forest again this half term and have explored ways that the Gruffalo might have built his den in the deep dark forest, using camouflage and waterproofing techniques to make sure the Gruffalo was undiscovered. They have also experimented with ways to build a tower to hold an egg securely without it toppling over and smashing. This has involved a lot of team work, lots of negotiating skills and problem solving.

One of the texts they have been concentrating this term is The Minchpins and the character the Gruncher. Great fun was had as they recreated the Gruncher Pie!



**Year 4** has been a hive of activity this month. We have been writing our own episodes for Sugarcane Juice, a story we read based in a bus station in Pakistan. Our writing was brilliant - we used conjunctions, fronted adverbials, adventurous adjectives and excellent verbs. In maths we have been mastering the 12 and 24 hour clocks, we are now able to convert between the two. 1066 has been such a fun topic. We've had a walking tour of Chichester with Paul Ulson, learning about The Battle of Hastings, the Bayeux Tapestry and motte & bailey castles.



**Faith Council lead worship in school !**

Faith Council has had a great year. In the Autumn Term we helped organise and run stations during Prayer Week. We have also helped plan worship and have been in charge of presenting worship to the whole school. Now that the weather is getting warmer we will be thinking about our Prayer Garden and what we can do to make it a place of peaceful reflection. Also somewhere to place our special memorial bench.





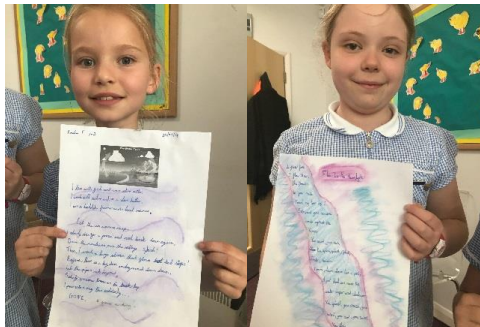
**Year 3** have been getting tadpoletastic over the last 2 weeks. Our baby froggy friends have been visiting a table a day and we are all eagerly watching and waiting as the grow and slowly turn from tadpoles to baby frogs. We have all had a fantastic 6 weeks learning about everything connected to water as part of our Flow Topic. From the water cycle to water poetry, streams/ rivers and waterfalls.

Last Friday we built our own river systems out on the school field. This Friday we will get to explore water in Chichester Harbour, how it is conserved and what happens to our sewage YUK! We will end the day walking up the Lavant and seeing in real life how rivers carve their way through the land.



**Congratulations to all our House points winners**





It's always wonderful when children come to show me their super amazing work that they are so proud of. This term two of our year 3 pupils have created lovely river poems with descriptive language and variety of sentence lengths! Well done girls keep up the great work.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to start back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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'.

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