

# Forward March!

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

## July Newsletter 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another year draws to a close it has been wonderful to look back and see how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors. After two disrupted years of education it has been great to have a whole year in school. There have been hard times with covid and chicken pox affecting the children, families and staff but we kept going and kept open ! Thank you to everyone for their support and patience this year as we have returned to a normal again with lots of wonderful trips and experiences alongside the learning.

The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts and to our magical Christmas fair and fun packed summer fair. Thank you to our proactive and supportive PTA. We achieve so much because we work together as a team, and this is one of the greatest strengths of The March CE Primary School.

It is always difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, a special mention going out to our year 6 pupils, who are leaving us this term, we are extremely proud of you all, you have had a great year, attended Goodwood, completed the challenges at the Residential, performed in Hoodwinked and supported the year R's as they begin their journey into education

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work, commitment and time given to all aspects of the job and beyond in the clubs they have provided. It has been a year of teamwork and flexibility which they have embraced with goodwill. Thank you.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing. Thank you for making such a huge difference to the school through your volunteering work with sporting events , forest school and supporting the children with their learning beyond the classroom.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

Mrs Metcalfe  
Head Teacher



## Message from the Local Governing Body

Dear Parents and carers,

As Chair I am writing on behalf of all the Governors of the school firstly to say how proud we are of the staff and our pupils as they come to the end of another school year. The last 2 years have been a real challenge and the school has coped admirably. Thanks, to all the volunteers who help out at the school especially to our vibrant PTA who have organised two really successful events the Christmas and Summer fairs which generated funds for much needed extras to enhance school life for the children.

Unfortunately, there is one area that concerns the Governors and that is unauthorised absences i.e holidays during term time. 50 children have taken holidays during term time this academic year, equating to 352 lost teaching sessions or 10.6% of curriculum learning time. Proposals currently being considered by the Department for Education would see a more stringent approach to unauthorised absences from September. Once the new absence policy has been agreed we will publish it on the school website

Finally all the Governors hope you all have restful summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.



During the holidays make sure you take some time to enjoy reading!

**Your challenge is to take a picture of yourself reading a book in an unusual place to show your new teacher.**

You might also like to visit your local library and take part in the Gadgeteers summer reading challenge that Mrs Burnett told you about in assembly. Watch the video again to remind yourself: <https://youtu.be/Vp3DU0oN3lc>



## Rolls Royce/Greenpower collaboration 2019

We are lucky enough to work with Rolls Royce again this year for our Greenpower entry for not one, but two cars.

Children from both Year 5 and 6 will compete in a series of driving challenges, culminating in the Lap of Champions where they are timed for a full 2 mile lap of the track against the 80 other schools. Apprentices from Rolls Royce have worked with the children to turn their designs into reality.

Children attended the visitors room at Rolls Royce for the grand reveal for both cars this week and enjoyed a presentation from Matt who has been co-coordinating the project. It was an incredibly hot day on the Sunday and the children and parents sweltered on the track but all events were taken part in with many smiles. A special mention to Beau who despite the belt breaking on the year 5 car and having to hitch a ride back on the race support car kept smiling. There's always next year!



## School Swim Team

Congratulations to our amazing swim team who competed in the Cormorants Swim competition this term. This is a very competitive event between the local schools and The March is privileged to be in the Division 1 group. This year was by no exceptions a really tough year, the standard was extremely high. Our team broke some of the club records this year in butterfly, and breaststroke. Overall, we came 2<sup>nd</sup> and won the shield. A huge well done to the team you were amazing, and I was very proud to take you alongside Mrs Burnett and Mrs Renouf. We can't wait to take you next year and fingers crossed for the cup!





Thank you to everyone who came to support the children in sports day. As always, it was a boiling day but the children still managed to do an amazing job. It was so lovely to see all children taking such great care of the younger children in their house team. We were all very proud of the way the children competed and what great sportsmanship they showed. As normal the running races were very competitive and the children all competed. Well done to Red House on their win this year!

## Summer Fayre

The sun was shining for our summer Fayre this year! A fantastic time was had by all with the old favourites, jolly jars and bottle tombola. A big thank you to all who supported this event, manned the stalls, cooked food, ran the bar and marshalled the bouncy castles! A big thank you to everyone who also stayed to clear away this made this much easier. We couldn't have had such a successful event without you! Thank you to Tara Atkins and Patricia Dickie who give up so much time for the PTA!!

**We are really pleased to have raised £1800**

## Year R

As the summer term is drawing to the end, we find it hard to believe that our wonderful Reception class will soon be moving to enter Year 1.

They have grown so much in confidence, particularly at Forest School during team building activities when they had to build dens, fairy doors, collect wood and cut up veggies for their soups and casseroles. This term's Topic Who is the fastest? has inspired many new ideas from snail racing to building race tracks, checking our heart beats, using timers and looking at animals who run fast or travel slowly

Their confidence and maturity shows they are developing into interesting characters and they are always eager to try out new things. They have had so much fun this term and we are delighted with the fantastic year we have had together. Well done Class R and good luck in Year 1.

## The EYFS Team



## Year 1

Superheroes were spotted as we kicked off our new topic in Year 1. We had a wonderful day dressed up as our favourite superhero - Batman, Spider Girl, Iron Man, a nurse, doctor and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle came together for a very super day. During the half term we have enjoyed our Mondays at Forest School each week. We have been making dens, fire lighting and going on bug hunts along with lots of other great woodland activities. Supertato became our favourite superhero book and we used the story to write a wanted poster and our own Supertato inspired story. In science we have been learning about plants. We learned about the parts of a plant and carried out an investigation to find out what plants need to grow. After collecting lots of pinecones in the forest we carried out another investigation in which we learned about why pinecones open and close.

It has been a super half term and an absolutely amazing time in Year 1 this year.



## Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day dressed as Victorians and they attended Victorian school for the day. They had to pay 1p for their education, had a go at writing on chalkboards and all had a new Victorian name for the day. They learnt to chant their times tables and sing the National Anthem and tried some different playground games and drills. Luckily nobody was naughty and got the cane!!! They all had a fantastic day!



## Year 3

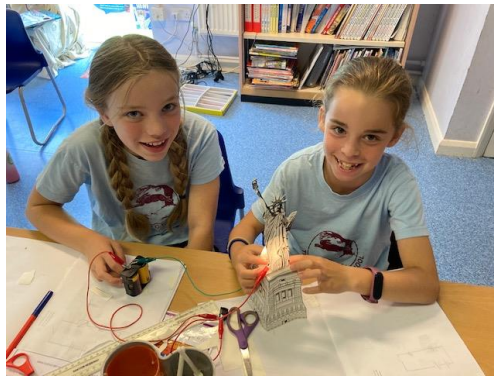
The final topic of Year 3 has been amazing and a great way to end such a brilliant year. The class were first visited by the ruler of the Greek Gods, Zeus. He wowed the children with his mighty tales and exciting experiences, describing his home, Mount Olympus which we later recreated in art. We learnt about Cerberus, the three-headed dog and wrote care plans describing the specific ways to look after such a terrifying beast. A particular highlight of the term was in relation to Icarus, a myth which fascinated the children. We built models of his wings with an extra challenge to add a moving dimension, with a lot of trial and error the children were very successful. Although not quite a Greek tradition, we as a class have been learning about sea shanties and the rhythmic pattern to drive sailors through the toughest of storms. The children have loved paying along with the piano and have been grateful for the opportunity to sing with live music. As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the chance to thank Year 3 for such a fantastic year. I have loved working with you all and I wish the very best for Year 4.

I would also like to thank the parents and carers for all the support and dedication you have given the children and myself over the academic year. Have a great summer everyone and see you in September!



### **Year 4**

Year 4 have really enjoyed learning more about the USA. They have learnt about Native Americans such as the Iroquois, their culture, food and beliefs. They have also looked at the different US states, key landmarks and linked their electricity work in science to the topic. Here, children had fun creating simple series circuits and then designed and made a circuit to illuminate a 3d model of the statue of liberty.



### **Year 5**

This term in Year 5 has been all about bugs and beasts! The children found some very interesting minibeasts on their bug hunt around the school grounds, plotting their locations using their Geography mapping skills, including using six-figure grid references. They worked collaboratively to make bug hotels and wrote instructions to help younger children make them too. Class 5 have shown care and leadership as buddies to the new reception children on their visits this term. They enjoyed a visit to Woodhorn Farm and were a credit to the school in their behaviour and the excellent questions they asked of the farmer and herdsman.



## Year 6

Sadly this is the last farewell newsletter I will be writing about Year 6, as we both will be moving onto the next stage of our life's adventure.

We have had such a rollercoaster of a half term: the residential, the choir for Leavers' Service at the Cathedral, creating designs for the Green Goblins, sports day, summer fair stalls, rehearsals and the preparation for the production of Hoodwink.

I am so impressed in the way that Year 6 organised themselves into creating programmes, the props, the costumes, the choreography, the PowerPoint for the backdrop, the music and learning the songs for Hoodwink. They learned lines in such a short space of time and thrown into the mix were the transition days. The children were amazing - independent and



rising to the challenges with a positive outlook. It has been a satisfying and amazing finish at The March for us all.



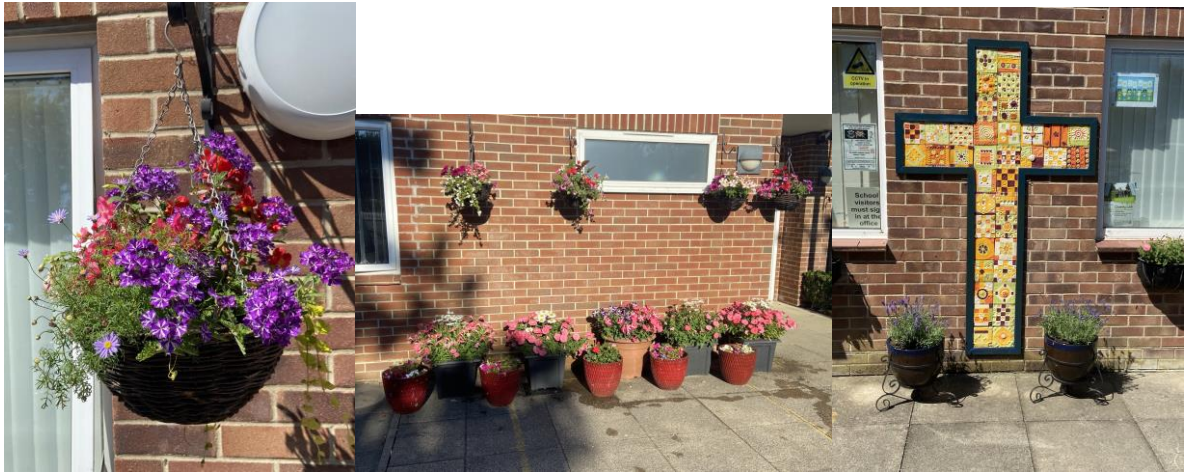
### **Gardening club and the new willow tunnel**

Well done to all our wonderful gardening team who have worked on the allotment and flowers this year. The school looks amazing! An abundance of colour everywhere. The children have been superb at learning to grow and cultivate their vegetable and flowers. I wonder what Mrs Cass Mr Smith and Mrs Metcalfe have planned for next year's allotment and flowers???

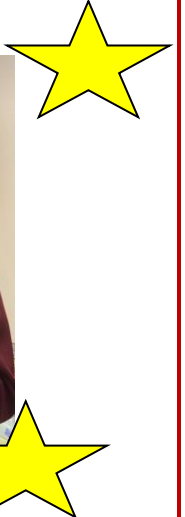
Thank you to Mr Smith our Premise Officer and Mrs Arnell for all the watering too!

To top all this off the Gardening team also **“WON THE DCAT IN BLOOM SCHOOL”**





### House Points Awards







It has been a very hot end to the year but thank you for sending your children in. They have been superb today and enjoyed the ice pops from the PTA!

**I look forward to seeing you all after the summer holidays,  
taller, relaxed and ready for an adventure next year!**

**Mrs Nicky Metcalfe  
Head Teacher**