

Forward March!

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Spring Term 2019 March Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

The term has passed by so quickly once again and the children are all making great individual progress. This month has been as busy and entertaining as any other, so please take the time to read the newsletter and find out what has happened! Even though we are a small school we always endeavour to take part in all we can across the Locality and County, we are so proud of all our children and what they achieve.

I would like to say a huge thank you for all your never ending support as parents of The March; we couldn't do all these events without you.

As always the staff have been tirelessly planning trips, visits and enrichment opportunities for their classes. These opportunities bring the learning alive with engagement and enjoyment. We are very lucky to have so many after school clubs and a dedicated team to provide these. Thank you.

We had the exciting news that the car park would be open from Monday 25th March. They were all very excited. We know that this will make a huge difference to you all and that together we can ensure the safety of our children as they come to school. The first day of the car park went so well - Thank you!

Please do support us with this by NOT parking on the double yellow lines, white lines in front of the school or bus stop. **As we are part of the local community can I remind you not to park across our neighbour's driveways, this causes frustration and upset for them and a lot of wasted time for the school.**





Year 5 had a fantastic time at Woodhorn Farm in Oving as part of their Allotment topic. They were led on a guided tour by farm manager Richard. They learnt that the cows are milked twice per day and produce 50 Litres of milk each- this equates to 2 million litres of milk per year!

All the milk is organic which means that very few chemicals are used in its production.

Children especially enjoyed the ride on the trailer, the visit to the milking parlour and some very unusual smells!





Red Nose Day 2019

The School Council members from Yr 4, 5 and 6 led a fantastic assembly for Red Nose Day. They told us about those who benefit from the money raised, both in this country and abroad. We also shared the sporting activities that have been carried by different classes out throughout the day: such as The March Mile relay and the Litter pick challenge. Well done to all for raising a grand total of **£130 !!!!**



Year 2 took part in Big Sing with other schools in the Goodwood area. They learnt two songs to sing with the others schools and added lots of actions. Each school had learnt their own song to sing to the other schools. We sang Big Big House. It was a really fun morning!





Science day went off with a big bang and the children had lots of fun as well as doing lots of learning. British Science Week was taking place across the country with the theme of scientific journeys. Around the school children were linking science journeys to their topics! There were bee keepers, pollination using cheese puffs and juice boxes, potion and perfume making, marble runs, eggs being floated to test the density of salt and fresh water, the journey of germs with children 'sneezing' across paper!

It was wonderful to hear the children talking about all of the exciting things that had taken place throughout the day. It was particularly special during the afternoon as children spread out across the school working in their house groups. We can't wait until our next Big Science Day which will take place in the summer term to mark the 50 year anniversary of the moon landings.





Cake Sales



A huge well done to Year R and Year 1 for their brilliant cakes sales !!! I have never seen such a wonderful array of different themed cakes. You did the year groups proud.

Year R raised £177

Year 1 £ 156.80

The money will be split between the classes and the Family Events team. The classes will be able to use this for the added luxury extras in the classroom to support their topics or new exciting story books etc... Thank you for your support with these events it makes a huge difference when we are fundraising especially when funding is really tight across all school in the UK. Next month it will be Year 2's turn !

Year 4 has been transformed into a laboratory of scientific investigations and the magical world of potions! Our journey started with an Alice in Wonderland themed scavenger in which we had to answer riddles to lead us to the next clue. We travelled all over the school grounds and found all the clues! Then there was one last riddle to solve before we enjoyed a tea party complete with jam tarts and cake. It was a brilliant way to start our new topic.

In our art lessons we observed perfume bottles and then designed our own bottles that could be used for perfume or potions. We then made our own bottles out of clay...we hope they don't leak! It has been so fun to learn about the scientific properties of potions, including learning about solids, liquid and gases; and the chemical reactions that occur when these are mixed. We inflated balloon with vinegar and baking soda, saw cabbage juice change colour and became Tudor apothecaries, physicians and herb-women to find out about how potions were used in the past. The smell from our classroom invaded the school with cabbage and vinegar one day but it smelled beautiful when we made Tudor pomanders.

As well as our amazing topic we have continued to learn the cello and can't wait for our performance. This half term we enjoyed World Book Day and Big Science Day. We have also started rehearsals for our Easter play. It has been such a fun topic, we almost wish we could create a potion to make it last even longer!

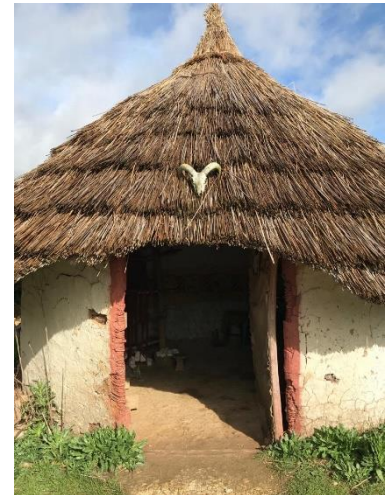


Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful workshop by Paul Ulson on survival during the Stone Age. We learnt about the beginning of hunting and gathering, what people ate, wore and how they kept warm. All finished off with a chance to have a go at our own cave painting a sketch some real artefacts - a wonderful day with lots of fantastic history!



Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm

Monday 4th March saw Year 3 visit Butser Ancient Farm as part of their Tribal Tales topic. The children got a first-hand experience in what life was like in the Iron Age. They made jewellery, took part in archaeology and created chalk carvings. Despite the heaviest of downpours during our archaeological dig, we had a wonderful day and gained a real insight into what life was like all those years ago.



Reception Rabbits!

What a wonderful start to the Spring Term for Reception Class; we adopted two baby rabbits for our Stunning Start. Peter and Benji have settled in well now and feel quite at home roaming the classroom. It has given the children many opportunities for different types of writing from creating little books about the adventures of the rabbits to creating WANTED posters for the escaped rabbits.

As you may have heard, one night Peter and Benji made a bid for freedom and I was greeted the following morning to the soft toys scattered about, a lot

of rabbit's presents and some of the children's work being nibbled! Little did we know how apt the title for our topic would be – 'The Rabbit Problem'!



Of course many of the children throughout the school are delighted with our new pets and we are aiming to 'train' them to become our 'Reading Rabbits' to encourage and develop confidence in our children.

The Reception children are very pleased that we are back at Forest School again. Last week the children made Easter crosses by using lashing and tying techniques which help to develop their fine motor skills and patience!



Year 1 Superhero School

We have learnt how to think like a superhero using a growth mindset. We have designed our own Superhero costumes and thought about what superpowers we might like to have. Paul Ulson came in and ran a Superhero morning, where we learnt how to create our own Superhero comic strips. Everybody had a great time and produced amazing comic strips. In dance we have been very busy creating our Superhero themed routine which we are

looking forward to showing off in our fantastic finish. We are a little nervous as it is a bit fast!



CELEBRATE STORIES. LOVE READING.

We love Reading! We celebrated our love for reading on World Book Day, sharing stories and creating words and illustrations with the Fantastic Mr Chapman who ran workshops for all the Year Groups.

We created a fun filled day: shared reading, paired reading, quiet reading, quizzes and being inspired to write stories and book reviews. Everyone dressed up as a favourite book character and Professor Trelawney paid a special visit to assembly accompanied by her many other friends. Umm... I wonder who they could be? Super heroes, Noddy, Gangster Granny, 3 Little Pigs, Miss Trunchbull, the Demon Dentist and many many more characters roamed the school all day long. We are excitedly turning the pages to the next one!



A huge congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Athletics team who took part in an indoor competition at Bishop Luffa on Friday 22nd March. The children took part in 11 track events, winning **10** of them. The field events were also extremely successful. The children displayed wonderful team spirit, cheering on and encouraging every member throughout their races.

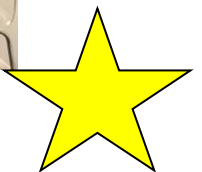
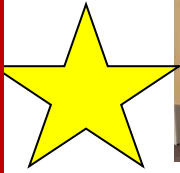
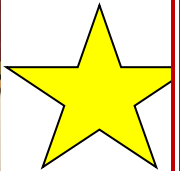


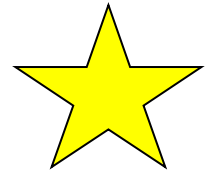
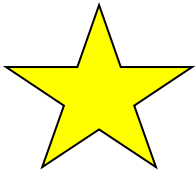
The children were delighted when it was announced in assembly that The March came in **1st place**. What a fantastic afternoon!!

The March Swim team took part in the Chichester schools competition last Saturday. We were so proud of them as a team demonstrating the school's values supporting each other and cheering on both the school team and other swimmers too. They all took part racing their best and we are proud to have come 4th out of 6 teams this year. The competition was high this year with County swimmers across the schools. Well done you were a pleasure to take and Mrs Burnett, Mrs Bird and myself thought you were great!



House Point Badge winners





The March C of E Primary School
Family Events Team

SAVE THE DATE!

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019
8PM QUIZ START

ADULTS ONLY / FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME

Hosted by Matt Faulkner & Dom Turner
£10 per person includes Fish & Chips

All proceeds will go towards renovating the school grounds.

Time to get your teams together and enjoy the night

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



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