



Forward March!

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

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It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents evening this week sharing in the success and next steps of your child's learning. I do hope that you found the information helpful as you support your child with their learning.

Obviously English and Maths skills are key to success but it is also important to give our children a breadth of learning experiences. We have no less than **16** clubs this term. The cooking club have been generating wonderful recipes and the art club are taking part in the first Diocesan Competition creating 3D Sculptures. The children have also been fortunate to have a variety of visitors in this term from local historians, Chichester College sports students to the Head Teacher of St Brendan's in Kenya.

With the **National Funding Formula** being on the news, The One Show and in the press, it is important that we continue to support these clubs as they provide new experiences for the children. From the letters, you have received about the increasing pressures on school budgets, please support us by ensuring that you have **paid for your children's trips and clubs** so that we can continue to provide these next term. Without adequate support some trips may have to be cancelled in the future. Please do write to your MP to support the 'Worthless campaign'.



Faith in Action

One of the aspects of our school which has seen considerable development over the last couple of years has been the relationship between the school and the Parish churches. The clergy team and the community have been training to deliver 'Open the Book'; an interactive chronology of the Bible. During the course of the year, every year group will have had an opportunity to participate in this. Open the Book supports the curriculum covered in RE with a Christian message. If you would like to be involved in this please speak to Rev Helen .





Internet Safety Day

Last week was Internet Safety week where the children took part in different discussion and activities relating to online safety and mobile safety. I know that some of you could make the Parents evening talk and found this a very enlightening experience. The staff and Governors also attended training last week and updates on new ways to support children.

One of the key messages was that “Although there are many new apps and games out there, they are not designed to endanger children. It is the behaviour of individuals using them that causes the risks.” The trainer explained that games where children can communicate within, can pose a potential risk and should be set accordingly. Please do check the games your children play, they have a certification for a reason and the content children see within older games should never become normalised.

A few weblinks to support you

www.internetmatters.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Also, please see the informative video that the Year 6 team made and entered into the Locality competition this year. It is in the video section of the school website.

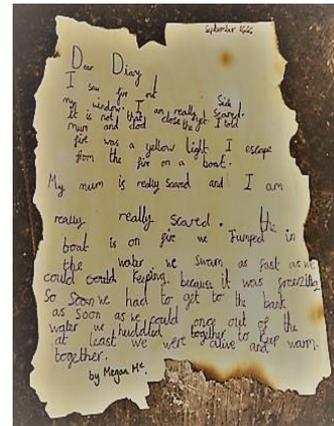
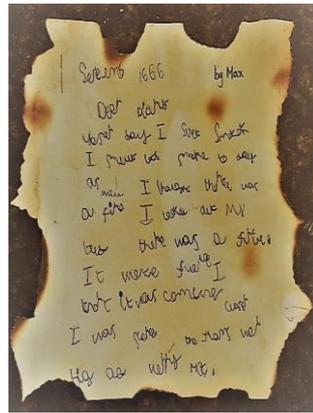
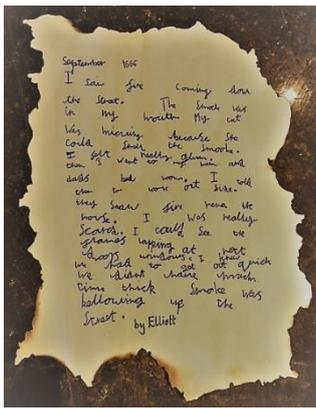
Year 1 go up in Flames

Class one have been working hard on their Bright Lights Big City learning journey this half term. We have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We made houses like those in London in 1666. On Monday 30th of January we set fire to our houses to help us understand what it might have been like in London during the Great Fire.

The children were very enthusiastic and lots of parents came to watch as well. We came up with lots of adjectives to describe our thoughts and feelings during the fire.

Over the last couple of weeks the children have been working on writing diary entries as if they were a child during the fire. They produced some wonderful work using the adjectives they came up with and thesauruses to look up synonyms. These are on display outside Class 1





Next Terms Value is Service and how we can serve others as Jesus did.

Words relating to 'servant' and 'service' are central in Christian theology. Service is not offered to gain some advantage for ourselves. 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit.

Service is demonstrated at the March CE Primary when the younger children are paired with older children as reading buddies and Prefect Buddies, the older children are being 'of service' to the younger, offering support and encouragement as they learn to read. The Buddies programme empowers the children to be 'of service' to those children who find themselves alone on the playground or who have hurt themselves and need comfort.

Alongside Service goes Trust. The value of serving others is built on Trust and is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships, trust in the abilities and integrity of others where everyone can be enriched. **Trust will be part of the summer terms focus.**



Parents forum group – The future of Homework at The March.

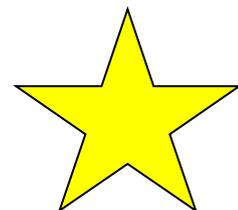
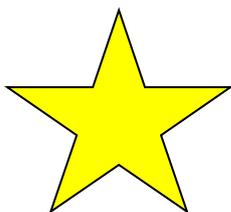
Each we meet with the Parents Forum group to discuss ways of working together to support childrens learning, whether that is through the school improvement plan, uniform, and religious character of the school. This terms meeting was in relation to homework and whether it makes an impact on children's learning in primary schools. As a school we appreciate the time homework can take and also at times the pressure it can cause on family life.

We will be sending details home next half term about the new homework structures we will be implementing after Easter. Family time is precious and Spending **time** together as a

family is **important** for building strong **family** ties, making lifelong memories and creating an environment that builds self-esteem and character in children. Homework will only be set during the week and a homework free weekend will be recommended. This is something that the 11 parents at the Forum were also keen on. We look forward to sharing with you the year group homework structures in the next few weeks.

The next topic has been suggested by parents and will be **Healthy Lifestyles and wellbeing**.

Bronze Awards – Congratulations to all you super stars!



Netball Report by Tabby, Sophie, Manka, Amelie, Holly, Isaac, Sebby and Freddie

On Tuesday 8 Year 6's went to a netball match at St Richards School. We played for half an hour. Isaac and Sebby were our shooters and Freddie was the Centre. In the first half of the match we were drawing 5-5 and in the second half we had won 10-^
We all worked hard as a team and used our sportsmanship values.

Well done Netball team we are very proud of you and all your wonderful efforts

Year 3 Salon Du Chocolat



Who would have thought that Chichester would have its very own Chocolate Factory? Well fortunately for 30 lucky children from Year Three it does- Le Salon du Chocolat!

After five fun filled weeks learning about many different aspects of the food we eat, from the stunning Scrumdiddlyumptious food tasting start, to why we could and should all buy Fair Trade, Year Three, their teachers and a few lucky parents set off for The Salon and its rooms of delight...

As our host Dawn guided through this fascinating history, she began switching on the chocolate making machines....in went button sized lumps of chocolate and out from the whirling wheels came rivers of melted chocolate - one white, one black and one in the middle, chocolate brown. We were all invited to taste the 3 different types of chocolate Dawn was making- there were some great faces as the children discovered that pure cocoa nibs are VERY bitter and squeals of delicious, delight as they moved onto the milk and white chocolate it gets turned into.

Then the fun really began; choices were made. Which shape, which flavours, which chocolate? The children poured, mixed, designed and tasted.... Eh voila! Into the chocolate boxes they had made during the week went the finished product - with a few spares left over to fill a bag. Full of taste, beautifully crafted and made from the highest quality Fair Trade chocolate (sourced by Dawn directly from Belgium) the end result was stunning. Willy Wonka himself would have been proud of all their achievements!

The Drummer Boy Bradley

Bradley in Yr 2 was very proud to show us his drum that he had made at home with mum and was able to give us a demo. What a wonderful home project as a family. Well done.



The School Media Team



We are currently working with some Year 6 pupils to make films about our school. They are focusing on Life as a Prefect, why we have talk partners and the great bits of being a March School pupil.

This week we had the most amazing opportunity of working with Mr Chapman. He is currently working on the new Star Wars film (although we couldn't get any secrets out of him!) and came to assist us with hints and tips for making our films. He gave the children wonderful advice such as 'Creativity needs lots of ideas, the more the better, film lots but you don't have to include it all!'

The team asked him lots of questions too about his role and tried as hard as they could to get the inside view. Mr Chapman has been working on Star Wars for 3½ years and told us there were actually 7 BB8 puppets/remote control robots used. It was fascinating to hear all his advice and we learnt lots about bridging shots and overshooting additional films.

Thank you so much and we hope to share our films with you soon in the Video section of the school website.

A singing Mathematician

Times tables are very important and if not securely learnt can cause problems with multiplication and division. The New National Curriculum has extended the time tables knowledge so that by the end of yr 3 children must know 2x 3x 4x 5x 10x. It was lovely to see a Yr 1 pupil who has learnt her Times tables to a song and was able to sing her 3x tables. Well done Jenny.



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'. We look forward to seeing you all after the half term break

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