



Dear Parents and Carers,

500 words story writing competition

This morning we announced the winners and runner-up from our 500 words story writing competition. The winning stories were read to the school by Andy from Widdershins Theatre (the children remembered him from his recent performances and visits to school) who added his own theatrical style to the event. The winners were each presented with a book and the runners up all received certificates. A number of children across the school said they had also entered their stories into the Radio2 500 Words Competition, and we wish them well.

We were also joined by two of our three adult winners whose stories will be shared in classes today.

All the winning stories (children and adult) will be published on the Pupil Activities page of our school website so please take the time to have a read. We are hugely proud of all the children who took part and their stories were read and enjoyed by a range of school staff.

Winners

Starling class	Teddy	(4 runners up)
Robin class	Thomas R	(4 runners up)
Owl class	Emily	(4 runners up)
Peacock class	Connie	(4 runners up)
Swift class	Elizabeth	(4 runners up)
Heron class	Tyla	(3 runners up)
Puffin class	Leah	(4 runners up)

Payments by cash

When sending or bringing cash into school please put it in a labelled envelope (if you don't have a small one at home please ask at the office and we can provide one). As you can imagine after a few parents have brought in loose money it can then become quite difficult to keep track. Thank you for your help with this.

We have an advert for a **Kitchen Manager** is on **Page 10** of this newsletter and also on our website. Please share / pass on to anyone who may be interested.

Mrs Tracey How
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary	
Spring Term	
March 2019	
Weds 27 th	Year 3 Assembly 10.10am & Tudor Fayre
Fri 29 th	PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo 5.30pm
April 2019	
Thurs 4 th	Easter Service 9.30am
Fri 5 th	Last Day of Term Rec, Y1, Y2 Easter Activity Day
Weds 24 th	Summer Term Begins
May 2019	
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st	Half Term
June 2019	
Mon 3 rd	Teacher training day, school closed
July 2019	
Sat 6 th	School Fete
Weds 24 th	End of Term
September 2019	
Sun 22 nd	The Steeple Chase run

School Meal Charges

Charges for the **Spring Term** will be as follows:

Daily:	£2.30
Weekly:	£11.50
1 st half term	£69.00
2 nd half term	£69.00
Whole Term	£138.00

We appreciate payment through our online payment system: SIMS AGORA. Alternatively, cash or cheque (payable to Steeple Morden Primary School) **in advance of meals taken**. Please send your payment into School in a named envelope. **Thank You**

Please note that unfortunately Choir is postponed again until after the Easter Holidays. Apologies for any inconvenience

Easter Arrangements – Reception Class, Years 1 & 2

Children in Reception Class and Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in an 'Easter Activity Morning' on the final day of term (Friday 5th April). They will then take part in an Easter Egg Hunt that afternoon.

As you will be aware, there is not an Easter Service as in previous years – Canon Williams will be leading an Easter assembly in Church on Thursday 4th April to which parents are invited but there will be no performances by the children this year. Therefore, **we will not be asking children to make Easter bonnets** but will instead be making some hats during our Easter Activity Morning.

Many thanks for your continued support with all of these activities.

The Early Years and Key Stage One Teams



News from Starling Class (Reception)

Hello from Starling Class,

We began our week looking at addition and subtraction in Maths using objects to support our counting and in Phonics we learnt our last sound: ure. We now know ALL of our Phase 2 and 3 sounds. Please continue to practise these at home. You could extend your child's learning by making both real and nonsense words with your phoneme cards e.g. m-a-sh and g-or-b.

The children enjoyed participating in the Rainbow Run this week. Thank you for your kind donations!

Next week we are learning all about Easter. We also look forward to seeing all of the special guests on Wednesday afternoon for the Starling Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party. When you arrive, please sign in at Reception and you will be greeted by some friendly faces who will escort you to the party. Welly walk will be on as usual on Thursday that will be the last welly walk of this half term.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Meridew, Miss Webb and the Reception Class Team.

News from Robin Class (Year 1)

It has been a relatively quiet-ish week! In maths we have been looking carefully at 2-digit numbers. We used partitioning cards and 10p/1p in money to think carefully about the tens number and the ones number. The children made different amounts then counted on in tens then ones. They should be able to talk to you about spider counting! (Where they started counting in ones and then added on their 10s, moving down the 100-square like a spider on its thread).

We then continued using money and have been working out how we could pay for different items in a shop using the fewest coins. Playing 'shop' at home with real money could help everyone become more secure with understanding which coins we have in our monetary system (rather than trying to use a 3p coin or a 6p coin!). For some, trying to use the skills necessary to add two amounts together in their heads before paying with the correct coins is also a fun way to reinforce their skills.

We have been using our knowledge of words a lot this week – really focussing on the phonics knowledge we have to read unfamiliar words and to see how the same way of writing the 'ou' is said in many different ways; as in out, should and you!

A little reminder to please send in water bottles with your child. It helps so much when they can just get their bottle to have a drink, especially when they all need a drink after playtimes and PE.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bowman and the Year 1 team

News from Owl Class (Year 2)

EYFS & KS1 Charity Fundraiser – ‘Rainbow Fun Run’ –Wednesday 20th March.

Many thanks for your support with our fundraiser this week in aid of our chosen school charity ‘Cancer Research.’ We will be able to announce the total amount raised next week. Well done to all the children who took part so enthusiastically and enjoyed showing off their level of fitness by completing numerous circuits of our running track on the field.

We have had a busy week of learning - reading and writing poems, learning more about both 2D and 3D shapes, completing our artwork from STEM week, playing the recorder and ‘tackling our tables.’

Reminders:

Homework Folders Please send in books and folders on Wednesdays so we have time to mark them before sending them home again on Fridays.

Mathletics – set every Friday. **Tackling Tables** – practise as often as possible at home. ‘Quiz’ on Friday morning.

Recorders – to school every Friday please.

P.E. – Wednesdays with Mrs Miller & Mrs Barbour and Fridays with Mrs Daniels.

Please can you also ensure that your child has a **full P.E. kit in school all week** as follows:-

shorts, T-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt (no hoods please), trainers suitable to wear outside and socks.

If girls are wearing tights on PE days, please make sure they have a pair of socks in their PE kits!

Water Bottles – please ensure your child brings in a water bottle to school every day. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Luebcke, Mrs Daniels & the Year 2 Team

EASTER BINGO

Friday 29th March
5.30pm School hall

TUCK SHOP
HOT CHOCOLATE
CAKE
TEA & COFFEE



EASTER RAFFLE
1ST PRIZE
HOTEL CHOCOLAT
COPPER EDITION VELVETISER !
RRP £99

PTA HELP NEEDED!

If anyone is free to help sell bingo cards, raffle tickets or tuck shop items from 5.15pm at the Easter Bingo please contact Bobbi bobbi.smith@btinternet.com or leave your details with the school reception.

News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

It has been a hard-working productive week in Year Three.

This week we have been busy preparing for our class assembly (this is next Wednesday 27th at 10.10am). For this we needed to use the notes we made last week about our visit to Burghley.

We then used what we had found out to write a script for our scene in the assembly. It was harder than we thought as we all had so much that we wanted to say.

In Maths we analysed the data from our weather homework, we created line graphs, made conclusions about weather trends, and found out the average temperature for the country.

In our topic work we have evaluated our moving pictures and started to make the props that we need for our assembly, (it's not as easy as you think to make a roast, stuffed peacock!)

On Thursday we had a special music day where we thought about the features of different types of music and how they made us feel, we then used these to compose our own music to tell the story of the Spanish Armada. We used graphic scores to write down our music so that a conductor could lead us.

Next week in English we will begin to look at diary writing, in maths we will work out the perimeter of shape and in our topic work we will be preparing for our Tudor Fayre.

Date for the diary:

Wednesday 27th class assembly and Tudor Fayre.

Please can children come dressed in their Tudor outfits for the day?

You are invited to the Tudor Fayre to buy the Tudor produce from 2.45pm.

Items will be sold at 20p each, please try to find 20ps with the Tudor rose on them.

We look forward to seeing you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seward and the Year Three Team

News from Swift Class (Year 4)

It doesn't seem possible, but looking at our calendar we will soon be thinking about the end of this term! Of course, we still have lots of work to complete and our visit to 'Discovery Space' to look forward to before then.

As part of our science and computing work, one of the tasks we will be looking at next week, is programming a Raspberry Pi computer. The children will be using the python programming language with the aim of taking a picture every ten minutes. Once they have done this the pictures will be combined into a video so we can see things happen in super quick time!

We have been looking at how authors use dialogue in their work to show character and also to move a story on. It will be very helpful if, when reading with your child, it is pointed out how the author uses inverted commas around the actual words spoken by characters. Also, to spot where the other punctuation (such as capital letters, commas, exclamation marks and question marks) are placed. Looking at these in real text is helpful.

In Maths, decimals and fractions continue to be our focus and especially in understanding how the two are related. The homework this week will be looking at how the language of fractions is used in real life.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Beavan and the Year 4 Team

Sports News

NETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 6 'A' Netball Team who came first in their Netball Tournament held at Melbourn Village Collage at the end of February. I hear from Mrs Targett you all played amazingly well, and your sportsmanship was exemplary. WELL DONE!

RUGBY

27 children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Tag Rugby Mega Fest Competition held at Cambridge Rugby Club on 20th March. All of Year 6 who attended played in the actual competition where some really good rugby was played, and several tries scored.

Year 5 joined in the Festival side of the day and enjoyed many small-sided rugby activities

A great afternoon was had by all the children and the adults.

Maureen Miller
PE Leader

News from Heron Class (Year 5)

In English this week we have started to investigate another genre of writing, "instruction texts". As always, we have begun by looking at an example of a really good set of instructions and seeing if we can identify the features which make it so successful. Instruction writing will give us the opportunity to practise some specific punctuation including bullet points and colons and also to revisit imperative verbs and learn about relative clauses

In maths we have continued to practise methods of multiplying two numbers together. We have started to practise a formal written method for long multiplication which, as many of you may agree, can be quite challenging. If you have a few spare moments this weekend perhaps you could ask your child to explain this method to you as verbalising what they know will help their retention and understanding of this process

In art this week we have had a lesson on colour mixing. The children learned how to mix secondary and tertiary colours from the three primary colours. After completing a colour mixing wheel, the class produced their own version of Kandinsky's Squares with Concentric Circles. They thought about how different colours could be used to represent feelings (as did Kandinsky) and some children were able to talk about how the different circles felt to them.

In Mindfulness this week we looked at how important the breath is. In fact, it gives every cell in our body the oxygen it needs to stay alive. By the age of 10, children would have breathed about 10 million times! We talked about when we're having a difficult time it can feel a bit like there is a storm going on in our heads and we can become lost in thoughts or worries.

If we bring our attention to our breath, we can find part of ourselves that is more solid and calm, and it helps us to be not so overwhelmed by what's difficult. So, we can practice using our breath at any time to ground ourselves and become steadier and more stable. These are the reasons we focus a lot on our breath in Mindfulness.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Morris, Mrs Talbot and the Year 5 Team

News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

In English, we are continuing with our topic on fables, based on Aesop. We looked at Aesop himself; ask your children about his life and death. We looked at the use of speech marks and how different animals might be represented in fables. After looking at some fables from Africa, we will plan and write our own fables based on all the information we have researched recently.

This week, in Maths, we have been dividing and rounding decimals and looking at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. Then we started to look at measurements and the relationships between various measures in length, weight and capacity. We will also be converting between metric and imperial units. Place value is important here and a reminder about multiplying and dividing numbers and decimals by 10, 100, 1000 and more would be beneficial to the children.

The children had a very good STEM week, last week, and they enjoyed the various activities across the key stage.

Towards the end of next week, and into the following week (the last week before the Easter break), the pupils will be working on their last SATs practice before the SATs tests in the middle of May. There will be tests in maths, reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The next homework will be due in on 27th March.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Baker and the Year 6 Team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Events / Adverts / Messages posted on our website [Community Page](#)

Children's Art Competition

Home Start Black Tie Ball 29th March 2019

Litlington Pre-School Easter Fayre 30th March 2019

Mothering Sunday at Steeple Morden Church 31st March

Bikeability Trainers Required Ad

Mad Science Easter Camp at Melbourn Primary School 8-12th April

Oxford & Cambridge Singing School 8-10th April

Junior & Youth Athletics Camp – 8-10th April

Junior & Youth Netball Camp 10-11th April

Pop-up Pub Guilden Morden 11th April

Church Spring Fair 27th April

Elevation Youth Dance Company at Bassingbourn Mayhem 24th May.

Smarties Easter Holiday Club – Activities & Booking form

Litlington Preschool

Smarties

Please follow this link if you are interested:

https://steeple-morden.eschools.co.uk/website/community_news/365736



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Kitchen Manager Vacancy
25 hours per week (term time plus 3 days),
Level 5 point 12, £17,173 pa (pro rata), £8.90 per hour

Steeple Morden Primary School is a friendly and welcoming village school with approximately 190 pupils on roll. We are at the heart of a thriving village community.

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Kitchen Manager who will work alongside our small team of kitchen staff. The hours will be 9.00 am to 2.00 pm Monday to Friday, term time only with 3 additional kitchen cleaning days per year.

The post holder will be responsible for preparing menus and cooking school meals to a high standard ensuring H&S standards are maintained at all times. You will also be expected to assist in setting up each day and clearing away alongside two other staff members. The successful candidate will have experience of cooking meals/assisting with meal preparation in a school or other catering environment.

If you are interested in this position, or would like more information, please email ATaylor@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk. Please note, as an environmentally friendly school, application packs will be emailed to applicants where possible.

We are committed to stringent safeguarding procedures and applicants will be subject to a full enhanced DBS check. In addition, references will be undertaken prior to interview. As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from all members of the community.

Closing date: Monday, 15 April

Interviews: Week commencing, Monday 29 April