



# Forward March!

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

## October Newsletter 2 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the October newsletter, it feels hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term. Year R have settled so well and it feels as if they have been here forever. Their lovely smiling faces are a joy to see as they learn their new topics and experience forest school. I know that this has been an unusual start to the first term for all of us but I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parental support and for the **92%** attendance at the zoom parents meetings



## Harvest Festival

There was a huge amount of harvest items sent in this year to support the Chichester Food bank. They were so pleased when they collected it from school this week. Thank you for your support with this. The harvest festival service was celebrated with poems, prayers, conker paintings and lovely signing to a new harvest song





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdXK0qwLzm0&feature=youtu.be>

**This is the new song the children learnt in Harvest this year.**

**The next half term** is always one of our busiest with lots going on as we countdown for the Christmas break, this year will no exception for the school but there will be some changes. The nativity is so important for us as a school and we plan for this to go ahead but in a slightly changed format. Parents in Year R, 1 and 2 have already had information about this.

The Christmas Fair won't be going ahead this year as we are unable to have so many people in the school at once due to social distancing but never fear we have plans afoot to still do some exciting activities with the children and PTA are still going to organise a superb raffle event for us all. We will also share with you any new Christmas songs we learn with the children



**If you have any spare crackers at home, please do donate them at the cracker drop off** point in the office so that we can ensure all the children have a cracker with their lunch, this is something they really look forward to. All children get a cracker regardless of whether they have a hot meal or packed lunch.

## Key dates for next term

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	<b>INSET DAY</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	<b>Children return to school</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	<b>Individual school photographs – ALL pupils to be in full school uniform</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Pyjama day for Year R only!
27 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Non School Uniform day in return for any luxury items for the class Christmas Hamper. Class reps will send info out about this
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Year 1 Nativity Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Year R Nativity Day
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Year 2 Nativity Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Chartwells Christmas dinner – If you would like your child in Year 3 4 5 6 to have a Christmas Dinner please book and pay for this on the Chartwells meal selector page by 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. we are unable to book this at the school office
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b><u>Last day of the term</u></b> and (if possible within the guidelines) carols around the tree at 2.30pm for parents and children. This will be on the back playground.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>INSET DAY</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Return to school for all pupils

I would like to thank all members of the staff at The March, it has been a very busy start to the term so far and the dedication of the staffing team here ensure that we as a school are able to provide so many wonderful activities and opportunities for the children from enrichment sessions and learning environments. Well done Team March.

### Coats and wellies needed now!

As autumn starts to set in, please remember to send your child to school in a coat as we have had a number of children come to school in a car without one and then complain of being cold at playtime. Wellies are needed to wear at break times so please do send these in for the week.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS!

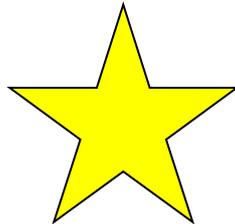
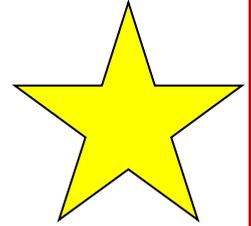
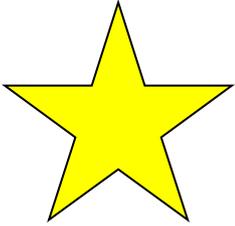
Well done to new house captains. The children made a speech to Year 4, 5 and 6 and the children then voted who they would like to be the captains for their house.

**Red House** – Mia and Olly

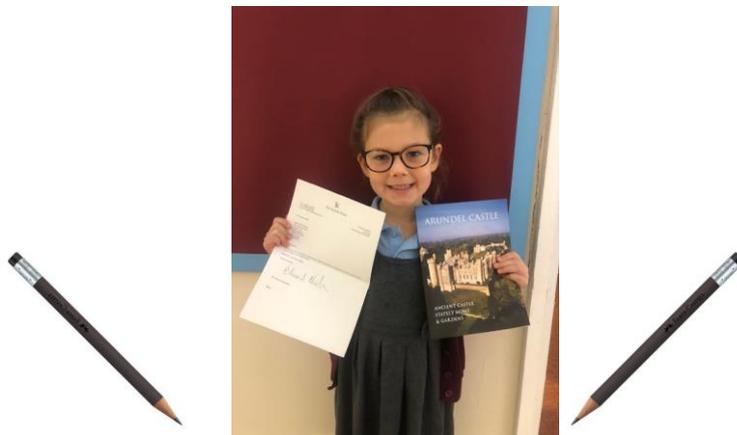
**Blue House** – Jake and Amber

**Green House** – Erin and Joe

**Yellow House** – Oliver and Amelie



Well done Esme who wrote to the Duke of Norfolk as part of her English. She was very excited to receive a letter back from the Duke and a book all about Arundel Castle.



### The March Cross Country

Over the last couple weeks the children have been taking part in a cross country and competing for their house teams. They all ran in their own bubbles and total scores have been added together. Years 1 and 2 had 10 minutes of running time and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had 15 minutes of running time. Many children managed to run more than 9 laps in the time which is a mile.

The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	352	Green House
2 <sup>nd</sup>	348	Yellow House
3 <sup>rd</sup>	332	Blue House
4 <sup>th</sup>	328	Red House

Well done to everyone for making such an enormous effort. **Mrs Burnett**

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 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'.

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher