



Forward March!

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

September Newsletter 1 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this term and we are so proud of how they have all returned. Covid was hard for all the community in so many ways but we thrilled to have you all back and the children are working so hard. I would like to say a big thank you to all the supportive messages and cakes we all received during lockdown, it was a pleasure to see you socially distanced at the school gate and catch up on your news.

So many have grown so much over the lockdown and summer holidays, it is lovely to hear the school full of laughter and noise again and classrooms full of activities.

The building was a hive of activity over the summer and it was wonderful to witness the excitement that each child had entering and settling into their new classes. The school feels alive again and I can assure you that the hard work has already begun.

A big welcome to our new reception children who have all been in since day one and have settled so well making new friends all around the school. Although the bubbles are a different way of working, the children are waving and saying hello between the field groups at lunchtime and break time.

We have new staff at school and you may have seen some of them at the school gate. Miss Veenstra is joining us as the class teacher in Year R. Mr Austin and Mrs Patton have been with us since the start of term in EYFS and Mrs Jolley is the class teaching assistant in Year 3. Mrs Bartlett was with us all of last year and is now in Year 6. Mrs Ede is working in the office and will there to help with any enquires you may have .



Normally we would start the year with Meet the Teacher although I know many of you zoomed last term to see the new classes. If you have any concerns please speak to me at the school gate or email your class teacher. This year parents evening will be on zoom. A letter will be coming out soon so that you can log on and book a time slot. More details to follow.

Just a quick reminder to everyone regarding uniform; the full list can be found on the school website. Please, please label everything with your child's name. On day one we managed to acquire a pile of unlabelled brand new clothing. Whilst your child may have one set of uniform at home, we have 210 sets here which can be found just about everywhere. Please can parents ensure that children have the correct uniform; KS2 pupils need to ensure that their ties are in school at all times. Can I also make a plea about hair? **Long hair should be tied back** as this is a safety requirement not half up and half down.

Some pupils have also returned wearing jewellery. As a reminder, pupils may wear stud earrings, however the pupil MUST be able to remove these themselves for PE lessons otherwise they will not be allowed to take part.

A very different kind of assembly!

Diana Trust Anti bullying Assembly

So much has changed for schools and young people because of COVID-19.

As students all over the UK returned to schools and lessons, we joined The Diana Award as did many schools across the country this week . We came together, in assembly today (socially distanced) to remind everyone of the need for mutual respect in our schools and communities.

Year 3 – 6 pledged to put an end to bullying in all walks of their lives , celebrate diversity and create communities of kindness.





Nut free school

Can we remind all parents that The March is a nut free school as we have children here who, if they were to even come into contact with someone with nut oil on their hands, would be very ill indeed. Please make sure that no products containing nuts are brought into school in sandwich boxes etc.



Please check Inhalers are in date.

Even if your child hasn't had an asthma attack in a long time, please check that school has an inhaler which is in-date for your child. We have been calling parents to remind them. Any medical changes should be informed via the school office

COATS
for Kids



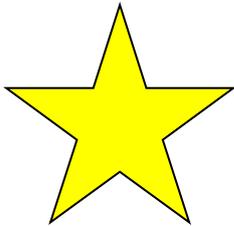
Coats needed now!

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.

Congratulations to Oscar Brooks

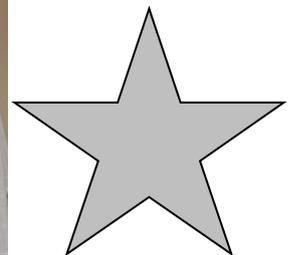
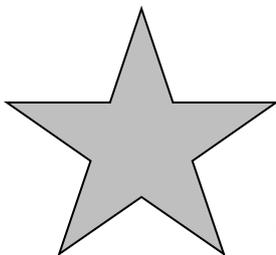
Oscar plays for Chichester colts Under 9's and was given Man of the Match last weekend.



Quality Start Platinum Award

We are thrilled to announce for the academic year 2019 – 2020. This is the 2nd time we have managed this !!!

We have been awarded the Quality Start Platinum Award for PE in Key stage 1. This is an acknowledgement of the PE provision within the school, opportunities that are given to the children and ensuring the children are active within the school day. The assessors were amazed at all the sport related activities the children take part in within school, including House Team events, such as winter sports and cross country, sporting clubs as well as the school's commitment to The March Mile and staff training. Our trophy will be arriving soon and we will be sure to share it with you.



Well done to you all and Mrs Burnett for leading this !

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'.

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