



Forward March!

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You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspapers, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the

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

Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter 2

Dear Families of the March CE Primary School,

Well we are the end of the first half term already and I cannot believe how fast this has approached us ! The children have all settled well and are enjoying being back together again sharing their learning and new topics. The last week has been a challenge for all with sickness and Covid, but thank you all for being so supportive. We are hoping for a healthy second half of the autumn term. Please do bring your child to school in a coat, the weather has turned and the children do need to be warm and dry outside. We are a wet weather playtime school so will go out in the drizzle too!

Next half term is always one of our busiest with lots going on as we countdown for the Christmas break, this year is no exception. I hope you will be able to find time to join us in the many activities which are taking place between now and the end of term.

I know the PTA are really busy arranging the **Christmas Fayre** and you will be receiving lots of information over the next few weeks about events in the lead up to this. Our Christmas Fayre takes place on **3rd Dec from 4.00- 7.00 pm**, everyone is welcome to attend to enjoy the festivities. We have lots of exciting stalls and games planned, along with our visit from Santa, the choir entertaining us with carols and many lovely things to eat and drink.

Do watch out for a new idea of named Christmas hats for children to wear, orders will be taken next half term.

We look forward to seeing you all there.





Penny War starts 3rd Nov !!

Next term we will be having a competition of a penny war with each class. Each class, has a large see-through water dispensing bottle. These will be clearly labelled and placed in a central location in the school.

Classes will then compete to see who can fill their jar with the most pennies. The team with the most pennies wins. They will be rewarded with an ice cream and pop afternoon with a class film

We will speak to the children in assembly prior to the launch, we will discuss with them the important rules of this fundraising challenge:

- Always ask permission from a parent or guardian before bringing any pennies into school.
- If you are able to bring pennies in, the coins should be 'loose change', i.e. small denominations like 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and no more than 20p piece coins.

Year R 1 & 2 will be busily preparing for their nativity, a wonderful memory making event for all families, KS2 will be preparing for christingle which is a lovely event .

On the **10th December** Chartwells do their **Christmas lunch** for children, Yr R 1 and 2 will already receive this but other year groups will need to book online via the Chartwells website. If your child wants to have their packed lunch on the day that is fine and they will still take part in the hall. 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.

Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Mrs Cass has been training our Anti Bullying Ambassadors this week. More information will follow about this over the next couple of weeks. The Ambassadors will be able to resolve conflict within the school playground using mediation. This important role can be extremely beneficial to the children in the playground as well as the Ambassadors themselves.

At The March we have **Worry Monsters across the school**. The worry monster is a soft toy with a zip mouth which can be open and closed. Children can if they want to, write

down their worries and place them into the worry monster's mouth to "eat their worries". These could be worries about spiders, stories, friendship issues etc.. As sometimes children often find it difficult to share their worries verbally, the worry monster has been a fantastic resource in not only gaining children's views, but also contributing to their emotional well-being, this does not replace their relationship with the adults in school but gives them another way of sharing.



Harvest Festival

This year our harvest service will be on the 2nd November in school with the children. This will be led by Chaplin Ben Van Driel .

We will be collecting non-perishable food goods and cleaning products, toilet rolls etc.. For Chichester food bank and The Homeless Project. Two very worthy causes that need our support this year. Please do help us support them by bringing in donations on the **2nd Nov**

Key dates for the next Half term

1 st Nov	Children return to school
2 nd Nov	Harvest Festival – Please donate non perisable goods to support the Food bank and Homeless shelter
3 rd Nov	Pirate day in Year 2
4 th Nov	Open day for new parent starters 2022
9 th Nov	Yellow school Photos
19 th Nov	Non uniform day for Luxury Hamper Gifts
26 th Nov	Non Uniform day for Jolly Jars
3 rd Dec	Xmas Fair 4-7pm
7 th Dec	Flu Nasal Vaccinations for whole school. Please ensure that you Have completed your form online. This is on the school app.
7 th and 8 th Dec	Nativity in the afternoons more info to follow
10 th Dec	Christmas jumper day and Chartwells Lunch more details to follow.
14 th Dec	Christingle for School only at the Church
17 th December	Carols around the Tree at 2.20pm. END OF TERM
4 th January	Return to school

Please support us in achieving great attendance at The March

We are asking for your support in helping your child get to school on time at 8:50 a.m. every day this year. The gate opens at 8.35am. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential. Yet, we realize that every family faces challenges. **Please let me know if your family is struggling to maintain good attendance for your child.** We will do our best to help you and your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track. We do understand at times children may be ill and this will affect your child's attendance.

You are strongly urged to avoid booking a family holiday during term time. Following government guidelines, we can only grant leave for exceptional circumstances. Please note that

unauthorised leave of absence could result in legal action and a Penalty Notice being issued. You will find our Locality agreed Attendance Policy on the school website. Unauthorised absences for holidays in term time will be reported to the Local Authority and you may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice by the Local Authority

Why Regular Attendance is so important:

It is widely known that the link between a student's attendance and attainment is irrefutable. Early poor attendance habits follow through into secondary school and employment. Any pupil's absence disrupts teaching routines so may affect the learning of others in the same class. Ensuring your child's regular good attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

Promoting Regular Attendance: Helping to create a pattern of regular attendance is everybody's responsibility - parents, pupils and all members of school staff.

To help us all to focus on this we will:

- Award certificates to children with good attendance
- Inform you if your child's attendance or punctuality falls below the acceptable level for our school. Call you in to speak to Mrs Metcalfe
- All parents will be notified in end of year reports about their child's attendance and punctuality

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