



Forward March!

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we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Spring Term Newsletter March 2017

Welcome to our MARCH newsletter. The term passes so quickly and the children are all making fantastic progress. This month has been as busy and entertaining as any other, so please take the time to read the newsletter and find out what has happened! Even though we are a small school we always endeavour to take part in all we can across the Locality and County, we are so proud of all our children and what they achieve. I would like to say a huge thank you for all your never ending support as parents of The March; we couldn't do all these events without you.

I also thought that you would like to know what we as a school are involved in as a staff team. Mr Jackson is working as a lead on the Maths project for the Locality funded by Blue Flag Alliance, Mrs Boden is on the Locality Science team leading initiatives for science teaching, I sit on the steering committee for the Chichester Head Teachers and am leading the O2 concert for 140 Goodwood Area children in Feb 2018, Mrs Lee is part of the Pallant House Teachers Advisory committee and Mrs Smallwood is part of the Special Educational Needs Committee for West Sussex. It is important for us as a school to be involved in these initiatives as that we are at the forefront of developing future leaders and decision making.

We would also like to say a GOODBYE to Mrs Savage and Mrs Oldfield this week who have worked at the school for many years teaching and supporting your children. Mrs Savage may have even taught some of you! We will miss them both but wish them all the best for the future and hope that they will pop back to visit us as part of The March Family.





ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE MARCH

- **FOOTBALL TEAM WON THE AREA FOOTBALL FINALS AND GOT TO PLAY AT CHELSEA TRAINING GROUND.**
- **SWIM TEAM COMPETED AT WESTGATE GALA AND CAME 5TH.**
- **CHOIR TOOK PART IN THE FREEDOM FOR VOICES CONCERT**
- **CHILDREN FROM YR R AND YR 6 ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR AMAZING ARTWORK AT CHURCH HOUSE WITH BISHOP MARTIN. THEY WILL BE THE SCHOOL FEATURED IN FAITH IN SUSSEX**
- **YR3/4 PASSION PLAY WAS AMAZING AND HAD A SECOND SHOWING! WE HAVE A TALENTED GROUP OF CHILDREN!**





RED NOSE DAY



Great fun was had by all on the day! Children ran up to 40 laps- equivalent to 4 miles on Friday afternoon to help raise money and show their support for such a good cause.

We raised £152 on the day, thanks to your kind donations, and also £40 through the sale of the Red Noses, making a grand total of £192.

The School Council also led the Red Nose Day assembly, which followed on from class workshops throughout last week, looking at the lives and difficulties of children from Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone who donated.



PE KIT

Can I just remind parents that during cold weather we still really like the children to experience outside PE. Over the last few weeks, we have not been able to use the field due to the weather, but this week most PE lessons have been outside and it was brilliant!!

The children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts. Also, it would be great if you could send in a **spare pair of socks** and a **plastic bag for 'muddy' kit** and a **hairband** for gym. PE is such an important part of the curriculum and very high profile in this school. All the children are expected to do PE, unless you inform us otherwise, and we will insist on this!!!

CARELESS PARKING

Parents, we are getting a reputation for not caring about where we park. I know that is not true, but our lovely neighbours are a little bit fed up with parents who keep parking across their drive and preventing them from leaving. Please, please, please STOP IT!!!

I know parking is difficult, but we all just need to think a little more about the people who live in the area. We talk to the children about being considerate and caring to others, so we as adults need to do the same. Thanks!



Please can I also ask that you do not park in front of the closed or open school gates at the end of the day. This is an **emergency access** and needs to be left clear.



Can I remind parents, that at The March CE School we adopt a healthy snack policy for break-time snacks. **Children are allowed to eat a plain biscuit or a piece of fruit.** Crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed at snack-time. Please can I ask that you don't send your child into school with an unhealthy snack.

We would like to develop our healthy lifestyles further and if you have any ideas or skills you could use to assist us please speak to myself or Mrs Burnett



Wonderful Bronze Badge winners



Year 3 T shirt Printing as Urban Pioneers

Year 3 had an amazing time this week when parents came in to lead t-shirt designing with the children. Looking at street art as part of their Urban Pioneers topic, children designed graffiti style t-shirts and made them using spray paints and fabric pens. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the opportunity to work with their parents. Thank you Gael Emmett for organising and to all of the Year 3 parents who came into school over the two afternoons to help. We look forward to seeing them displayed at our fashion show next week!



Science is a blast at the March

On Tuesday 28th March, children across the March school had great fun taking part in Science day! There were strange smells and noises coming from various classes and lots of 'wows' could be heard throughout the day! As well as working in their own classes, children also had a chance to take part in some Science activities in their WWO groups; it is always a pleasure to see children from YR right through to Y6 working so nicely together. Children experienced things from exploding eggs to man-made fire-flies, home made bouncy balls to rainbow flowers. A super day was had by all and we hope it inspired the investigators in all of us!

A huge thank you to Mrs Boden for our wonderful science assembly and for organising the whole day!



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 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

