



# Forward March!

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

Dear Parents,

Well, the first half of the Autumn term has gone so quick, new pupils have settled well and classes are moving towards their second topic of the year! Next half term looks to be exciting and busy in our build up to Christmas. Please keep a close eye on the App for the dates of events which are happening next half term.



**From Autumn second half term 2017, wellington boots will become a part of the school uniform.**

Research has shown that outdoor play is an essential element in helping children to become healthier individuals and better learners. Playing outside does not only increase children's fitness levels but also helps children to develop their social skills and increases their ability to use their imagination. Most importantly a break in the fresh air helps children to become better learners as they are able to concentrate more in class and become more focused learners.

It is now school policy that we try as far as possible (weather dependant) to ensure children get fresh air and exercise at playtime and lunchtime. **Children will spend time outdoors even if there is light rain.**



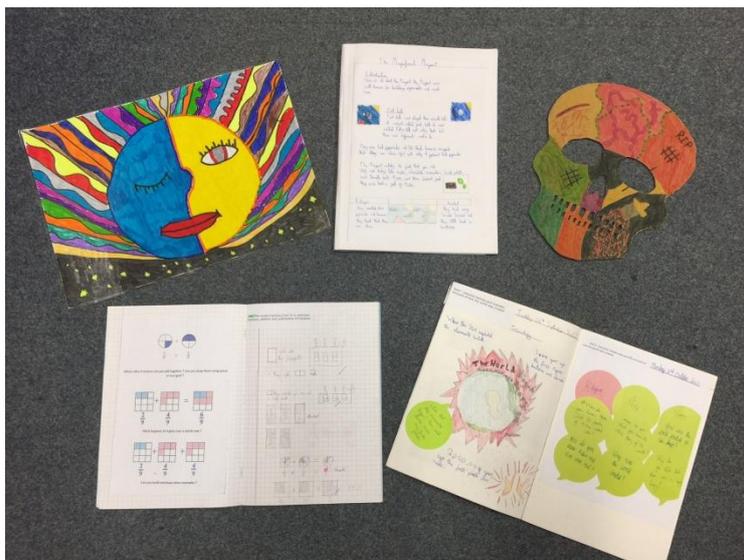
As we head towards days of typical autumn/winter weather could we ask that all children come to school prepared for the elements. Unless the weather is extremely bad we will be ensuring that children play outside where they are supervised by our experienced staff.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with suitable outdoor wear and footwear.

**Waterproof jackets and wellington boots should be in school every day .**

They will be kept on site in their year group's **purpose-built wellie rack, provide by the PTA.** The children's full name and class must be written in both boots. Children will change from their school shoes into their wellington boots when they take their learning outside or the when the field is too wet to go on with school shoes.

We look forward to seeing everyone's wellies after the half term holidays.



### **Year 5 Mysterious Mayans**

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who were able to attend the Book Look at the end of the current Year 5 topic this week. Here, children displayed their work which included the elements in the photo above: a Mexican themed placemat based on typical artwork, a Day of the Dead mask, as well as non fiction writing, Maths and RE work from the term. All children should be so proud of the quality of their work; they have really enjoyed exploring this topic. Well done Year 5!

### **The March By Eli new to Year 6!**

My first week at The March C of E Primary School was phenomenal. On my first day, I settled in remarkably well and I made a lot of friends. I was perplexed at how fast I got to know people such as, Amelie, Toby, Sonny, Oscar and Frazer. If I could rate this school, it would be 10/10!

Before I came here, I didn't even KNOW what algebra was; I found it really hard. But my teacher, Mrs Lee, gave me a great understanding about how to do algebra! It's reassuring to have my brother here at the same school as if he feels uncomfortable/unsettled, I can help him. It's a HUGE difference coming here compared to my other school.

Another reason why my first week was astounding, is that we had a school trip to the GoodWood Revival! On the trip, we explored all kinds of things related to cars, WW2/WW1, olden days and pretty much anything army! I even got the chance to explore

around a small WW2 fighter jet. It was called the Dakota Norway and it was a nice shade of silver. We all dressed up as child evacuees from the war times and had our own ration boxes (they contained our lunch for the day).

Another school trip that we have done is to the Tangmere Aviation Museum. We learnt all about planes and WW2 and each researched a different character from the war times.

Mine was Noor Inayat Khan. She was a British spy and got tortured and sadly killed by the Nazi Germans that found her in her apartment. It was fascinating!

All In all, The March C of E Primary School is Absolutely Amazing.

Typed and Written by Eli Horne, Year 6

### **Writing Workshop at Portfield School for Year 6**

Charlotte and Eddie attended a writing workshop run by Stan Cullimore and organised by 'An Author Abroad' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Stan has a list of talents: a travel journalist; a children's author and poet; and a musician – do you remember the Housemartins? As you can imagine, the day was lively with children writing fantastical and comical poems and listening to how he achieves the 'hook' to engage the reader.

They left the event with a signed book and friendships with other budding writers.

### **Class 4 News**



Class 4 have been very busy this month completing amazing English, maths and topic work. In English we have learned about recounts, our fire drill gave up the perfect real life event to recount!

We have also written a recount about an escaped lion. In maths we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and have used this to find estimated answers to calculations. During our topic sessions we have greatly enjoyed learning about the Romans, creating Celtic and Roman coins out of clay, sculpting Boudicca, Roman soldiers and gladiators out of wire and writing information posters about Romans and Roman life. A fun packed learning adventure!



A huge thank you to everyone who donated food products for the Harvest Festival this year. All proceeds will be going to the Stone Pillow foundation which we know will be gratefully received. We had a wonderful harvest festival service in St Peters Church with all year groups taking part in presentations from singing to poems and prayers.

My all time favourite song of “cauliflowers fluffy” was sung with great enthusiasm this year! A big thank you to Reverend Rachel for her harvest teachings about foods eaten across the world and by many different creatures!

### Class R News

We have had a very busy and exciting conclusion to our first term in Reception. The children have settled in so well into school life and showed how they are developing their listening and participating skills. We were very pleased to receive a free visit from Perform on Monday 9th October. Perform provide Drama4all workshops for children of all ages. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of **Under The Sea** and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills



### Year 3 News

If you had stepped into Yr 3 last Wednesday afternoon you might have thought you were watching a hunting party looking at their treasures!

Actually what you would have seen were lots of very excited children getting a real life experience of the furs and bones of some of our top predators and their prey in a workshop delivered by Paul Ullson. He had brought with him some amazing things such as: a real wolf skin, the skull of a fox and a reindeer hide. This is to name but a few! It was a wonderful session and really gave the children an idea of the size and nature of the different animals as well as their place in the food chain.



### Football Tournament

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Yr1/2 Football Tournament at Chichester College on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. They played 7 matches and came away undefeated. With 3 wins and 4 draws, plenty of goals and wonderful smiles on their faces they made me and all the parents there watching extremely proud. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm and sportsmanship coming from these children, who, for some, had never played competitive sport before.

Mrs Bird

Max Holly, Alice Young, Ben Young, Louie Faulkner, Keeley Carrigher, Megan McGlone, Samuel Garlick, Sebastian Garlick, Alexander Ponte, Leo Kennard.



## Bronze Badger Winners



### Wonderful work from Year 2 pupils

Topic homework really inspires some children and we are very proud of the work that Emmy and Lexi produced this month. It was lovely for them to spend time sharing this with me and as you can see they are proud too!



### Dates

Please keep safe if you are attending firework and bonfire events and we shall look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30th October. I'd like to wish you all a very good half term break.

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Mobile Planetarium visit for Years 2 & 5
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Open day at 2.00pm for September 2018 intake
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day (spots and stripes)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch (please order for Years 3-6)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 5.30pm-7.00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Years R, 1 & 2. 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Years R, 1 & 2. 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at St Peter's (children only)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Spring term begins

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'

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