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To love God and to love one another

Newsletter 9

Spring Term 2022

11th March 2022

Dear Parents,

After some lovely sunny days this week where it has felt almost spring-like, what a grey and soggy Friday we have had. Nevertheless, the children have had a brilliant week and I know they will be keen to tell you all about it.

Parent Consultations

It was brilliant to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation evenings this week – finally back in the building! I hope you found them useful and informative. It was great to have a number of our wonderful school governors present too and I hope that you had the chance to meet them face to face.

During the evening, we encouraged parents to complete our Parent Survey 2022 using the QR codes plastered around the school. If you didn't manage to get the QR code working, or if you didn't quite find the right moment to complete it, it can still be accessed here, or through the QR code.



Traffic Matters

May I once again make a plea to you all to remember to follow our traffic arrangements in the lane. Please remember to give way to vehicles entering the village from the main road and allow them priority down the lane. This helps to avoid causing congestion along the main road itself. Please also remember that the Drop-off Zone is for set-down only in the mornings and should not be used for parking; parking is allowed for collection at the end of the day, but please do not park blocking access to the farmer's field just adjacent to the school path. Finally, could I encourage those using the church lane to drive slowly.

I know that there are many grandparents, aunts and uncles who also drop off and collect children who may not always be aware of our routines. Please share this reminder with them too. Thanks.

World Book Day Success

Many classes were lucky to have parents volunteering to share stories and poems. Our particular thanks to Ms Ahrens who kindly customised a special poem just for Year 3 and came to present it to the class.

Many thanks too for those who supported Lynda Stewarts book sale; the children really enjoyed her visit and were inspired by her stories and how they came about.

Bug Club Leaderboard

Congratulations to:

Reception: Twalumba, Eddie, Marc, Elizna

Year 1: Florence, Elle, Rupert, Luke

Year 2: Jasmine, Evie, Riley, Nancy

Year 3: Olivia, Rosie, Sophie, Sebastian

Year 4: Heidi, Nancy, Harry



PTA Smarties Challenge

The PTA Smarties challenge has ended today, but if there are any outstanding tubes at home, these can still come into school on Monday 14th March. Thank you.

Sporting Success

In other news, we are delighted to celebrate the success of one of our very own pupils. Congratulations to Sophie in year 3 for winning not one, but two first place medals in the Chichester Festival for Music, Dance and Speech! Not only is it a great achievement, but Sophie also qualifies to compete in the All England Competition in June. Well done Sophie!

Whatever you are up to, I hope you have a brilliant weekend.
Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher



This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week in English, we launched our sea topic by reading the Snail and the Whale together. We then wrote postcards as the snail and orally told our own 'That's not my snail' stories too. We then sequenced the snail and the whale story pictures and wrote about our favourite part. In phonics, we revisited er, air and double letters such as mm, ll, tt and ff.	In maths, we practised our number bonds to 10 with the help of 10 fish in a fish tank and lots of practical equipment including our own fingers. In Let's Explore we have had the mermaids, sea creatures and shells in the water tray, used marbles on sea creatures to practise our fine motor skills, we made snails to practise our cutting skills and explored the new pirate den plus lots more as well!
Year 1	This week in English, Year 1 wrote their own counting books, inspired by We all Went on Safari. The children have also produced some excellent descriptive pieces based on a beautiful African scene. In our grammar lessons, we have learnt about past tense verbs.	In maths, we have consolidated our understanding of place value to 50 using concrete resources. We have also been comparing numbers to 50 using $</>$ and $=$. The children have solved some difficult challenges together.
Year 2	This week in English we have read 'The Day The Crayons Quit' The children have planned and written letters to the main character Duncan from the perspective of a crayon. The children have thought carefully about the problems the crayons are struggling with and developed very interesting solutions to resolve their issues!	In Maths this week we have completed our unit on multiplication and division. We have been focusing on using bar modelling to group and share numbers and moved on to division word problems. The children are developing greater confidence in noticing the important parts of the question to help them solve the problem.
Year 3	In English the children have completed some marvellous work based on "How to Train Your Dragon", and have enjoyed editing and refining their own work. This work will continue, as it is a great topic to encourage good quality written work. The book is also great to read!	In year 3 we have been working on statistics, which we will continue to work on next week. The use of pictograms, bar charts and tables is interesting, and interpretation of the information sometimes quite complex.
Year 4	This week we have started the story of <i>The Great Kapok Tree</i> . This book looks at the effects of logging in the Amazon Rainforest and the children have been writing some very persuasive arguments to the logging company to get them to stop. They have written speeches from the point of view of the animals of the forest and they have also written a strongly worded letter from a passionate employee.	The children have been fraction superheroes this week! They have practiced subtractions and additions using fractions and they have also even been finding a fraction of a quantity. They have been applying brilliant knowledge of their times tables and division facts to help them. Why not ask your child about our rule when we need to find a fraction of an amount?

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term

Friday 11 th March	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 25 th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service 1pm
	Last day of term

Summer Term

Monday 25 th April	INSET Day
Friday 27 th May	Healthy School Day & Fun Run
	Half term begins

Half Term

Tuesday 7 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 8 th June	School Opens
Thursday 16 th June	Class Portraits
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Friday 17 th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Friday 8 th July	PTA Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Service 2pm
	Year Ends