



NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for all your hard work making and organising costumes for our 'House, Book Day' today. So many costumes were clearly the result of lots of hard work! Children looked fabulous as they worked together in their Houses to consider how we affect our local environment. We took inspiration from the picture book, 'Window' by Geannie Baker, which shows the changing views from a child's bedroom window as he grows up.

Earlier this week, Mrs Sale led an information evening for parents considering our children's mental health and wellbeing with a particular focus on how we can work together to support and develop our children's wellbeing as we prepare them for life in the modern world. We had a fantastic turn out which resulted in a rather cosy fit in a classroom but a very worthwhile time. We worked together to get a better understanding of what wellbeing really means and how we can support our children in a variety of ways to help them grow in to resilient, independent and successful citizens. We also thought about how our approaches at home and school can complement each other and how we can have a greater impact when consistent in our approach. This work continues to be at the centre of our ethos in school and over the next few weeks we are particularly concentrating on further strategies to support our Year 6 as they prepare for SATs and their transition to secondary school.

On **27th March** I am holding a Parents' Forum Coffee morning. During this time we will be looking at ways that we can increase parental voice and bridge everyday communication between parents and teachers. We are particularly interested in hearing from any parent (or Grandparent) who would be interested in becoming a Year Group or Class Representative – a role that would be ideal for parents who have a little spare time in their day/week and who would be willing to work closely with us for the benefit of all parents – sharing information, answering questions and being a sounding board for others including managing a Year Group Facebook Page. Please let the office know if you are able to come along **between 9am and 10am** so that we know numbers to cater for in biscuits!

Also coming up this half term we have the Pupil Led Learning Reviews (PLLRs) which are held on the evening of 27th March. This is a really important time for you to discuss your child's achievements and next steps with them, facilitated by the class teacher. The children spend a great deal of time preparing for this important evening, reflecting on their successes and considering their next steps in learning. We ask that during the evening you also reflect on your child's learning and how you may be able to support them further.

Lastly I would like to inform you that unfortunately I will be unable to be here on the last week of term as I have been summoned for Jury Service. Mrs Sale will be leading the school in my absence and therefore please contact her through the school office if you have any queries, questions or issues between 1st and 5th of April.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Governor Update

Dear Parents

As a fellow parent you may at times wonder how Ofsted found Outstanding behaviour at school when your own child's behaviour can be far from Outstanding at home! However, I know that myself and fellow governors certainly notice how calm and purposeful the school is when we visit during school hours.

The other area judged to be outstanding by Ofsted was personal development and welfare. On Wednesday evening this week, the school held a well-attended Mental Health Workshop, led by Mrs Sale, Deputy Headteacher, which underlined the investment the school makes in the welfare, alongside the education, of the children.

As a governor, I am constantly reminded of the ethos of the school and how it strives to provide the children with the skills to prepare them for the future challenges they face.

We are still looking for new members to join the Governing Body. Please contact the school office if you would like to find out more.

Lyndsey Wicks, Vice Chair of Governors

Ground Force Day!

This term our Ground Force Day will take place on **Saturday 23th March 9.30am -12.00pm** . This will give us an opportunity to clear and tidy the grounds before Spring has sprung!

Please save the date and get your tools at the ready!



Spring Flowers

During last year's Ground Force Day, our families helped us to plant daffodils and other spring flowers by the footpath running along the edge of the field. They make a lovely, cheerful approach to our school but unfortunately they are being trampled by little feet.

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT YOU CLOSELY SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AND PREVENT THEM FROM RUNNING ON THE FIELD TO HELP THE SPRING FLOWERS FLOURISH.



Thank you FFLS

Thank you to FFLS and all our families who support them. Recently the funds have bought new SEN Guided Reading Books which are already in use in the lower school. We are still planning on using the majority of funds raised over the last few years, to improve our playground with equipment and markings but unfortunately the siting of the new temporary classroom means some plans are now being revised. We will update you further as we get underway with this project.

Congratulations Mrs Coleman!

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Coleman is expecting her second child. She will be starting her maternity leave in June.

I shall let you know in due course, who will be taking the class for the remainder of the year.



DIARY DATES

Mar	
12 th -18 th	Book Fair
15 th	Red Nose Day
20 th 9.15-10.30am	Year 6 Coffee Morning at The Vyne
23 rd 9.30-12pm	Ground Force Day
27 th 9-10am	Parents' Forum Coffee Morning
27 th 4-7pm	Pupil Led Learning Reviews
30 th 2-4pm	FFLS Easter Egg Hunt being held at the Infant School
Apr	
1 st 2.45pm	Year 6 Outcome
2 nd 2.45pm	Year 5 Outcome
3 rd 2.45pm	Year 4 Outcome
4 th 2.45pm	Year 3 Outcome
5 th	Easter Assembly
8 th -22 nd	Easter Holidays
23 rd	Return to School
29 th	Year 5 QMC Trip
30 th	Year 5 QMC Trip