

# SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Issue 12

*Enjoy, Achieve and Celebrate Together in Faith*

### **SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear God,

We ask that you would bless us in our school, give us the strength to learn, to be kind, to be fair and to look after others. We are thankful for all your gifts **Amen**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Jane Nettle**

It is with great sadness we received the news today of the death of Jane Nettle. Jane worked at Sissinghurst School as a midday meals supervisor and later as our 'lollypop' lady ensuring local children were able to cross the road safely. She and Mike ran our FOSS quiz evening for a few years, which was always a great event. I know many of you will know her in a variety of other capacities too as she was a busy lady and very community minded. Our thoughts are with Mike and Teddy at this very sad time.



### **Fun in The Snow**



Despite only lasting a very short time the children thoroughly enjoyed their half a day of snow! The adults thought it was all rather slushy but as far as the pupils were concerned it was white and therefore snow to be played in.



### **Hairspray**

What a great afternoon we had on Wednesday at Cranbrook School's performance of Hairspray! Such talented pupils. The cast ranged from Y7 to Y13 and were superb. I'm not sure when they started practicing for this show as there are many songs with complex routines and lines to be learned, all performed very well. Alongside this there is the music – which was performed live; lighting, sound, staging, props, costumes, hair and makeup. All in all, a great show, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you FOSS for your contribution to the cost of this event.

### **Open the Book Collective Worship**

You are all invited to join us for worship on Monday morning. It is our favourite worship of the week, led by the church community. Our visitors act out stories from the Bible and pupils join in.

### **Arriving After the Gate has Closed**

If the gate is closed, please enter via the reception area and make sure Mrs Le Lacheur sees your child. For health and safety reasons please also sign the late register. Please be aware that lessons start as soon as the children arrive at 8.40am.

### **Attendance When Poorly**

Unless your child is running a temperature, has been sick or has diarrhoea and is clearly very unwell, then they should be at school. They are usually fine when they are at school, busy learning and with friends.

- A cough or a cold is not a reason to stay off school. We can give medicine to your child at lunchtime if you fill out the relevant medical forms. If your child has a cold, please can you send your child to school with a packet of tissues which can be kept close at hand.
- Sickness and diarrhoea – please keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Chickenpox – as soon as the spots have scabbed over, your child can return to school (or sooner if the spots are under clothing). Children are contagious before the spots appear!
- If your child is absent please notify the office, preferably via studybugs, before 8.30am.
- If your child has a hospital appointment at a time which means they will miss school, we will need to see the hospital letter.

### **Guidance From the NHS Regarding Conjunctivitis**

It is not necessary to exclude a child from school if they have conjunctivitis. Cases can be managed by implementing some simple infection control measures:

- Encourage children not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands frequently
- Avoid sharing towels, flannels or pillows
- Regular cleaning of items handled by children such as toys, pens etc.

Most cases of infective conjunctivitis are viral and self-limiting and will clear up without treatment within a few days. Those that are not viral are caused by a bacterial infection. Up to 65% of bacterial cases resolve without antibiotic treatment by day five. Antibiotic eye drops or ointment are therefore only occasionally required to treat severe cases. It is important to avoid the use of medicines unnecessarily, particularly antibiotics, as all medicines have the potential to cause side effects and overuse of antibiotics is contributing to the very serious issue of antimicrobial resistance.

To determine if treatment is necessary we recommend that parents seek advice from a pharmacist. Parents do not need to book an appointment to see a pharmacist. Pharmacists will be able to advise parents and where appropriate recommend treatment or if necessary refer on to the GP. Treatment for conjunctivitis can be purchased over the counter from pharmacies without the need for a prescription for children over the age of two. Please note that GPs will not prescribe simple medications that are available to buy over the counter for any patient, including children. Over the counter medication can be administered to a child in an educational establishment with parental consent. A doctor's prescription is not required before administering such medicines to a child.

### **New Cleaner**

We are pleased to have appointed a new cleaner to our team. Karen Saunders lives in Cranbrook and is grandmother to one of our Reception pupils. We welcome her to our school.

### **Malawi Worship**

We were visited by Holly Nichols from Starfish Malawi last week. She led worship and talked to the children about life in Malawi. This was especially interesting as it was so cold here and so hot in Malawi at the moment! The children enjoyed looking at the video of the traditional dancing in particular. Holly and I spent an hour discussing our school link and ways we can develop this further.

### **Graham Nunn**

Graham Nunn from the Diocesan Children's Missioner visited us on Wednesday and led worship. He talked about God's plan for us all and as always used some great examples to make the learning fun. Ask year 5 and 6 pupils about magic squares!

### **KS2 Reading Space**

I am so thrilled that our new reading space upstairs is almost ready to be installed! Jack Vine (parent) is responsible for this project- design, build and installation. He took the children's ideas and along with Kate Herbert and a few others came up with the final design which he shared with the children this afternoon. The children are excited to see their ideas turn into a real space. We may well need some help packing up books so if anyone is available during the week commencing March 4th and are able to bring some boxes with them to help that would be fabulous.

**Mrs Penfold**

# **FOSS**

## **MAY FAIR MEETING AND SURVEY**

We are holding a May Fair meeting on Tues 12th Feb at 8pm in the George, Cranbrook (Cranbrook Bar). Everyone is welcome, no commitment needed - just bring your ideas. We would love to see you there!

Also, our survey is still open until 14th February; we're looking to get your thoughts on previous May Fairs, as well as suggestions for the new one. It'll only take a couple of minutes and you can complete it here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPZT56L>

Thanks to everyone who has responded already.

**Linsey (linseypluckrose@yahoo.co.uk)**  
**Jan (batjanc@icloud.com)**



## News from the Classes



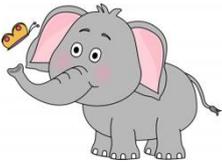
Lions have been reading and telling the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have the bear's cottage for our role play area and we are enjoying acting out the story. We have also been working hard on our cutting skills and have made some great bears created from lots of circle shapes. Pop into Lions and have a look!

**Mrs Lyon**



Giraffe Class have been very busy lately. We carried out a questionnaire with our friends to find out their favourite Fairy Tale. We're now in the process of entering the information into a computer to make a pictograph. We really enjoyed the snow last week and had fun writing a great description of it. We also had a great day on Tuesday learning about Chinese New Year. We made a fabulous dragon and made him dance to music!

**Mrs MacFarlane**



Elephant class have spent the week exploring the rainforest. We have gone on virtual tours, found out about the four layers of the rainforest and flown to South America using Google Earth. We have just finished producing an information poster about a rainforest animal and next week, we will use all this information to write the problem section of a story with a rainforest setting. Starting from next week, all pupils will have their reading books changed on Friday when we have a Teaching Assistant. We will gradually be training pupils to change their own books each week in small groups with TA guidance.

**Mrs Delorie**



Zebras have been learning about instructions and have written our own spells using disgusting ingredients and equipment. In topic we have been exploring transport in the 1970s researching the top selling cars of the decade and have also starting to make models of Concorde.

**Mr Martin**



The week has gone by so quickly! The children enjoyed watching the 'Hairspray' – a musical production at Cranbrook school. Eagles have devoted a lot of time and energy towards the preparation of their presentations and we are thoroughly enjoying them. We are pleasantly surprised at the confidence the children have shown and the response they've had from their peers. In Literacy, the children have immersed themselves in writing from a character's point of view. In Maths we've continued with our work on imperial units. Dissecting the lilies was fun, especially looking at the different parts of the flower under the microscope.

**Mrs Desai**



Leopards' Class received a series of letters this week written, bizarrely, by our classroom equipment. We had letters from the glue sticks - fed up with their missing lids; letters from rubbers who no longer wish to be scribbled on; and letters from rulers who are now demanding straight lines.

**Mr Boyles**



### Week Ending 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Lion Class	-	<b>98.8%</b>
Giraffe Class	-	94.8%
Elephant Class	-	92.7%
Zebra Class	-	95.1%
Eagle Class	-	95.7%
Leopard Class	-	98.4%
<b>Whole School</b>	-	<b>95.9%</b>

Well done Lion Class  
an amazing week!

**Government Target Each Academic Year is 96%**

## LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Lion Class – George/Ruby**  
**Giraffe Class – Seb N/Poppy-Rose**  
**Elephant Class – Evelyn/Martha**  
**Zebra Class – Jasper/Bill**  
**Eagle Class – Lacey/Owen**  
**Leopard Class – Tomas/Lucy**



### Kurling Festival

Well done to our Kurling team; Abi B, Reilie, Roman and Zoe G for taking part and representing our school in the New Age Kurling Festival.

Talking to them during the day they were all very excited and showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and determination at the festival.

Proud of you all, well done team!

**Mrs Saxby**



Last week Giraffe Class braved the elements to explore Forest School in the cold and rain. The children played games to keep them on the move, made rain pictures and warmed up with hot chocolate at the end of the session.

On Tuesday of this week Lion Class had their first experience of cooking on a campfire and making their very own sparks ready for fire-lighting. For the first time since Forest School was introduced we have had to cancel a session due to inclement weather so Lion Class will have a session outside next Tuesday instead of today.

**Mrs Hutchings**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY

3.30 – 5.30 pm

Come and  
join us for:



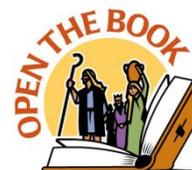
Creative Fun for all the Family run jointly by  
St Mary's Frittenden & Trinity Church Sissinghurst

in St Mary's Church FRITTENDEN

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February



## INVITATION TO PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/GUARDIANS to join us for



### OPEN THE BOOK collective worship

on **MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 9.00am** in the school hall

The Headteacher, staff and OPEN THE BOOK TEAM warmly invite you to join the whole school for Collective Worship at 9.00am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, ending at about 9.15. Every Monday we look forward to starting the week with the OPEN THE BOOK team who act out Bible stories with simple props and costumes and lead us in a time of reflection and song. Children are always involved in different ways and very eager to take part. Perhaps they have told you about it? It's a great way to start the week! We do hope you can come and share this experience.

**Mrs C. Penfold & Rev Fred Olney**

## CHURCH SERVICES



### **Sunday 3rd February (5th Sunday before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney

11.00am All Age Worship, led by Captain Graham Nunn (Church Army)

### **Sunday 10th February (4th Sunday before Lent)**

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School, Rev Fred Olney

### **Saturday 16 February**

#### **(NB On Saturday rather than Sunday this month)**

3.30pm Joint "MESSY CHURCH" (for families) is in Frittenden Church this month (TN17 2DD)

### **Sunday 17th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)**

11.00am Holy Communion (CW) & Sunday School Rev John Tapper

### **Sunday 24th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School John Mulrenan

### **Sunday 3rd March (Last Sunday before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney

11.00am All Age Worship Rev Fred Olney



Mark your calendar!

## CALENDAR DATES

Mark your calendar!

Date	Day	Event	Time
<b>TERM 3</b>			
14.02.19	Thursday	HWA Humanities Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
15.02.19	Friday	Last Day of Term 3	
<b>TERM 4</b>			
25.02.19	Monday	Start of Term 4	
07.03.19	Thursday	World Book Day	
12.03.19	Tuesday	Hockey Tournament – Marden	3.00-5.00pm
14.03.19	Thursday	HWA Science Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
14.03.19	Thursday	YR/Y1/Y2 Peter & The Timber Wolfe – Bethany School	1.30-3.00pm
15.03.19	Friday	Comic Relief	
19.03.19	Tuesday	Netball Tournament HWA	4.00-6.00pm
20.03.19	Wednesday	Child Learning Reviews	3.30-6.00pm
21.03.19	Thursday	Child Learning Reviews	5.30-8.00pm
23.03.19	Saturday	Spring Flower Show	2.30pm
30.03.19	Saturday	FOSS Quiz Night	7.00pm
03.04.19	Wednesday	Last Eagle Class Swimming	
05.04.19	Friday	East Service at Trinity Church	9.30am
05.04.19	Friday	Easter Egg Hunt and Sponsored Bounce	
05.04.19	Friday	End of Term 4	
<b>TERM 5</b>			
23.04.19	Tuesday	First Day of Term 5	
25.04.19	Thursday	HWA French Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
01.05.19	Wednesday	Zebra Swimming	2.15-3.00pm
07.05.19	Tuesday	Tag Rugby – Cranbrook Rugby Club	3.00-6.00pm
08.05.19	Wednesday	Travelling Book Fair (1 week) finish 15.15.19	
11.05.19	Saturday	May Fair	12.30pm
13.05.19	Monday	SAT's Week	
21.05.19	Tuesday	WOKKSA Cross Country (Y3/4/5/6)	4.00-6.00pm
24.05.19	Friday	Last Day of Term 5	
<b>TERM 6</b>			
<b>03.06.19</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
13.06.19	Thursday	School Games Day with family picnic	10.00-1.00pm
15.06.19	Saturday	Summer Flower Show	
24.06.19	Monday	Hardelet Residential Trip to France – 28.06.19	1 week
12.07.19	Friday	Pupil Reports Home	
15.07.19	Monday	New Reception Class Starter Picnic	12.00-1.00pm
15.07.19	Monday	Transition Day	1.00-3.00pm
15.07.19	Monday	Open Evening (All Parents)	3.00-4.00pm
17.07.19	Wednesday	Transition Day	1.00-3.00pm
19.07.19	Friday	Leavers Service and Family Picnic	10.00-1.00pm
<b>22/23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Mon/Tues</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>	