

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st March 2019 - Issue 13

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,

Welcome to Spring 2019! This week has certainly felt like Spring but today, 1st March (St David's Day) is rather dank and dreary!



During term 4, I am supporting Colliers Green Primary School while the substantive Headteacher undergoes an operation. When I am there, Mrs Desai will be in charge at Sissinghurst and all queries should be directed to her in the first instance. I will mostly be unavailable on a Wednesday each week until Easter.

Mrs French has now started as our interim SENCo while Mrs Wolfe is on maternity leave. She will be in school every Thursday so if you have any queries or concerns please contact the office for an appointment on that day. Obviously, if your concern is of an urgent nature do not hesitate to contact me.

On Thursday 7th March work is due start on our running track. This track will weave around the edge of the field and will enable the children to run their daily mile, access the play equipment and exercise apparatus and hopefully be used for scooters and trikes too.



Our new library for KS2 (funded by FOSS) is due to be installed over the weekend of the 10th/11th March. This is very exciting indeed and we look forward to seeing it completed and available for the children to use soon after. A big thank you to Mr Vine for his design and hard work building this amazing space for the children.

Child Learning Reviews will be taking place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Boards will be put in reception on Monday 11th March for you to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher.

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to attend school dressed as a favourite book character (if they wish) and to bring their favourite book to school.

Mrs Hutchings is delighted with her new shed for Forest Schools. Thank you to FOSS for funding this!

I wonder how many of you remember the children planting purple crocuses on the bank by the bike shed? They were planted as part of the Rotary Club 'Purple4Polio' campaign to raise awareness of the fight for a polio free world. I am pleased to say the crocuses are now starting to bloom.



**COMIC
RELIEF**

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief. The children are invited to attend school wearing something red and make a donation in the bucket at the gate.

Mrs Penfold

School Office

Eagle Class Swimming

Unfortunately Eagle's swimming lesson was cancelled this week.

We are trying to squeeze another lesson in for the children after the Easter holidays but I will keep you posted. If we can't reschedule the lesson we will of course give the option of a refund or the option to offset the refund against a class trip.



Studybugs – A few parents did not get the message that the lesson was cancelled so it is imperative that all parents are registered with Studybugs to receive emergency messages and notices.

Governors

The full governing body met just before half term. (One of the four full meetings we have in a year. Then there are the three meetings of the Resources Team, the three meetings of the Learning & Development Team and the three meetings of the Strategy Team in a year. Plus the monitoring visits governors make three times a year.) The three key functions we as governors have are (1) to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction, (2) to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and (3) to oversee the financial performance of the school and to make sure the school spends its money well. And I believe this is what we do well and robustly, while always looking for improvement. The minutes of our meetings are available online on klz.org.uk and there are hard copies of the full governing body (FGB) meetings in a folder on the shelf in the reception area of the school. I encourage you to have a look.

Bonno De Haan, Chair of Governors



FOSS

MAY FAIR MEETING

We had a very successful meeting about the May Fair before half term with lots of new ideas shared and discussed. We then met with Mrs Penfold this week to share our plans and we're happy to say she's very enthusiastic! Planning continues and we wanted to give you a heads up about donations we'll be asking parents for, including raffle hamper contributions, cuddly toys for an adopt-a-cuddly stall and bottles for the bottle tombola. So please do save these things for us in the coming weeks and we'll let you know when to bring them in, in return for a mufti day for the children.

Thank-you! Jan and Linsey.



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Jan (batjanc@icloud.com)

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Saturday 30th March

Details to follow

News from the Classes



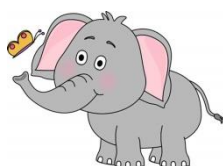
Lion Class have started our new topic this week 'Down on the Farm'. We have talked about all the things we already know and all of the things we want to find out about. We are looking forward to a trip to the High Weald School farm later in the term and a visit from Pauline Skinner a sheep farmer. Lions also really enjoyed their first art lesson with Mrs Strange last Monday and we all had fun learning how to draw pigs!

Mrs Lyon



A huge thank-you for all the wonderful junk modelling items you sent in at the end of last term for the children to make a new house for The Three Little Pigs. We had some really imaginative houses built - with carpets, lifts and huge chimneys! We have started this term multiplying by 2 and I have been very pleased how everyone has worked extremely enthusiastically. We started to think about our school trip in March and have looked at some orchestral instruments and begun to learn about the composer Prokofiev.

Mrs MacFarlane



We have begun the term learning about fractions by using counters. In this lovely sunny weather we went outside to do some observational drawings of the parts of plants.

Mrs Delorie



Zebras have been investigating and drawing sections of wallpaper and fabric from the 1970s. We will use the designs we have looked at to create our own 1970s inspired wallpaper for our hall display; look out for it appearing in the next few weeks! As we have been completing our art work we have been enjoying listening and sometimes singing along to some of the music from the 1970s.

Mr Martin



It's been a busy first week back in Eagle Class. In Art we have been creating flowers with pastels, look out for our colourful display on the hall board soon. In Maths and English we have been consolidating our knowledge of the key operations (+, -, x, ÷) and sentence construction. In DT we thoroughly enjoyed four different types of bread and are really looking forward to baking our own.

Mrs Desai



This week Leopards have written extraordinarily detailed and descriptive dragon diaries and we are now ready to write a final draft. We have also been solving some complex algebraic expressions.

Mr Boyles



Week Ending 1st March 2019

Lion Class	-	89.5%
Giraffe Class	-	95.6%
Elephant Class	-	97.0%
Zebra Class	-	96.5%
Eagle Class	-	96.2%
Leopard Class	-	96.4%
Whole School	-	96.3%

Well done Elephant Class
an amazing week!

Government Target Each Academic Year is 96%

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 1st March 2019

Lion Class – Samaa/Sonny
Giraffe Class – Seb B/Sophia
Elephant Class – Cooper/Sydney
Zebra Class – Rafe/Leila
Eagle Class – Joe/Whole Class
Leopard Class – Lucy/Thomas O



Term 4's out of school sporting events are:-

Kent School Games Quicksticks Hockey being held next week and WOKSSA Hockey Tournament the week after.

Later this month will be High 5 Netball (each player rotates to play a different position each game) and WOKSSA Netball Tournament (7 aside, in which the player plays their most comfortable position).

I'm looking forward to taking our Sissinghurst teams to compete in the above events as they have shown great enthusiasm and improvement.

Mrs Saxby



Although our Forest School is showing signs of Spring, with catkins and tiny shoots on the trees, it is still winter.

Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for their Forest School session this term.

Mrs Hutchings

CHURCH SERVICES

3rd March (Last Sunday before Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion (1662) Rev Fred Olney

11.00am All Age Worship Rev Fred Olney

10th March 1st Sunday of Lent

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School
Preacher: Hubert Ashton

13th March Ash Wednesday

7.30pm United Holy Communion service
(at St Mary's Church Frittenden)

17 March 2nd Sunday of Lent

11.00am Holy Communion (CW) & Sunday School Rev Fred Olney
3.30pm Joint 'Messy Church'
5.30pm In Sissinghurst Parish Rooms this month. Creative fun, food, craft, songs and a Bible story for all the family

24 March 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
Rev Fred Olney
11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School
John Mulrenan

31 March Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
11.00am Marvellous Mums –
A Mothering Sunday celebration
Rev Fred Olney

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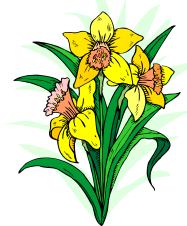


Lambing Weekend 2019

Saturday 23 March
Sunday 24 March



10am to 4.30pm



Entrance £2.00
[Children under 3 Free]

Refreshments and Free Parking

Fully Accessible



Hand Washing Facilities Available

All Proceeds Support the Farm



Incito

Flip out for Pancake Day!

Tuesday 5th March

Supporting FairTrade Fortnight



BBQ Chicken Drumsticks

Sides - Sunshine Rice & Peas

Cheesy Potato Whirls

Sides - Jacket Wedges & Peas

Pancakes with FairTrade  Bananas & Ice Cream

*Pancakes are reduced sugar

CALENDAR DATES

Date	Day	Event	Time
05.03.19	Tuesday	Pancake Day	
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 Wolf – 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
28.03.19	Thursday	Y5 'Rewind to Easter'	1.15pm-3.15pm
29.03.19	Friday	Mothers Day Tea	2.00-3.00pm
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	
TERM 5			
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	
TERM 6			
03.06.19	Monday	INSET DAY	
13.06.19	Thursday	School Games Day with family picnic	10.00-1.00pm
14.06.19	Friday	Fathers Day Lunch	12.00-1.00pm
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
22/23rd July	Mon/Tues	INSET DAYS	