

# SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Issue 2

*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,

We have had a lovely week this week with much learning taking place across the school. The children are settling well with their new teachers and timetables and Lion Class still continue to amaze me with their confidence and willingness to learn and follow our school routines. They all ate school lunch this week and seemed to enjoy the experience!

## **Reducing Waste**

On the subject of school lunches, we are committed to developing the ethics of a 'no waste' culture at school and will be encouraging all children to eat the food provided whether it has come from the school kitchen or from home in the form of a packed lunch. Obviously we will not be force feeding pupils but the expectation will be there. If children have school lunches they will be given vegetables as part of their meal and can choose from the salad bar if they would like some tomato, cucumber, beetroot or coleslaw, for example. We like children to try the food they are given. Your support is greatly appreciated. Ultimately it may make life easier at home when your child discovers they enjoy some different foods!

## **Healthy Eating**

We are also promoting healthy eating. The kitchen provides healthy, balanced meals for the children and key stage 1 pupils are given healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables at break time. However, I have noticed that some of the KS2 pupils have brought other food such as biscuits and cakes into school for break which is not permitted. Snacks at break time should be fresh fruit, vegetables or a piece of hard cheese. We do occasionally have a cake sale as a special treat. Packed lunch boxes should contain a balance of foods with not too many sweet, sugary items or processed foods. An example would be a sandwich or wrap (wholemeal if possible) with a filling of cheese, meat, fish and salad; a piece of fruit or vegetable; perhaps a yogurt; one item from the crisp/biscuit variety and a drink – preferably water to wash it all down and rehydrate your child. You may think this is all common sense but I am seeing far too much unhealthy food in lunch boxes, which in the long term will lead to unhealthy eating habits, obesity and poor adult health.

### **Opening of the Spiritual Garden**

On Monday we are welcoming Bishop Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover, to Sissinghurst School to open our spiritual garden. He will be arriving at 10.15am to join us for 'Open the Book' worship and then bless our new garden. He will also join staff for coffee and be shown around our wonderful school by our head girls and boys, visiting all the classes. The last time he visited us was for the official opening of the school in June 2011. The children are very excited about this visit. If any parents would like to join us on the field for the official opening at 11.00am you are welcome to do so.

### **Adults on School Premises**

Please note: Parents and other adults not on specific school business should not be on the school premises outside of school hours. This is for Safeguarding of pupils and health and safety reasons. I won't name and shame but a parent was upstairs collecting a book bag after Beavers when no staff were around and the stairs had just been mopped and were wet and slippery. I am ultimately responsible for health and safety at school and cannot be accountable for any accidents after school hours. Visits MUST be authorised.

As a reminder: Office hours are 8.40am-9.00am and 3.00pm -3.30pm. Parents should not need to come to the office outside of these times (unless your child is attending an early morning activity starting at 8.30am). Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Mrs C Penfold**



## **OFFICE NEWS**

### **Reply Slips and Payments**

I am waiting on reply slips for Leopard Class swimming lessons, Hardelot residential trip deposits, Eagle and Leopard Class trip to the Tunbridge Wells Mosque and a few after school club payments. Please put payments in a named envelope stating your child's class and put it in the post box by the entrance gate. The post box is checked twice a day.

### **Studybugs**

Please sign up to Studybugs if you haven't already so that you don't miss out on important messages and updates. Please make sure you use the studybugs app to report your child's absence; you can do this day or night.

### **Calendar Dates**

Up and coming calendar dates will be in next week's newsletter.

## News From the Classes



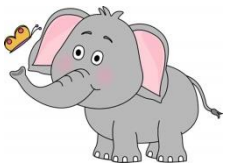
Lion Class have had a busy second week. We have been getting to know our friends by sharing our special boxes. We have been learning new letter sounds and have also started our new topic 'All about Me'.

**Mrs Lyon**



We had a great day on Wednesday for our "Explorers Stunning Starter Day"! We loved looking at everyone's costumes and discussed all the extra equipment such as binoculars and compasses children had brought in. We learnt how to use a compass, went on a treasure hunt and really enjoyed our visit to Sissinghurst. We looked at lots of important buildings in the village and found the portrait of Lady Louisa in the Church. Please come to our Class Worship next Wednesday to find out more about her!

**Mrs MacFarlane**



Elephant Class have enjoyed learning about spiders through the antics of 'Speckle the Spider'. In our Science topic we have learnt the difference between fish, mammals, reptiles and invertebrates. Spellings and homework will be sent home today.

**Mrs Delorie**



We have enjoyed beginning to sculpt our Greek pots using the coiling method and in English have been developing our verb choices to improve our writing.

**Miss Ovenden**



Eagles have had a very busy week learning about Well Being, foraging in the forest for blackberries and even baking tarts! In science we discussed different kinds of habitats and in art explored Andy Warhol.

**Mrs Desai**



Leopards have written some extraordinarily effective poetry using personification and similes. Please have a look at Emilia's which is on display in the entrance hall.

**Mr Boyles**



In Forest School this week, Eagle Class have learnt about foraging and made delicious "jamberry tarts" to take home. They also had the opportunity to use tools, climb trees and explore independently. We were not pleased to find dog poo in our Forest School again. Please, if you are walking your dog through this area, use a doggy bag and take it home with you.



Giraffe Class – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Elephant Class – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Zebra Class – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Eagle Class – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Leopard Class – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November



### Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Lion Class	-	100.0%
Giraffe Class	-	100.0%
Elephant Class	-	98.9%
Zebra Class	-	99.2%
Eagle Class	-	97.3%
Leopard Class	-	100.0%
<b>Whole School</b>	-	<b>99.1%</b>

Well done Lion, Giraffe and Leopard Classes an amazing week!

## LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

- Lion Class - Henrietta/Eliana
- Giraffe Class - Whole Class/Gracie-May
- Elephant Class - Eloise/Henry
- Zebra Class - Summer/Rose
- Eagle Class - Ronnie/Beatrice
- Leopard Class - Holly/Tegan

