

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st September 2018 – Issue 3

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,

New Website

We are delighted to announce that our new website has now gone live! The web address remains the same: www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk . We are still adding content so bear with us on that. Overall we are very pleased with the look of the website and how easy it is to navigate. It is also easier to administrate too. I would like to develop the site so that most of the communication with parents can occur through this and Studybugs. This will mean that the use of KLZ will reduce and it will probably end up with only the class page remaining relevant to you. As the website is our window to the public, we obviously will not be putting things like homework onto it – that will remain on KLZ. We would like to invite you to make suggestions regarding information you may like to see on the website, so that we make it as useful as possible. Please email your ideas to the office on: office@sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk or via Studybugs.

Bishop Trevor Visit

We had a very unusual start to our week with the arrival of Bishop Trevor Wilmott, Bishop of Dover, who visited Sissinghurst School to open our new Spiritual Garden. Bishop Trevor first joined us in our Collective Worship where the "Open the Book" team from Trinity church acted out a Bible story about a lady called Tabitha. She followed Jesus' example by serving others the children were encouraged to reflect on how they can also serve God. Pupils from Eagle Class and Leopard Class helped the team by joining in the acting and did a great job! Bishop Trevor then spoke to the children about his job as a Bishop and the three items of his uniform which help to guide him: his staff, his necklace and his ring. His talk was really interesting and all the children answered his questions brilliantly.

After break we all gathered in front of our new Spiritual Garden. Bishop Trevor blessed our new prayer space and all the children gave a count-down for the ribbon to be cut.

The children have now started to use the Spiritual Garden at break and lunch times. We hope it will be a space for quiet thought and reflection for many years to come.

We would like to say a huge thank you to FOSS for funding this project and to Mr Humberstone, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Clark and Mrs Clays for all their help designing and creating this space.

Performance Data for 2017-18

You may be interested in how well the school performed last year against national data. Below is a summary of that information:

Early Years Foundation Stage Attainment

	2018	Kent 2018	National 2018
% Good Level of Development	72.7%	75.3%	71.5%
% Literacy Goals	72.7%	77.1%	73.3%
% Maths Goals	81.8%	81.8%	78.3%

Year One Phonics Screening Test 2018

2018	Kent 2018	National 2018
90.9%	81.8%	82.5%

Key Stage One Attainment 2018

	Sissinghurst KS1 results 2018	Kent Average KS1 results 2018	National KS1 results 2018	Sissinghurst KS1 results Greater Depth 2018	National KS1 results Greater Depth 2018
Reading	80.7%	78.1%	75.4%	30.7%	25.6%
Maths	88.4%	78.7%	76.1%	23%	21.8%
Writing	73%	73.0%	69.9%	15.3%	15.9%

Key Stage Two Achievement 2018

	Sissinghurst KS2 results 2018	Kent Average KS2 results 2018	National Interim KS2 results 2018	Sissinghurst Average Scaled Score	National Average Scaled Score	Sissinghurst KS2 results attaining a high standard 2018 (110+)	National KS2 % high score(110+) 2018	National Progress Measure KS1-KS2 (-5 to +5)
Reading	84%	77%	75%	107	105	32%	28%	0.2 (-2.5 to 2.9)
GPS	95%	76%	78%	110	106	58%	34%	
Maths	95%	75%	76%	105	104	11%	24%	-1.2 (-3.6 to 1.2)
Writing	90%	81%	78%	-	-	32%	20%	0.2 (-5.6 to -0.4)
Combined	79%	66%	64%	-	-	-	-	-
Floor Target 65%								

We are pleased with this data which shows Sissinghurst is performing above or in line with national in all areas except Year 6 maths greater depth; which was a great surprise to us as the children had been performing to a high standard all year and in previous tests. Areas highlighted in green show where the difference between Sissinghurst and national is statistically significant. The link below is the government website which shows the school performance. However, 2017-18 data will not be on there yet. If you would like to understand this in greater depth, please do not hesitate to ask me.

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/118717>

Mrs C Penfold

Governors

On Wednesday the school's Governing Body had its first meeting of the new school year. We reviewed and ratified the key priorities for this year. One is to ensure that lessons are consistently and suitably pitched for all ability groups and to further develop the curriculum so that all pupils, particularly the most able, are challenged to improve their skills across all subjects. It is what Ofsted has asked the school to do, following their (very) 'Good' inspection in March. Extending the opportunities for staff to develop their church school leadership skills through coaching, mentoring and professional development is a further key priority and follows on from the 'Outstanding' SIAMS inspection in June. Finally, with school budgets under real pressure, ensuring that the school's financial performance remains sound and that the school spends its money well is another key priority.

Bonno De Haan - Chair of Governors

OFFICE NEWS

Eagle/Leopard Class Trip to the Mosque Tuesday 25th September

For the children that haven't returned their consent slip for the trip please do so by Monday 24th September. Without consent your child will not be able to go on the trip.

High Weald Academy PE Challenge

Well done to Oliver L-S, Thomas G, Violet A, Eva W for representing our school on Thursday at the HWA Inter School PE Challenge.

SQUID

Apologies to Leopard and Eagle Class parents who can't pay for swimming lessons or the class trip on SQUID. SQUID are having technical issues and it is frustrating for us all. You can either pay by cash or cheque and we are also happy to wait for payment until SQUID is up and running again.

Disabled Parking Space

Please do not park in the disabled space. We have a couple of parents who are in need of disabled parking. Thank you.

Car Park Prang

A member of staff had their car knocked in the car park this week. As you can imagine they were very upset as no note was left and it wasn't reported at the school office. Please take extra care manoeuvring around the car park.

Mr Humberstone Request

If anyone has a petrol lawn mower that they don't use and would be happy to donate it to the school for the spiritual garden Mr Humberstone would be extremely grateful.

News From the Classes



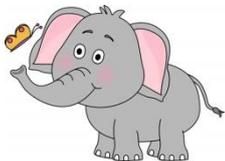
Lions have managed three full days this week, we were all very tired especially after P.E on Wednesday! We have been learning about our senses and took a taste test to see if we could guess the different flavours of crisps without seeing the packets. We are also getting really good at using our hearing especially listening carefully to others.

Mrs Lyon



Thank you for all your "All about me" posters - we are really enjoying learning about everyone! This week we have been counting in 2s in Maths. You could ask your children to demonstrate this to you at home by counting toys or pieces of pasta in 2s.

Mrs MacFarlane



We really enjoyed doing "Fun-trition" this week and learnt about all the different food groups to keep us healthy. We loved meeting Bishop Trevor on Monday and finding out all about his work.

Mrs Delorie



It has been a wonderful week. We have finished our clay pots and learnt about the Ancient Olympics. We have been investigating different adverbs in our writing and adding 1, 10 or 100 in Maths.

Miss Ovenden



This week, in English, we wrote some amazing story openings based on the story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

In Science we learnt about differences in the lifecycles of mammals and birds. The week ended with solving problems involving rounding numbers.

Mrs Desai



This week Leopards have been playing with toy cars we borrowed from Lion Class (as well as performing a science experiment with them that involved testing out the friction between the wheels and a range of surfaces).

Leopards are busy with their 'Grow A Pound' project. We have provided them with a pound coin and they are finding ways of increasing this so that the profits can be sent to Malawi.

On Friday 28th September and Friday 5th October they will be running a range of stalls in the playground during break and lunch, offering goods and services that they have created with their pounds. The goods and services will be offered at prices ranging from 10p to 50p. Your child may bring in a maximum of one pound to spend at these stalls on each of the two Fridays. Stall ideas so far include: a nail parlour, bookmarks, cookies, candy floss, guess how many sweets in the jar and a raffle.

Mr Boyles

Rawlinson Run

Friday 14th September

Well done to our cross country runners Annabel, Eloise, Martha, Florence, Evie, Eva, Zac, Henry, Cooper, Richie, Grace, Rose, Meg, Tobin, Josh, Riley, William, Alice, Abi, Blossom, Owen, Gabriel, Ronnie and Archie.

Fantastic enthusiasm, great sportsmanship given by all with many of the children coming in under 30th position, bearing in mind there is approximately 60 children from much larger schools competing.

Congratulations to all, especially Evie for finishing 4th and Gabriel finishing 12th. We are so proud of you all.

Mrs Saxby



Elephant Class – Tuesday 25th September

Zebra Class – Tuesday 9th October

Eagle Class – Thursday 8th November

Leopard Class – Thursday 29th November



Zebra Class have been getting familiar with our Forest School environment again this week. They have worked in small groups, learning to look after each other and to respect nature.

Scavenger hunts, using tools and climbing trees were the main activities this week.

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 21st September 2018

Lion Class – Niamh/Morgan
Giraffe Class – Sophia/Braxton
Elephant Class – Martha/Cooper
Zebra Class – Thomas/Lottie
Eagle Class – Daisy/Rocky
Leopard Class – Sam/Zoe



Week Ending 21st September 2018

Lion Class	-	93.7%
Giraffe Class	-	98.3%
Elephant Class	-	100.0%
Zebra Class	-	100.0%
Eagle Class	-	94.2%
Leopard Class	-	99.2%
Whole School	-	97.9%

Well done Elephant, and Zebra Classes
an amazing week!

HARVEST BARN DANCE

WITH LIVE BAND



SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

6.30 – 9.30 PM

SISSINGHURST SCHOOL HALL

Tickets available from school & village shop

Families £27, Adults £10, Children £5

FUN, FOOD & DANCING for all THE FAMILY

SISSINGHURST FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

15TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Sissinghurst Autumn Flower Show was held in the School hall last Saturday and was a very successful afternoon.

Despite having very little time since the beginning of term, the School again had filled the walls with colourful artwork, some of which had an Autumn theme. As well as seasonal trees and leaves from Giraffe and Elephant classes, we had lion faces from Lion Class and Name Art from Leopard. A classical touch was added by Zebra's Grecian Names and Eagle's Painted Pop Art Self Portraits were so lifelike we could recognise most of the children.

We were pleased to see how many children entered the Open Classes, especially as we realise this means extra work for the parents at home.

The fruit and vegetable creatures covered every available space and looked like a gigantic Noah's Ark – penguins, hedgehogs, owls, sheep, caterpillars, an octopus, a giraffe and several as yet undiscovered species marched across the tables.

The children's cookery called for fairy cakes decorated for autumn and showed great artistic ability.

The adult classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables had a high number of entries in spite of this summer's challenging weather. The main cookery classes showed a lot of skill and we realised we have some promising younger cooks.

The photography section "Trees" and "Hidden Sissinghurst" were a talking point for visitors. Again we had entries from juniors, giving us the idea of having a special photography class next year for under 16s.

The Scouts brought a display of squashes of all shapes and sizes with one which looked like a mutant specimen!

We are very grateful to Mrs Penfold and her team for their continuing support of our shows and to the large number of parents who came along to admire the children's work.

We hope you enjoyed the afternoon!

The Trophy Winners are:

The Sissinghurst School Cup - for the best artwork in Key stage 2 – Bella S

The Princess Margaret Trophy – for the best artwork in Key stage 1 – Gracie-May P

The Children's Rose Bowl – for the best entry in the Children's Open Classes

Megan C for her fruit and vegetable creature.

Calendar Dates September 2018 – July 2019

Date	Day	Event	Time
28.10.18	Friday	Zebra Class Author Visit at Cranbrook Primary	10.30-11.30am
01.10.18	Monday	FOSS AGM – School Hall	2.00-3.00pm
04.10.18	Thursday	Kent Messenger Class Photo YR	11.30am
05.10.18	Friday	Harvest Festival at Trinity Church	9.30am
06.10.18	Saturday	Barn Dance – School Hall	6.30-9.30pm
08.10.18	Monday	Eagle Class Delivering Harvest Parcels	
10.10.18	Wednesday	WOKSSA Football Y3/4 at Marden	3.00-5.00pm
12.10.18	Friday	FOSS Disco	5.00-6.30pm
17.10.18	Wednesday	Opening Morning (Reception 2019)	9.30-11.00am
18.10.18	Thursday	HWA Maths Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00am
18.10.18	Thursday	CPR Training Y6	1.00-2.30pm
19.10.18	Friday	Last Day of Term 1	
TERM 2			
29.10.18	Monday	INSET DAY	
30.10.18	Tuesday	Pupils Back to School	
30.10.18	Tuesday	KS2 Music Presentation (foundation for schools)	2.00-3.00pm
06.11.18	Tuesday	KS2 Music Presentation to Parents	6.00-7.00pm
06.11.18	Tuesday	Cross Country – Cranbrook Rugby Club	2.30-4.00pm
07.11.18	Wednesday	Individual Pupil Photographs	
09.11.18	Friday	Invictus Athlete Darran Challis in School	12.30-3.00pm
13.11.18	Tuesday	World Kindness Day	
14.11.18	Wednesday	Captain Safety Roadshow	1.00-3.00pm
14.11.18	Wednesday	Child Learning Reviews	3.30-6.00pm
15.11.18	Thursday	Child Learning Reviews	5.30-8.00pm
15.11.18	Thursday	HWA DT Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
16.11.18	Friday	Children in Need	
21.11.18	Wednesday	Leopard Class Swimming Last Lesson	
03.12.18	Monday	'Bach to the Future' Music Roadshow	11.00-12.00pm
07.12.18	Friday	Trinity Church Tree Decorating Service	KS1 am KS2 pm
11.12.18	Tuesday	Flu Vaccine YR-Y5	
13.12.18	Thursday	HWA English Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
14.12.18	Friday	Christmas Fair	3.00-5.00pm
18.12.18	Tuesday	Pantomime Robin Hood	2.00-3.00pm
18.12.18	Tuesday	Last Day of Term 2	
19.12.18	Wednesday	INSET DAY	
TERM 3			
03.01.19	Wednesday	First Day of Term	