

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 28th September 2018 – Issue 4

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 Safeguarding Arrangements

From Monday 1st October 2018 the playground gate will be locked at 9.00am and again at 3.10pm. The primary reason for this decision is one of safeguarding. It is our statutory duty to know who is in school and who is absent. Therefore, if a child arrives at school in the morning after the main gate is closed, then they MUST enter via the front door, so that the office know they are in school. No child should be walking around to the playground entrance after the main gate has closed, as the register may well have already been taken and we would not know that they were in school. If you need to speak to the teacher or your child is having difficulties coming into school, please come to the office and we will help you from there.

At the end of the school day, children will have enough time to re-enter the building to collect something they have forgotten and you will have time to catch up with the class teacher on the playground before the gate is locked. After this time, please enter via the office if you need to speak to someone. It is vital that we know who is in the building at all times. After collective worship, please leave via the main entrance and not the playground as the gate will still be locked.

The main gate will be closed at 3.15pm and re-opened at the end of the clubs (4.00pm/4.15pm depending on the club). Children will be brought to the gate by the coach/teacher.

Collective Worship

We love the fact that so many of you enjoy coming to our worship both on a Friday and when a class or when pupils are leading. It is great for them to have a real audience for their celebrations and when they are performing. Please may I ask that you stay until the end of the worship and wait until the pupils have led out before you leave? It is important for the children to have you there right to the end and teaches them good values. Also, allowing the children to leave first means the children return to class ready for learning. It can be disruptive to them to have an encounter in the corridor.

Your support as always is gratefully received!

Meeting for Parents of Year 5 and Year 6

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 4th October at 6.00pm. This is an evening where we will be looking at the application process for Year 6 and will have Chris Johnson, the Assistant Headteacher at Cranbrook School and hopefully a representative from High Weald Academy present to talk to you all and answer any questions you may have, prior to completing your applications for Secondary School. I thought it would be useful for Year 5 parents to attend the same meeting so that you will have a better understanding of the process involved. We will also explain a little about the Kent test, particularly for Year 5 parents.

Harvest Festival – 9.30am Trinity Church

Next Friday will be Harvest Festival at Trinity Church. If possible, please take donations of food (tins, packets and non-perishable fruit/vegetables) to the church if possible to save children carrying down.

If you are unable to come don't worry, we can usually put some of the donations in a car! We will be practicing on Wednesday so help walking down on Wednesday or Friday will be most helpful. Thank you.

Website and Newsletters

With the launch of our new website we intend adding news items on a regular basis. Therefore, we will be limiting the more formal newsletter to once a fortnight. We will also be sending a lot of information via Studybugs. Please sign up if you haven't already done so. Messages will still be sent to your email in the meantime.

FOSS AGM – Monday 1st October 2.00pm

Please come to the FOSS AGM on Monday 1st October at 2.00pm. Find out what your PTA does for you and your children throughout the year. Currently we are looking for a new Chair. If no-one steps up, there will be no FOSS, none of the additional exciting activities provided and no additional funding for the school. The ones who miss out are the children! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE COME AND GIVE SOME OF YOUR TIME TO OUR VERY WORTHWHILE COMMITTEE. THANK YOU.

Harvest Walk (Whole School) Monday 1.10.2018

To prepare for Harvest Festival we would like to take the children on a walk through the countryside around Sissinghurst on Monday 1st October in the afternoon. We will be looking for signs in nature of the changing season as well as crops being harvested for the winter.

We shall have a short open-air "Sing and Praise" to celebrate God's Creations before returning to school by 3pm. Please can your child bring a raincoat, suitable walking shoes/trainers and a bottle of water to school on Monday.

Mrs C Penfold



News From the Classes



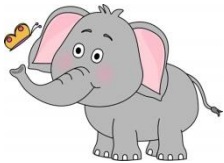
In Lions this week we have been learning about our senses. We had to guess the smells in the pots without being able to see what was inside. We have also been learning about tall and short with the help of the Three Bears. Well done Lions for managing the first full time week of school!

Mrs Lyon



Giraffes have been learning their number bonds to 10 this week and are doing incredibly well! Don't forget Forest Schools next week and to come in own clothes on your designated day of Tuesday or Friday.

Mrs MacFarlane



Elephant Class have been excited to learn about dragons this week. We enjoyed having Wallace and found out that Wallace is a mammal like us.

Mrs Delorie



Zebra Class have been writing some spectacular monster poetry using varied adjectives in their description. We have had noisy Music and Science lessons, learning rhythm on the drums and investigating vibration using different instruments.

Miss Ovenden



The Eagle Class really enjoyed the trip to the Mosque in Tunbridge wells and came back with lots of information on Islam. We are very proud of our English piece of writing we did this week on The Iron Man.

Mrs Desai



Leopards had great fun running their 'Grow a £1.00' stalls. All children made a healthy profit and they are now thinking of ways to reinvest their funds. Next Friday they will repeat their stalls but will now have £2.00 to invest in their projects.

Mr Boyles



Sports News

Please remember next Monday 1st October Tournament Club will be the final session of football. Premier Sport will still continue with football on Wednesdays.

A team for the WOKSSA year 5 and 6 Football Tournament will be chosen next week from the children who have attended either or both football clubs to represent our school on the 10th October 2018.

The following two Mondays of term at Tournament Club will be basketball, continuing into term 2 in preparation for the Basketball Tournament for years 5 and 6.

Netball will continue as normal on a Tuesday.

Mrs Saxby



Zebra Class – Tuesday 9th October

Eagle Class – Thursday 8th November

Leopard Class – Thursday 29th November



Elephant Class have searched for evidence of the creatures that live in our Forest School. They discovered poo, feathers, insect galls, burrows and hazelnut shells. Pupils then laid trails for each other to follow and were rewarded with a snack at the end.

Mrs Hutchings

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 28th September 2018

Lion Class – Ruby/Florence

Giraffe Class – Polly/Charles

Elephant Class – Florence/Evelyn

Zebra Class – Ronnie/Pixie

Eagle Class – Sophia/Joe

Leopard Class – Aubrey/Katie



Week Ending 28th September 2018

Lion Class - 95.5%

Giraffe Class - 100.0%

Elephant Class - 97.1%

Zebra Class - 96.9%

Eagle Class - 96.4%

Leopard Class - 98.9%

Whole School - 97.5%

Well done Giraffe Class
an amazing week!

Calendar Dates September 2018 – July 2019

Date	Day	Event	Time
01.10.18	Monday	Harvest Walk Whole School	1.00-3.00pm
01.10.18	Monday	FOSS AGM – School Hall (All Parents Welcome)	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
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	
17.11.18	Saturday	FOSS Quiz	TBC
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
17.1.18	Monday	Whole School Christmas Lunch	
18.12.18	Tuesday	Whole School Christmas Service at Trinity Church	
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	

**Trinity Church Harvest Barn Dance Saturday 6th October
has been cancelled due to lack of interest.**