

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 2nd November 2018 - Issue 6

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 back to Term Two!

Invictus Games Athlete Darran Challis Visit

During operations, former Army Warrant Officer Darran sustained multiple injuries to his neck, collar bone, spine, pelvis and both legs causing loss of movement. Darran has a passion for triathlon sports; swimming, cycling and running. He took part in the Invictus Games in 2016 and was part of the Help for Heroes Enduroman Arch to Arc team last year. He is training toward the next UK Ironman and European Masters Swimming Championships. Darran wants to show that having an injury does not stop you from taking part in sport.

On Friday 9th November, he will be visiting Sissinghurst School to talk to the children about his experience and his determination to succeed. He will be organising a sponsored event for the children which will help to raise money for some new sports equipment for school. Please help your child to raise sponsorships for this event. The forms came home before the holiday but if you have not seen one, or have misplaced it, please call in at the office to pick up another. You can also donate on line by setting up a fundraising page (takes 90 seconds) - at www.sportsforschools.org/sponsormychild

Thank you.

Year Six CPR Training

On 18.10.18, year Six pupils took part in CPR training delivered by Miss James from the Kent Fire & Rescue Service. She taught them life saving techniques and also showed them the defibrillator we have in the hall. The children enjoyed the session and all said they feel a bit more confident knowing what to do if someone is taken suddenly ill or has an accident at home.

HWA Maths Challenge

Beatrice, Zoe, Violet and Olivia took part in the maths challenge. They said it was quite tricky but that they enjoyed themselves. Well done team!

Open Day for new parents Sept 2019

On Wednesday 17th October, we held our open morning for new entry in September 2019. We had lots of visitors who enjoyed food tasting from the kitchen, teas and coffees provided by the FOSS and a tour of the school by our Year Six pupils. Everyone said that the children who showed them around were fabulous. Informative and confident were two of the words mentioned. They also reported that the children obviously love their school, enjoy being here and are proud of it. Well done Year Six! Thank you to the FOSS and the kitchen for their support.

We are continuing to have visitors this term and yesterday Year Five pupils from Eagle Class showed them around. The reports from prospective parents were very similar to before, so well done Year Five!

Zebra Class

As you are all aware Miss Ovenden will be leaving on Friday 9th November to start her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well with the birth of her child. We have appointed Mr Martin to teach Zebra Class from 12th November 2018. He comes with a wide range of experience in all year groups and subject areas, as well as in depth knowledge of SEN. He will be ably supported in Zebra Class by Mrs Walker. We are delighted to welcome him to our team.

Mrs Wolfe

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Wolfe is expecting her second child in March 2019. She will start her maternity leave at the end of Term 3 (February 2019). I also wish to let you know that Mrs Wolfe's days have changed. From now until the start of her maternity leave Mrs Wolfe's days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Remembrance

We have been thinking about the centenary of the end of WW1 and all classes are making poppies. These will be displayed with some of their work, along the downstairs corridor over the next few weeks.



On Thursday 8th November, Eagle Class will be leading worship on the theme of Remembrance. We will be holding a one minute silence during the service. We invite all children who attend youth organisations (such as Beavers/Cubs/Rainbows and Brownies) to wear their uniforms on that day. All parents (not just Eagle Class) are invited to attend.

At 10.45am on Sunday 11th November, there will be a Remembrance Service at Trinity Church. We are asking if head boys and girls could attend along with any other pupils in school uniform. Mrs Macfarlane will choose pupils to carry the school banner and lay the poppy wreath on the memorial.

Poppies will be available to buy from Monday 5th November.

Class photos

Class photos will be available at the beginning of next week. Individual photos will be Wednesday 7th November. Pupils with pre-school siblings will have their photos taken at 8.30am.

Mrs C Penfold

Governors

The Resources team met on Monday, 15th October. The priorities of the team remain the same: to ensure that full value for money is achieved, resources are used effectively and that the longer-term financial stability of the school is secure. We reviewed and discussed the current year spend, the 3-year plan, and an analysis that compared our last 3 years' spend with that of similar schools. We also considered how we can use next month's governors monitoring day to explore one or two topics in more detail. Overall, we remain very confident in the way the school's finances are run.

Peter Denyer – Chair of Resources Team



FOSS



Fridays have just become a little bit sweeter! The Produce Stall is back! FOSS are kicking it off this week with an array of goodies and the full rota will be sent out early next week. This has been a very successful initiative in previous years; bringing together parents, putting smiles (and icing) on the faces of the children and raising money for the school - last year alone the Produce Stall raised a phenomenal £580!

Anna Bourne - Acting Chair - FOSS
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Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day



Lest We Forget

The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

News From the Classes



Lion Class have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali this week. We have told the story of Rama and Sita, made clay Diya lamps, sung songs, created Rangoli patterns and danced.

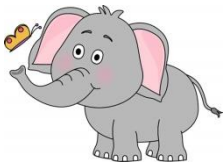
If any parents have old kettles or a toaster we can make use of them in our role play. Don't worry we cut the plugs off and only pretend!

Mrs Lyon



We've had an exciting time this week investigating and solving clues about the Gunpowder Plot. Giraffes really impressed me with their knowledge! We wrote some fun firework poems afterwards using adjectives. We shall be learning about Diwali next Wednesday, building on our knowledge of the Hindu Religion.

Mrs MacFarlane



In Elephant's we have been learning about ordering numbers. We are learning about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon and designing our dragon traps.

Mrs Delorie



Zebras have been working exceptionally hard this week and I am very proud of them. In preparation for Remembrance, the children have brainstormed what they know and designed poppies made from different materials to portray their thoughts and feelings as to why we remember.

Miss Ovenden



Eagles have come back with great enthusiasm to start the term. We are really impressed with the quality of the homework they produced. We enjoyed our descriptive writing in English and Roman Numerals in Maths. A quick reminder, that we have Forest School next week on Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs Desai



Leopards had an interesting discussion on the subject of 'Is Jesus the Messiah?' The children expressed a range of views and were very respectful of the differing view points.

Mr Boyles

Sports News



WOKKSA have postponed the cross country run on Tuesday 6th November. A new date will be announced after February half term next year.

- Up and coming events - The Kent School Games Basketball Tournament
- WOKKSA Swimming Gala

Mrs Saxby

4 Nov

8.00am

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Holy Communion (1662)

Rev Fred Olney

11.00am

All Age Worship

Rev Fred Olney

11 Nov

10.50am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Service

Rev Fred Olney

18 Nov

11.00am

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Morning Worship Guest Speaker

Terry Steinegger

3.30pm

Messy Church (Parish & John Martin Room)



25 Nov

8.00am

CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion (1662)

Rev Fred Olney

11.00am

Holy Communion (CW) &

Sunday School

2 DEC

8.00am

ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion (1662)

Rev Fred Olney

11.00am

Morning Worship

Guest Speaker Neil

Graham



Eagle Class – Thursday 8th November

Leopard Class – Thursday 29th November

Term 2



	Tuesday	Friday
Week 1 - Eagles	6/11	9/11
Week 2 - Zebras	13/11	16/11
Week 3 - Elephants	20/11	23/11
Week 4 - Giraffes	27/11	30/11
Week 5 - Lions	4/12	7/12

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 2nd November 2018

Lion Class – Oliver/Oscar

Giraffe Class – Fredrick/Honey

Elephant Class – Seren/Zac

Zebra Class – Whole Class/Joshua

Eagle Class – Sam/Leah-Marie

Leopard Class – Max/Molly-Mae



Week Ending 2nd November 2018

Lion Class	-	100.0 %
Giraffe Class	-	98.6%
Elephant Class	-	97.1%
Zebra Class	-	97.9%
Eagle Class	-	100.0%
Leopard Class	-	100.0%
Whole School	-	99.0%

Well done Lion, Eagle and Leopard Class
an amazing week!

Date	Day	Event	Time
TERM 2			
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	
28.11.18	Wednesday	Leopard Class Swimming Last Lesson	
03.12.18	Monday	'Bach to the Future' Music Roadshow	11.00-12.00pm
03.12.18	Monday	Christingle (All parents welcome)	2.15-3.00pm
06.12.18	Thursday	Y5 Rewind to Christmas (Hawkhurst Baptist Church)	1.15-3.15pm
07.12.18	Friday	Trinity Church Tree Decorating Service	KS1 am KS2 pm
10.12.18	Monday	KS1 Nativity Performance to Whole School	2.00-3.00pm
11.12.18	Tuesday	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	5.30-6.30pm
11.12.18	Tuesday	Flu Vaccine YR-Y5	9.00-3.00pm
13.12.18	Thursday	HWA English Challenge Y5 (selected pupils)	10.00-12.00pm
14.12.18	Friday	Whole School Christmas Lunch	12.00-1.00pm
14.12.18	Friday	FOSS Christmas Event	3.00-5.00pm
18.12.18	Tuesday	Whole School Christmas Service at Trinity Church	9.30-10.30am
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	Thursday	First Day of Term 3	
09.01.19	Wednesday	Over 60's Community Tea Party	1.00-3.00pm
16.01.19	Wednesday	Eagle Swimming	2.00-3.00pm
17.01.19	Thursday	Benenden Swimming Gala	4.30-6.00pm
15.02.19	Friday	Last Day of Term 3	
TERM 4			
25.02.19	Monday	Start of Term 4	
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
19.03.19	Tuesday	Netball Tournament HWA	4.00-6.00pm
23.03.19	Saturday	Spring Flower Show	
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	
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
15.06.19	Saturday	Summer Flower Show	
24.06.19	Monday	Hardelot 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	