

SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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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 are now using our website to add stories and photos relating to events taking place at school and in Sissinghurst. Please do take a look! Recent posts include: Remembrance, Children in Need and Invictus athlete visit.

Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and Tuesday was World Kindness Day so we have spent the week discussing both and trying to remember to be kind. On Tuesday and Thursday, pupils led worship where these concepts were explored. Pupils still find it difficult to distinguish between bullying and being unkind though so here is the definition we use which you can reinforce at home. 'Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.' (DfE)

We have created a 'random acts of kindness' board that the children are adding their actions to so that we can celebrate the positives! On the whole, pupils at Sissinghurst are extremely caring and thoughtful towards each other, which I am sure is down to the high expectations we have of them both at home and at school.

Able Maths Day



Two of our Year Two pupils attended an able maths day held at Ticehurst and Flimwell Primary School on Wednesday 14th November.

They were challenged in their thinking and had to solve many problems. They both said they really enjoyed it!



High Weald Academy DT Challenge

Four of our Year Five pupils attended HWA DT challenge on Thursday 15th November. They had an excellent time creating vehicles out of boxes and wheels. They had to design and explain what their vehicle was for.

Child Learning Reviews (CLRs)

You will all have had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher this week and also to look at the work your child has been doing. Feedback has been extremely positive and staff have all said how hard the children are working. When I visit the classes the children are all focused on their learning and their books confirm the challenging learning taking place. If you did not manage to make your appointment for whatever reason, please do contact the office to make a further appointment after school one day.

Spending Vote

Many of you took part in our questionnaire regarding future spending while attending your child's learning review. Thank you for your thoughtful contributions. 56 thought an all-weather track on the field which would enable pupils to continue to run their daily mile, ride their scooters, take part in team events and play on the apparatus during the winter was a great idea. 30 thought that they would like more money to be spent on computers and added the following comments: 'Ensure wifi works in all classrooms', 'Laptops not tablets as they need to learn to type not swipe'.

Some other suggestions include:

Musical instruments, more trips out, more music lessons, classroom provisions including new books, more art lessons, sports training, dance opportunities, sensory equipment and a new library.

Children in Need and the 25th Homewood School Dance Dash

The children looked amazing today all dressed in their spots for Children in Need! As always the Homewood School Dance Dash was fabulous. We raised £225.00 which we added to the Homewood collection bucket. Over the past 25 years, the community of schools supporting the dance dash have collectively raised in excess of £35,000 for Children in Need, which is fabulous. Thank you for your kind contributions.

Captain Safety Roadshow



On Wednesday 14th November, Captain Safety visited our school to teach the Year Two children all about road safety. Pupils from Benenden and Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary Schools also attended. The event was very lively but very informative! The children thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Mrs C Penfold

Diwali



Last week Lion and Giraffe class spent a morning learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They learnt about how Hindu families prepared for and celebrated it. They looked at special Hindu clothes, made clay Diya Lamps and learnt a Diwali dance! A huge thank-you to Krushika's Mummy for kindly lending us some wonderful items to use and show, as well as bringing in Diwali sweets and cakes for the whole school and staff! We were all very appreciative!

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival is usually sometime between October and November, with the date changing each year. This year, it began on 5 November and lasted for five days, with the main day of celebrations taking place on Wednesday. The word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word deepavali, meaning "rows of lighted lamps". Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called divas. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets too, so it's really popular with children.



Mrs S Desai

OFFICE NEWS

Sponsorship Forms for Invictus Athlete

Please make sure that your sponsorship forms are in no later than Monday 19th November if you haven't already submitted them.

Morning Drop Off

If your child is late for school they must come into school via the office and not go round to the playground as the gate will be locked. No parents are permitted to take their children into the classroom they must be left at the school office.

PE Kits

There are quite a few children in school without PE kits. Please make sure that PE kits are kept in school at all times.

School Uniform

Please make sure that all school uniform is clearly named as this will help to cut down on the amount of lost property.

Year R – Year 5 Flu Vaccine

Please remember to send in your Flu Vaccine consent forms by Monday 19th at the latest as they are being collected by the school nurse team. Make sure that you have signed and dated the middle box otherwise the vaccine will not be given.

Studybugs

For those parents who have not signed up to Studybugs please download the app on your phone as you will miss important messages.

FOSS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

The time is nearly here again for the Christmas shopping day, where the children will have the opportunity to buy and wrap gifts for their family. They can then bring home the gifts and put them under the tree ready for Christmas Day!

In preparation for our shopping day, we are asking for a donation of three small gifts per family which could be anything suitable for Mum, Dad, Grandparent or sibling and should be brought into school on Friday 23rd or Monday 26th November please.

Feel free to recycle unwanted gifts but please ensure that items are of a quality you would be happy to receive. Gifts will then be sold on the shopping day for £1.50 each including wrapping.

Many Thanks
FOSS



News From the Classes



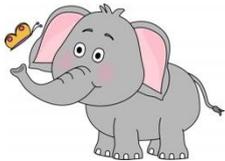
Lion Class have continued their learning about celebrations and this week we have been learning about birthdays. Lions have done some fabulous writing making a list to help Mrs Lyon remember all the things that will be needed to help celebrate Kipper the dog's birthday next week. Well done lions.

Mrs Lyon



We've had an interesting time this week finding out clues about a famous person called Grace Darling. Next week we're going to hear more about her life. We've also started learning songs for our Nativity Play, which has been great fun!

Mrs MacFarlane



We really enjoyed our safety talk by "Captain Safety" on Wednesday learning about the Green Cross Code. We've also had fun writing diaries from two characters from our class book we are reading, "The Snorg and the Sailor".

Mrs Delorie



What a busy first week with Zebras! We have been exploring the Greek gods and goddesses in our topic lesson, finding out what they were in charge of, the things they carried and some of the interesting ways in which they were born! Ask your child if they can remember how Athena was born. The children then designed and made a sculpture of a Greek god.

Mr Martin



This week Eagles explored some Mayan paintings and have started designing their own headdresses. We had fun doing multiplication and division! In English children made up some amazing sentences with personifications.

Mrs Desai



This week Leopards started a new science topic. We discussed the differences between solids, liquids and gases, and looked at some of their properties and how they behave. Next, in preparation for future experiments, we investigated the temperature of different locations around the school.

Mr Boyles

18 Nov **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**
 11.00am Morning Worship Guest Speaker
 Terry Steinegger
 3.30pm Messy Church (Parish & John Martin Room)

25 Nov **CHRIST THE KING**
 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
 Rev Fred Olney
 11.00am Holy Communion (CW) &
 Sunday School

2 DEC **ADVENT SUNDAY**
 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
 Rev Fred Olney
 11.00am Morning Worship
 Guest Speaker Neil Graham



Leopard Class – Thursday 29th November

LEARNER & CITIZEN AWARDS

Friday 16th November 2018

Lion Class – Ivy/Oscar
Giraffe Class – Alice/Jonathan
Elephant Class – Joseph/Eva
Zebra Class – Josh/Kristopher
Eagle Class – Hollie-E/Maiwen, Olivia
Leopard Class – Tomas/Oscar



Eagle Class used tools last week to make elder pencils. This involved making the charcoal to put in the pencils as well as sharpening and drilling hazel sticks. There was even time to drink hot chocolate.

This week Zebra Class have explored the Forest School area independently in teams, collecting tiny natural objects en route. They also practised tying reef knots and then tested them to see if they would take their weight. Children then chose to climb trees or to further explore knotting and lashing with sticks and string.

Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for Forest School. At this time of year a waterproof coat is essential and gloves and hats will be needed too. We do not have a shelter at Forest School and so children will get wet if it rains.



Week Ending 16th November 2018

Lion Class	-	98.9%
Giraffe Class	-	88.0%
Elephant Class	-	98.9%
Zebra Class	-	97.7%
Eagle Class	-	95.1%
Leopard Class	-	98.4 %
Whole School	-	96.3%

Well done Elephant Class
an amazing week!

Government Target Each Academic Year is 95%

3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

3.30 - 5.30 pm

Come and
join us for:



**Creative Fun for all the Family
run jointly by St Mary's Frittenden
& Trinity Church Sissinghurst
in the Parish & John Martin rooms
at SISSINGHURST CHURCH**

Date	Day	Event	Time
TERM 2			
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 and Parents	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
12.12.18	Wednesday	Whole School Music Concert for Parents	1.30pm
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	