



NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 1 2020

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I hope you all had a great half term in spite of the weather! There have been some amazing holiday projects coming into school; thank you to parents for supporting with these. Children in Year 2 were particularly excited to share their projects on animals with me (and each other) during wet lunch play.

On Monday and Tuesday of half term, children in Year 6 had the opportunity to come to 'holiday school'. Activities included maths with smarties, revising shape knowledge and use of the specialist equipment in the art room to print designs onto fabric. Thank you to Miss Teager and Miss French for giving up some of their holiday and to all the children who came—we all had a great time!

Well done to Year 4 who have increased their motivation for reading at home and thank you to Year 4 parents for supporting with this. This is still something we need to work on as less than half of children across the school are currently reading regularly to an adult at home.

Our 'more...' theme for the term is being 'more caring'. We have begun by thinking about how to take care of our bodies (washing hands, wearing coats, eating the right foods, exercising) and also our minds by practising relaxation exercises and having positive thoughts and self talk. Each class has been given a plant to take care of for the term and use as a reminder to practise the different ways to take care of themselves.

Today we had a 'governor visit day' with a number of governors spending the whole day in school talking with children and staff and spending time in classes. This was a great opportunity for children to share their learning and their experiences of school. The governors were overwhelming positive about what they saw and particularly impressed by how we 'celebrate success' in Friday assemblies and how well older children support younger children through different roles and responsibilities.

Katherin Weeks



Term Dates and Coming Events

March

Tuesday 3rd March Year 3 Swimming Starts

Thursday 5th March **World Book Day**

Tuesday 10th March Parent Consultation Y1,2,3,4,5

Thursday 12th March Parent Consultation Y1,2,3,4,5

Meetings take place in the school hall—booking via <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>

April

Friday 3rd April Last Day of Term 4

Friday 3rd April 2.30pm Easter Service at St John's Church

Rainbow Awards:

Reception: Tilly Jones

Year 1: Emily Pope

Year 2: Max Plagado

Year 3: Penny Pike

Year 4: Dexter Davis

Year 5: Shania Kader

Year 6: Aoting Wang

Who's Who?

Clem Jackson

Safeguarding Link Governor

Having joined the Governing Board in 2017 I can honestly say that the last two years has been a tremendous learning curve for a first-time governor. I have learned so much, especially some of the many 3-letter acronyms which litter the lexicon of education!

Having spent 30+ years in the field of Human Resource development, specialising in management training, personal and organisational development, I have sought to bring my skills in strategic planning, organisational change and management, people development and communications to the board.

My latter career was spent in publishing as editor of a national trade magazine for Christian retailers and I am passionate about encouraging people of all ages (but especially boys) to engage with books. For some time I have been volunteering in school each week to work on a one-to-one basis with Year 6 pupils and this has been very rewarding for me personally.

In addition to my Safeguarding Link Governor role, I'm a member of the Ethos and the Admissions committees, and pleased to be working closely with the staff in this important part of school life. I am proud to be associated with this lovely school and hope to continue making a positive contribution in the years ahead.



Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to **Lexie McLean** who completed a 5k charity run last weekend in under 30minutes!



In assembly we also congratulated **Grace and Elise** whose group won the Modern Dance

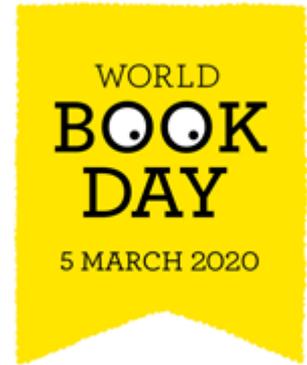
section of the Eastbourne Dance Festival. Grace also came second for her ballet solo performance.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

A reminder that next **Thursday 5th March is World Book Day**. Children and staff are invited to dress up as a favourite book character.

Costumes do not need to be elaborate, it's a bit of fun and a great way to reinforce the joy of reading we continue to promote in school. Children need to be comfortable and able to take part in the usual school day activities so please bear this mind and also ensure that sensible footwear is worn. If their costume includes any props, please make sure that these are clearly labelled with their name.



March Mathletics Challenge

Next week is The March Mathletics Challenge. Please encourage your child to use Mathletics as much as possible to earn as many points as they can between the 2nd - 8th March. We will be awarding prizes to the individual in KS2 with the most points and the individual in KS1 or Reception with the most points. There will also be a prize for the class with the most points overall at the end of the week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child does not know their login details.

March Maths Challenge

2nd - 8th March 2020

Parents & Carers

Your child's school has entered in the **March Maths Challenge**. This is a UK, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia maths challenge focused on students mastering curriculum activities and practising their mental maths skills. Prizes are awarded for top performing schools.



There is also a free Mathletics app for tablet devices that students can use to access Mathletics from anywhere. All of their activities are recorded and will be synced with their main Mathletics account.

The app is available for iPad and Android tablets.





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CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)