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Newsletter Spring term 4 Catch-up

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Dear parents/ carers

Thank you to all our families who took part in the poster competition depicting pupils and families reading in crazy places.

Mrs Messenger and I have had some great fun looking at all the wonderful posters. There are some very crazy places you guys want to go and read and some very adventurous places also.

Everyone who entered won a prize!

EYFS - Makayla, Isaac, Oliver, Molly, Chanel, Ella, Oscar and Bertie. Year 1 – Hugo, Year 2 - Rosie, Bella, Josh, Evan, Year 3 - Ben and Ava, Year 4 - Harry and Jasmine, Year 5 - Ellie, Olivia and Noel, Year 6 – Kate

Thank you for all the fabulous costumes that our pupils dressed up in for World Book Day celebrations.

We had a fantastic range of characters from favourite children's books, including Harry Potter, The Queen of Hearts, Alice in Wonderland, Where's Wally, many "Once upon a time" favourites such as Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks. Burglar Bill, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Sherlock Holmes and Charlotte from Charlotte's Webb, were also some of the fantastic costumes that made an appearance. Thank you all for making such a great effort. The children and staff all looked great!

NSPCC - charity fund-raising.

Following the whole school presentations and class workshops the children are now asked to bring their sponsorship money into school.

There will be someone returning to our school from the NSPCC on Thursday March 9th to count and collect each class and child's contribution. Please send any outstanding money into school by Thursday at the latest – every little contribution will help this worthy charity. Thank you.

OFSTED update

As you know the school had a short Section 8 OFSTED Inspection carried out on Wednesday 1st March 2017.

We will not receive the official, approved letter that OFSTED writes to our governing body, outlining the judgements about the school, for about four weeks. I will circulate the letter, and it will be put on the school website for everybody to read.

I would like to thank all our community of families and agencies who responded to OFSTED with kind words of encouragement and offered comments to the inspection process.

Needless to say, I am very proud of our school and of all the hard work and broad and balanced curriculum that we provide. There is always room for improvement and we continue to listen to your suggestions and work as a team to build this school from strength to strength.



Events

- Science club for Yr 5 and Yr 6 – Monday and Wednesday this week only.
- G & T swimming - Tuesday 7th March.
- Playground buddy training – Yr 5 & Yr 6 training in school.
- Poetry performance – Year 4 pupils only. Held at Hornbeam School. Wednesday 9th March – 2pm, parents welcome.
- Dover Schools – Swimming Gala – Friday March 10th – morning. Parents welcome as spectators.
- Year 6 residential – PGL, Tuesday March 14th – Friday March 17th.

Easter Celebrations.

The season of Lent started last Wednesday. For Christians this is a very important time for reflection and preparation for Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Vicar Chris from St George's Church led our collective worship this week and retold the story from the Bible of how Jesus was tempted in the desert. We are welcoming Revd Flewker, from St Leonard's Church and Fr Ian, from St Andrew's Church also to join us in collective worship during this Lent season.

The children will be attending St Andrew's Church Deal, on Wednesday 29th March for a children's service. This starts at 10:30am. Parents, families and carers are welcome to join us at the church. Each class will give a short Easter presentation at the front of the church and we will be celebrating with some hymns accompanied by Mrs Spenser and the school choir. Please come along and join us in prayer and joy.

This year, with the PTFA we are holding "**The Great Easter Egg Exchange**".

Every child is requested to bring in an Easter egg worth £1 in order to donate and exchange with another pupil. The children will be taking part in an Easter egg relay exchange race on the last day of this term. Mr Earl will be setting up a fun run course for each class to take part in. At the end of the race, every child will take an Easter treat home. There are loads of bargain offers in the shops currently, so please drop an extra egg into the shopping trolley ready for your child to bring it into school and take part. Thank you. We will collect in the Easter eggs on Monday 27th March.

Traditionally, we hold a **creative Easter art competition**. This year children have the opportunity to decorate a blown egg. You can create any scenery, props – to show off the decorated egg.

Please make sure the decoration has your child's name clearly labelled on the front. Get cracking!!

This is a competition and there will be small prizes for the most artistic designs from each class. Entries can be brought into school on Monday 27th March. Thank you.

Time for reflection: ***A Prayer of Self-Dedication***

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer p.832 , written by William Temple

Thank you again for all your support and good wishes – they really do help us work as a team.

Kind regards, Justine Brown.

