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NEWSLETTER 9

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## Reminders

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please sign up for Parent Consultations, if you haven't already.
- Please return your Christmas dinner letters by **Friday 27th November**. Children will not be able to order dinner on the day.
- We are hoping to create a video of a virtual tour of the school for prospective parents on Monday 23rd November. As we have previous permission for filming the children and putting them onto the website, we would like to ask parents who **DO NOT** wish to have their child filmed during this time to please email the school office as soon as possible.



## Virtual Cross Country

Being active and moving is more important now than ever and as a federation of schools we are working hard to ensure our pupils and community are doing this. We are also working closely with our local schools to explore different options to provide events and sporting competitions to ensure our children are still getting these experiences despite the challenging times.

This term we will be taking on the virtual cross-country challenge. Across the next two weeks, all the children in KS2 (Year 3-6) will complete either a 1k or 1.5k timed run within the school grounds (this is between 10-30 laps of school's playground).

We will then collate these times and work out the fastest boy and girl in each year at each school, across the three schools and then submit all pupils times to our local school games officer who will enter us into the Lewes and Ringmer-wide competition.

We will celebrate our year group and federation winners in the newsletter and celebration assemblies when all children have completed the challenge.



## Partnership News

Miss Lewis popped out of school on Monday to visit Miss Hare, Head of School at St Mary's, to discuss further strategies to promote reading and to discuss getting more reading resources for our reading stages.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Martin Lawrence, a parent at St Mary's, for creating artwork for our new school vision! It looks incredible and the children loved pointing out their class' animals on the poster. Thank you!



## Children in Need

Last Friday, the children learnt all about how their donations can help other children. The children also enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school—what a novelty! Each class had to decorate their class animal in coins.

With the donations from the children and staff, we managed to raise a very impressive £157! Well done everyone!



## Buddies

Year 6 and Reception buddies have really enjoyed being able to be together at playtimes. The Year 6's have been fantastic at teaching Reception games such as domino and four square.



## Owls' Victorian Day

Year 5 and 6 had a great day. We started the day in role - Mrs Healy ordered us to write lines on black paper with chalk and we had to write out our times tables again and again! Two children experienced wearing the Dunce hat as well!!! The children went into groups to make Victoria sponge and Gruel. Meanwhile, the children shared their Great Exhibition projects which included a lamp post, post box, ice cream maker and camera! They then made an advert for an exhibit. After play, they made peg dolls. In the afternoon we did some Alice in Wonderland art and they created a mini play. We also tasted the delicious Victoria sponge!

"It was very much fun learning about the Victorians and what school was like." Abigail

"I liked sharing projects and seeing what others had made!!" Joshua





# Anti-Bullying Week 2020

## Hedgehogs

This week, the Hedgehogs learnt about Chrysanthemum, a character in a story who was having a difficult time at school because others were being unkind to her. The children learnt that unkind words and sad feelings have an affect on others, so they came up with lots of ideas to make others happy!



## Squirrels

For anti-bullying we discussed what it meant to be a good friend.

Lily was a good friend to Delilah by helping her to tie her shoelaces.

Harry said he is a good friend to others by helping them when they need support.

Matilda said she was a good friend as she always shares with other people.

Theo said he is a good friend as sometimes he lets his sister use some of his craft materials.



## Foxes

In Fox class we learnt about the different types of bullying that can occur.

First, we discussed how unkind words can impact on others' wellbeing and what we must do if we witness it happening .

Next, the children created some drama sequences around why it is important to stand united against bullying in all its forms.



## Owls

Jessica made a powerpoint and Jack C made a poster about Anti Bullying online as they are digital leaders.

We did a session about the theme of this year and wore odd socks on Friday to show that we are all equal but different.

Our new Anti Bullying display will be put up in the corridor.





## Forest School

This week, Fox Class journeyed down to the woods to have a go at working together to solve problems, build dens and take part in some archaeological digging! The children also had a go at whittling—the children's skills are coming on very nicely with how much they have been practising!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Thatcher, Mr Allen, Ms Mellor, Mrs Sibanda, Mrs Campbell-Stephen, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Magner and Mrs Mackmin for volunteering their time to be part of our adventures. We are still able to accept volunteers for forest school, which takes place on Wednesdays from 1:15pm. Please speak to Mrs Smith, Mr Lulham or the school office if you'd like to join us.



## Fun Fridays

To bring a little bit of joy during this difficult second lockdown, we are going to introduce 'Fun Fridays' for the month of November!

Something will be different on each Friday this month (taking part is completely optional):

This week was **Odd Sock Week**—which tied in nicely with Anti-Bullying Week. Children and staff came to school with some rather extraordinary sock combinations! We did not realise socks could be so diversely coloured and styled!

**Friday 27th November:** Wear a funky T-shirt to school to replace your school shirt/polo.



Fantastic  
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## Lockdown Active Challenge

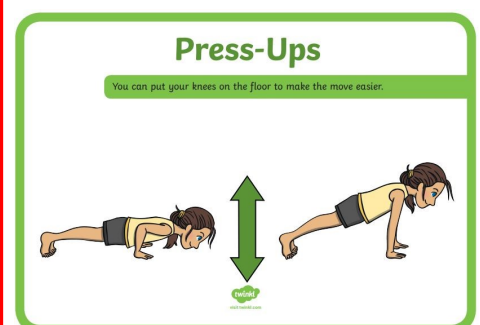
For each week of lockdown, we will post a personal home active lockdown challenge.

If you would like to take part, feel free to send a photo of you having a go at the activity and your scores to the office and each week, we will share these in the newsletter!

**This week's challenge:**

Press Ups - How many press ups can you do in a minute?

Ready, steady go!



## Celebration Assembly

We celebrated the end of Anti-Bullying week with some wacky odd socks on Friday! Jessica (one of our Digital Leaders) shared a fantastic presentation that she had created independently with the whole school to draw Anti-Bullying week to a close. Well done Jessica.

We had 9 Head Teacher's awards to celebrate this week - all for amazing effort in writing! We also celebrated Daisy and Lucas in Nursery for their wonderful efforts this week - fantastic number work from Lucas and incredible bravery from Daisy when singing! We shared our new vision document with the whole school and our new lunch time and end of day prayers together - our RE council are in charge of leading the prayers during the day.

The children identified that our values have been shown in school in the following ways this week:

Hedgehogs: Chloe - 'We have shown Wisdom when learning about Diwali'. The class then sung us their Diwali song!

Nursery: Lucas - 'I used strength when I was learning my numbers - I did a good job doing it because it was really hard'

Squirrels: Matilda - 'I showed Love playing nicely with my friends

Fox: Hugo - 'When I have been playing 4 square, people have been going out without making a fuss, making 4 square nicer to play. This has shown truth'

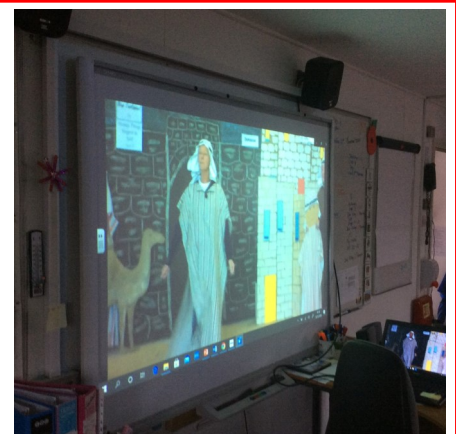
Owls: Luke - 'On Victorian Day, lots of children showed Wisdom as they had created amazing inventions'



## Our Church School

This week, we watched the first open the book assembly today and Owls really enjoyed it - lovely to see the costumes and backdrops and especially the appearance of a dog and a cat!

They also really enjoyed seeing Esther doing a dance! The children said they had learnt from the story that 'God loves us whatever we do so we can be forgiven.'





## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is:  
**97.2%**

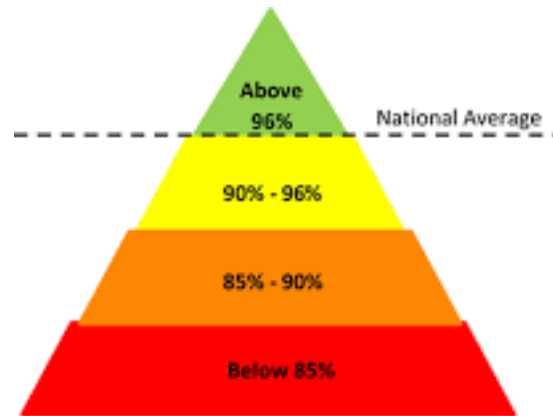
This week's attendance: **97.1%**

**Hedgehogs - 98.7%**

**Squirrels - 95.7%**

**Foxes - 97.5%**

**Owls - 97.3%**



## Lunchtime Awards

The Diners of the Week will now be awarded to one child from each bubble rather than each class.

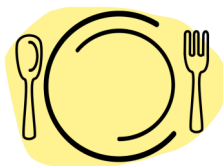
### **Hedgehog and Owl Bubble**

Jack Capaldi

### **Squirrel and Fox Bubble**

Grace Keen

Well done!



## Learning Powers

This week, the learning powers went to:

### **Hedgehogs:**

Ezra Brown

### **Squirrels:**

Ollie Goss

### **Foxes:**

Bella Wren

### **Owls:**

William Thatcher

Well done everyone!



## Headteacher Awards

This week, Headteacher's awards have been awarded to:

**Freya O'Sullivan** for using amazing language when writing a piece about the Great Exhibition!

**Sophie Campbell-Stephen, Kenzie Hamill, Delilah Stark, Max M, Max W, Bella Wren and Maisy Roberts** for working really hard on their sentence structure to create some super stories!

**Lotte Rattray** for using incredible language when writing a creative piece, using a clip as inspiration!

Well done Freya, Sophie, Kenzie, Delilah, Max M, Max W, Bella, Maisy and Lottel!



## Birthdays over the last two

### weeks:

Happy Birthday to **Lexi Smith** in Year 4!

Happy Birthday to **Max Webster** in Year 3!



## Pen Licences

Pen licences have not been awarded this week, but there are some children VERY close to getting them. Keep trying!



# Nursery News - Week commencing 16/11/2020

## Messy Play/Independent Learning Indoors

We have been working on our scissor skills and worked really hard to cut the skeleton dog out and put his bones back together.

We have been encouraging the children to persevere when things get tricky. Daisy worked really hard to thread her lace around the elephant.



## Outdoor Learning

We have been exploring outside and talking about the different materials, what they feel like and are different. We are encouraging the children to use different descriptive words.

## Superstar of the Week

The superstar of the week is:

**Lucas**

for working hard on his numbers!

And  
**Daisy**

For being brave and singing in front of others!



## Learning for the Week

What are Nursery learning about this week?

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Sound  | p           |
| Number | 2           |
| Colour | yellow      |
| Shape  | rectangle   |
| Book   | Funny Bones |

## Parent Notices

Please remember to bring back your child's Christmas lunch letter.



## Miss Lewis' Story Time

We are starting to read our Christmas bible stories and this week we looked at Mary and Gabriel's story. The children then tried to fly like angels.





# Positivity Board

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If you are a child, parent/carer, member of staff or even a visitor, please pick up a pen and write your positive comments about the school community!



The Children are really enjoying Forest School and the non-uniform days! Thank you to all the staff. From Caroline (Myla, Y3 Mum)



Our new vision document looks fantastic! Thank you Mr Martin-Lawrence!



It was great seeing everybody's odd socks! 🎉



Great Victorian Day including amazing inventions! from Y5&6.



Well done to the Digital Leaders for your work during Anti-Bullying Week!



It is great to hear the children talking about the new school values!



Amazing writing from Hedgehog Class in RE this week!



Nursery enjoyed their story with Miss Lewis this week!





## Dates for your diary 2020/2021

### Nov 2020

24th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

26th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

### Dec 2020

1st—New parent webinar—5pm

8th—Nativity Dress rehearsals

10th—Nativity Performance- 1.30pm

10th—Nativity Performance—6.30pm

15th—FGB Meeting

18th—Christingle Service—2pm

18th—End of Term 2

### Jan 2021

4th—INSET Day

5th—First day of Term 3

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

### Feb 2021

4th—FGB Meeting

12th—International Day

12th—End of Term 3

22nd—First day of Term 4

### Mar 2021

5th—World Book Day

9th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

11th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

17th—Lockdown letter out

22nd—FGB Meeting

24th—Lockdown practice

31st—Parent Forum—9.00am

### Apr 2021

1st—Easter Service—9.25am

1st—End of Term 4

19th—First day of Term 5

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

### May 2021

3rd—Bank Holiday

## Dates for your diary 2020/2021

### May 2021

10th—SATs Week

11th—FGB Meeting

21st—Sports Day and Picnic

26th—Pioneer Day

28th—End of Term 5

### Jun 2021

7th—INSET Day

30th—Parent Forum

### Jul 2021

6th—Results Day

6th—Summer production dress rehearsal

8th—Summer production—2pm

8th—Summer production—6.30pm

12th—Residential

13th—Residential

14th—Residential

14th—FGB Meeting

16th—Reports out to parents

17th—Groundforce

20th—Parent Consultations—reports only

22nd—Leavers' Service—9.25am

22nd—End of Term 6

23rd—INSET Day

