

20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Newsletter 14 Spring Term 2018



Dear Parents

The school's current Learning Adventure, 'A Child's World', has provided a range of thought provoking learning experiences across the half term. The children have gained a great deal from the opportunity to reflect upon questions linked to their own identity, their friendships and their emotions. They have also begun learning about the lives of children in different parts of the world, exploring themes such as respecting diversity and recognising the similarities we have in common. As part of their learning, children have been exploring a range of curriculum areas, including geography, RE and PSHE. They have also explored the theme through a range of art and design projects, including working with the artist Sarah Butterworth, to create a large scale 3D piece called 'The Friendship Tree'. We will be continuing to explore many of these themes after the Easter holiday, when this extended Learning Adventure will provide further exciting learning opportunities.

To mark the end of this first phase of the Learning Adventure, the school is holding a special 'Friendship Day' on the final day of term, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. On this day, the children will take part in a range of 'friendship' themed learning activities, including the opportunity to collaborate with children from different year groups. On our 'Friendship Day', children are invited to celebrate the occasion by coming into school wearing bright and colourful home clothes.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed their recent visit to the Safewise Safety Centre and we were delighted to hear that our children demonstrated excellent interest and behaviour on their visit. Well done, everyone.

Last week, our Year 4 football teams played in a local football tournament at Lockyers Middle School. Well done to all the children who represented our school and we wish the boys team of Rushcombe Rovers, who have successfully qualified to the East Dorset Finals, all the best for their upcoming football matches next week.

Thank you also for recently purchasing the beautiful bunches of daffodils. Your support is much appreciated by the Friends and the school.

### **Class Assemblies**

Thank you for your recent support for the Year 3 and Year 1 class assemblies. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with their families.

Parents with children in Pine class are invited to attend their child's class assembly today and Elm class assembly will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

A reminder that parents are able to take photos/videos of their child during school events but it is recommended that images that include other children should not be uploaded onto social media websites unless permission is sought from their parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **KS2 Handwriting Information Meeting [Year 3 and Year 4]**

The rescheduled KS2 Handwriting Information meeting will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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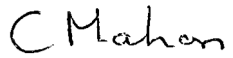
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Finally, a reminder that the children will finish on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 pm for the Easter holidays.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Mahon". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher