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
























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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As a school we really strive to ensure that children's attendance is the best it can be and to do this we do need your commitment and understanding that every day of school is important. Each school year is equally important for different reasons. The schools current attendance figure is falling slightly short of the National average and we want to improve this. We therefore need to implement a few changes to our current practise of applying for absence. The form has been updated to reflect this and we will be telephoning parents who apply for leave to discuss their child's current absence rate and to inform them of whether it will be authorised or unauthorised. Please note only exceptional circumstances will be authorised.

This week has been an important week for us, with our minds turning towards lent after we have eaten lots of pancakes! We have decided to take part in the '**40 Acts of Generosity Challenge**' this year that puts a slightly different spin on how we view this time of 'being prepared' before our Easter celebration. Children have been shown the challenge cards that focus on acts or actions of generosity in the categories of gratitude, care for the environment, giving school community, kindness and new friends, doing the right thing. They will be choosing 1 every day in their classroom and ticking it off as they go along. If you could encourage them to do the same at home that would be great! By the way, it is fine to repeat challenges that you think are really worthwhile, the aim to focus on 1 generous act every day and know that this will make a difference to them and the people around them. Feel free to sign us as an individual or family to this worthwhile initiative using the link below. The challenge card looks like this:

 Challenge card summary							
Categories:  Gratitude  Care for the environment  Giving  School community;  Kindness  New friends  Doing the right thing							
1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 
Write or draw a list of 10 things you are grateful for	Sit next to someone you don't normally sit with at lunchtime	Have a book swap in your class	Let people go ahead of you all day	Offer to carry someone else's bag into school	Start a scrap paper pile for drawing to save paper	Leave an encouraging note for someone	Clear up after someone else's lunch
9 	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 	15 	16 
Write a thank you note to the lunchtime or reception staff	Walk to school or park your car further away	Ask your grown-up about their day on your way home or at teatime	Find out the names of three people you haven't met before in school	Litter pick around the school	Leave your grown-up a surprise note or picture before you leave for school	Try to chat to someone you haven't spoken to in a while	Bring in a donation for the local foodbank from your cupboard at home
17 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 
Say thank you to your teacher for teaching you	Congratulate others when they do well	Help return lost property to the right owner	Leave the classroom as tidy and clean as you can	Make a class introduction pack in case anyone new starts during the year or for next year's class	Give somebody a nice compliment	Be the first to say sorry	Try to find out about what life is like for children in a poorer country
25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	32 
Be brave by trying something you find hard	Hold the door open for someone	Say a nice thing about someone to somebody else	Save energy by turning off the lights when you leave a room	Follow instructions without complaining	Say thank you to someone in your class	Don't interrupt; listen carefully instead	Invite somebody new to join in with your game
33 	34 	35 	36 	37 	38 	39 	40 
Try to avoid using any plastic that you throw in the bin, like straws	Play with a child from another year group	Find out how your class could help a local charity	Find out something new about somebody	Give someone a nice surprise	Talk to people in your class about their favourite thing about school	Ask how you can help out at school	Make posters about your school values to display

<https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/40acts-Schools-Challenge-card-2019.pdf>

St. John's Infant School in Churt were very excited to kick off the start to World Book Week with a visit to the school by the highly successful, prize-winning author and illustrator of children's books, Marcia Williams.

What an amazing experience our children had listening to the inspiring author! Marcia shared tales of how some of her stories are based on people in her life, and this is so relevant to us, as children are often asked to do this in their writing.

The Reception class heard of traditional Indian tales that they can compare with their topic of fairy tales, while the Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed listening to her story "No More Worries" and then illustrated and shared tales of their own worries.

Every class you entered on Monday saw engaged children, in awe of this fantastic author and illustrator. We would like to say a huge thank you to Marcia for spending her time with us and also to thank Walker books, publisher of Marcia Williams for sending us a fantastic collection of books for our library.



We look forward to seeing all of our energetic bunnies at the PTA 'Fun Run' on Sunday!

Mrs Stevens & **Mrs Bliss**
 Head of School Executive Head

Dates box:

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 10 Mar	from 10.30am - details tbc	PTA Event - Bunny Fun Run for all years Churt Recreation Ground
Tuesday, 12 Mar	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Weds, 13 Mar	4.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday, 15 Mar		Comic Relief Day - further details to follow
Thursday, 21 Mar	1.00pm - 2.45pm	Dress Rehearsal for Farnham Festival at South Farnham Infant School - further details to follow
Monday, 25 - Thursday 28 March		School/Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, 28 Mar	5pm	Farnham Festival - Farnham Maltings
Friday, 29 Mar	2.30pm 3.00pm - 3.35pm	Mother's Day Assembly in the hall - all welcome Choir finishes
Monday, 1 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm	SportsKids Club finishes
Tuesday, 2 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cookery Club finishes
Wednesday, 3 Apr	3.00pm 3.45pm	Spanish Club finishes
Thursday, 4 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm 3.00pm - 4.15pm	Art Club finishes Football club finishes
Friday, 5 April	9.00am 2.00pm	Easter Service in St John's Church Last day of Spring Term School closes for the Easter break
Monday, 8 April - Monday, 22 April		Easter Break
Tuesday, 23 Apr	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term

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Juniors

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