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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Over the last week or so, the children have had the opportunity to take part in some exciting projects. Badgers, for example, went to the Rural Life Centre recently and experienced being Victorian children for the day. Real life experiences have a very positive outcome on children's learning and they have been able to articulate their day by writing recounts of their experiences.

On Wednesday, the Wey Assemblies Team spent the day in school with the children. They focused on the Easter Story and were able to work with individual classes, as well as lead a whole school assembly when the children were able to reflect on how we talk to people with love and compassion, just as Jesus did.

Farnham Festival

We are so proud of our choir who are representing St John's at the Farnham Music Festival. They attended the rehearsal yesterday and sang with great enthusiasm! We are looking forward to seeing the performance on Monday, 19 March at Farnham Maltings. We could not, of course, have done this without the support and fantastic commitment from parents, so many thanks.

Marathon Fundraising

A very big *thank you* for a truly amazing achievement by all those parents who took part in a sponsored Marathon, last Sunday, in aid of our school funds. They all achieved fantastic personal goals and, at the same time, raised over £1,500 for St John's. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.

Forest School

We are still looking for additional volunteers for Friday, 23 March to enable Badger Class to make use of our fantastic new location for Forest School – a local woodland in a private garden next to the church. This opportunity is totally dependent on additional support and so if you would be able to give up some time next Friday morning, please let me know.

We are also still looking for volunteers next term to help Rabbit Class enjoy the benefits of Forest School. There is a sign-up sheet at the door each morning so, again, if you are able to help at all, please do sign up!

Welcome

This week we welcomed Mrs Susy Marples to our school who will be working every morning in Rabbit Class, and then as a midday supervisor for the whole school. We wish her a warm welcome.

Sport Relief Day 2018

Next Friday, 23 March is Sport Relief Day and the children may come to school in mufti, in exchange for a £1 donation to this cause. Please remember this needs to be suitable clothing to wear for a school day. Badger Class should come to school dressed for Forest School and may also bring something to change into upon their return to the classroom if needed.

Easter

As we are nearing the end of this busy Spring Term may I remind/inform you that you are invited to make an Easter "bonnet", (preferably with the help of your child/ren!) which he or she can wear at the Easter Service. (Further details regarding our Easter Service will be issued shortly.) This is not a competition, but bonnets can be as grand or as small as you wish, but the sight of the church filled with the joyful faces of the children at wearing their creations is an annual treat! We will also have a "Grand Hat Parade" later on in the day at Celebration Assembly when photographs will be taken and posted on the website for your enjoyment.

Hope you'll have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Mon, 19 Mar	5.30pm	Farnham Festival
Tues, 20 Mar		Rabbit Class – visit to school by <i>Brilliant Bricks</i>
Wed, 21 Mar	2.30pm	Rabbit Class Assembly + “Stay & Share” in the hall
Fri, 23 Mar		Comic Relief Day – further details as above in the newsletter
Sun, 25 Mar	11.00am	PTA event – Bunny Fun Run
Tues, 27 Mar	1.15pm-3.00pm and again from 3.30pm	Parents’ Evening for Yr 2
Thurs, 29 Mar	9.00am	Easter Service – further details to follow
	2.00pm	School closes for the Easter break
Mon, 16 Apr	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term

News items for this week:

Splash Camp – we have been asked to forward a copy of Splash Camp’s flyer regarding their Easter holiday camp.

Churt FC Wildcats: please see the flyer, opposite, regarding the Wildcats’ Easter holidays programme.