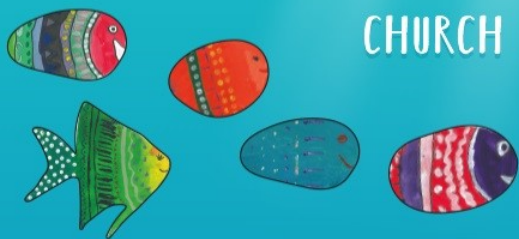




FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you



What an amazing night for Fishbourne School on Saturday. For the first time we were invited to take part in the Cormorants Chichester Schools Gala. There was incredible talent from all 6 schools taking part, but Fishbourne absolutely sparkled! Finishing in 2nd place to JYH, each and every child swam their hardest to achieve a huge number of 1st positions, a new school record in the girls 3/4 breaststroke for Esmée and an incredibly close to record time for the boys 5/6 freestyle relay team! It was nail biting! Courage, determination, collaboration and positivity poured into the pool as many of our children had never taken part in a gala before.

It has been a cracking half term of sporting opportunities for so many of our children and we would like to start our newsletter with a round up of all the events we have participated in over the last few weeks. We have asked the children to provide a round up of the events that they have taken part in, thinking carefully about their audience. They have written their articles collaboratively! Do let us know what you think about their journalistic skills if you have a spare moment...

Last week (Friday 8th March), Fishbourne School netball team went to Bishop Luffa to take part in a tournament against eleven other teams. There were two teams representing Fishbourne and both were very successful. Everyone played exceptionally well despite the weather conditions and soldiered through injuries. They worked collaboratively together and were determined to get through to the next round. Laura Maddicks (coach), and the parents who came along were very supportive towards their teams. In this event, the children had to be collaborative and positive as they had to work together and not get upset if they lost!

On the 13th March, the Fishbourne Running team completed the second round of the Corporate Challenge. All the runners finished with amazing times, even with the falls, bruises and lost shoes! Surprisingly, all the Year 6 runners achieved a time of under 6 minutes. Ollie in Year 6 reported that at the start of the race he was filled with fear, adrenalin and pride. 'This race is challenging and full of fear for me but very supportive!' Magnus recounted to the rest of the team.

On the 13th March, four keen pupils left for a swimming gala. The gala was held in Horsham Swimming Complex. The team did really well in their races and came third in the medley relay. Unfortunately they were one place out of the top three in the freestyle relay. We finished well and everyone was happy with the outcome.

Six children from year groups 5 and 6 were selected to take part in a West Sussex sports programme called Future Flyers. This programme is for gifted and sporty children; they have been chosen to boost their athleticism. There are many sporting activities for everyone to enjoy including: boxing, dry swimming, running, cycling, football, hockey and netball. At the end of the experience, the children will receive a certificate for taking part.

We have also been thrilled to continue our collaboration with Theatre Inc. and performed at The Alexandra Theatre on Monday evening as part of Dance House. This partnership started three years ago and has proved so successful and valuable that we have continued to work closely together. We are so grateful Theatre Inc. for giving us this opportunity, one that we view as a huge privilege.



A huge congratulations to every single child who has taken part in any of our recent sporting events in and around school. We are so proud of each and every one of our ambassadors of Fishbourne Church of England Primary School for the amazing way in which they have represented our learning community.



A huge thank you to all those staff (and volunteers) who have facilitated all of these events happening in and out of school. Unflappable and eternally optimistic Mrs Goodman works tirelessly to coordinate all our sporting events, risk assessing, writing to families, coordinating transport, liaising with staff and getting as many children involved with as many events as possible, a HUGE thank you to her! Thanks to Mrs Buchan for heading up the Corporate Challenge; Mrs Maddicks and Mrs Treagust for their leadership in netball; Mrs Williams for coordinating the Cormorants Swimming Gala and Dance House. Thanks also to our amazingly supportive families who help by accompanying the children to these events, drive for us and encourage the children to take part. It's been lovely to see the children shining in such a wide range of different events. A huge well done to all involved!

School development plan:

You may remember from our first newsletter of 2019 that this term we are focusing on developing our maths provision throughout school. During this time we have worked to develop our approach to base-lining children's understanding at the beginning of a sequence of teaching and learning; using intelligent practice (meaning that the careful and mindful build up of challenge) and the introduction of BIG questions. If you would like to find out more about the big question approach, do have a look at this TED talk by Dan Meyer which offers an introduction to this concept:

https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_meyer_math_curriculum_makeover/transcript?language=en

We have been experimenting with Big Questions in the classroom and have spent time reflecting on this new element of our practice through Lesson Study. This involves staff filming their input to the session and resulting learning before reviewing it with a colleague. We have seen some exciting results from these big questions and will continue to develop these as we move into the summer term. This approach will be used at key points during a sequence of teaching and learning and will complement other approaches in the classroom; it is giving all children the opportunity to take their learning further and think more deeply, it provides all children with exactly the same starting point and removes any ceilings from learning. During a learning walk this week, we saw some super examples of children learning in this way.

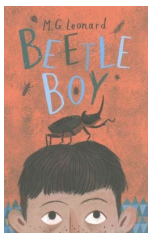
Following a very successful pilot with children in Year 6 and 4, we have now launched Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) with all children in year groups 2-6 and you will have received details about how to log on to this at home. The children have been highly engaged with the programme that aims to increase fluency and speed with times tables and related division facts. We know that children who have this confident knowledge base always make better progress in maths and so this investment of time and effort is really key to growing confident mathematicians.



Mid-year reports came home on Friday and we hope you agree that they gave a super insight into your child's learning and progress. The children and staff have spent a huge amount of time preparing these very personalised reflections and we do hope you will read them carefully with your child and find them

helpful. In addition to the written reports, we have sent home information separately as to whether we feel your child is on track to meet the end of year expectations. We would just like to remind you that in order to 'meet' end of year expectations, the children need to have met **every single one** of the criteria, these are available for you to read for each year group on our school website. If you have any questions or queries about these reports, please don't hesitate to pop in and have a chat with your child's class teacher or me! PLEASE do take the time to fill in the report feedback slips and return them to the school office. We really value your feedback and the children value hearing your voice in response to their hard work! **A huge thank you to all the staff and children involved in the report writing process for the deep thinking and careful reflections about the children's progress.**

We are extremely excited to be trialling a 'whole class text' in each class after Easter. This was an approach we piloted with Meerkats class last summer using Skychasers by Emma Carroll and was hugely successful for all children in the class! It was magical to each have a copy of the book and enjoy devouring it together! Thanks to the generosity of FOFs and Humberts, each child will receive their own copy of the text which they will be able to keep. This allows us wonderful flexibility in the choice of texts, meaning we will never fall into the trap of having to read certain books with certain year groups; instead we will always be able to personalise our book choice to meet the needs of a given cohort, taking into account their interests and author preferences. This is an important part of our approach to learning! We will be using these texts during the summer term to inspire our reading. Look out for more information coming out soon! Children in Year 6 launched their text last Friday afternoon with a visit from Jaws and Claws to HOOK them into their learning. What an afternoon! Their text, Beetle Boy by MG Leonard was launched and the children have begun devouring the story. Look out for information about other whole class texts during the summer term! We look forward to sharing with you our learning and the children's responses to it!



A huge thank you to everyone for your support with our fundraising efforts this term. We were delighted to bank a healthy £206.14 for Comic Relief last Friday and welcomed your positive feedback about our approach to red noses! The children had a super day although it felt very strange seeing a sea of red clothing throughout school!



I will be away from school for the first two weeks of the summer term due to a change in my family circumstances. My husband, Chris and I are delighted to be welcoming a new member of our family, a younger brother to Florence. Chris will be taking a year of adoption

leave but I will be away from school for a fortnight while he settles into our family life and home. During this time, Mrs Buchan will be overseeing the school and any communications can be directed to her via the school office. I will be returning to school on Monday 6th May and look forward very much to seeing you all then!



As we countdown to the Easter holidays, we would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of the summer term on Tuesday 23rd April! Have a happy, restful holiday.

Kindest regards,
Naomi Day and the Fishbourne Team



We have collected as many dates as possible ahead of the summer term which we hope you will find helpful with your planning.

- Fri 5th April: Break up for the Easter Holidays
- Sat 6th April: FOFs 90's Disco at Bearded Bob's, Chichester 7.30pm (tickets via parentmail)
- Tue 23rd April: First day of the summer term
- Wed 24th April: Easter Bake Off
- Fri 26th April: Bags 4 Schools
- Sat 27th April: Fishbourne Fun Day (more information coming soon!)
- Sat 11th May—BIG TIDY UP morning
- Week beginning 13th May - SATS week for children in Y6
- Mon 20th May - Church and School Fete meeting 7pm (all warmly welcome!)
- Tue 11th June - School communion service
- Thu 20th June - Matilda Theatre trip (Y2,3,4,5,6)
- Fri 21st June—Non uniform day (bring a bottle for the tombola!)
- Sat 22nd June - Church and School Fete
- Mon 24th June - Bags4Schools
- Tue 2nd July - Leavers' Service at the Cathedral (Y6 and parents) 1.15pm
- Wed 3rd July and Wed 10th July 3.30-6pm - Learning review meetings
- Thu 11th July - Sports Day (1pm)
- Wed 17th and Thu 18th July - Summer Production (Y5 and Y6) 6.30pm
- Tue 23rd July - Leavers' assembly 9am
- Tue 23rd July - Break up for the summer holidays

INSET Days for 2019
Friday 24th May

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