



# newsletter



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## Lenten Mass

This will be held at the school on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.00 p.m.** All are welcome to celebrate Mass with us.

## Mothering Sunday Mass

This term's School/Parish Mass will be held on Mothering Sunday – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Guildhall Street. The children will be doing the readings, the bidding prayers, the offertory procession and leading the hymns. We do hope to see lots of families there to support their children and to join us in the celebration. If you're a mum, you'll get some daffodils too!



On Tuesday, the children took part in Safer Internet Day. This involved a special assembly and activities in their classrooms to ensure our children stay safe on-line. The key messages were:-

- Not talking to strangers on line
- Tell a grown up if you have a worry
- Anti-bullying

## Attendance Table

Congratulations to the Imps, who once again take the lead on the table!

Imps	97.86%	Pixies	96.03%
Elves	96.69%	Hobbits	95.91%
Dragons	97.12%	Griffins	94.34%
Unicorns	96.19%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.30%</b>

## Outdoor Learning

This term has seen many changes around the school with our outdoor learning areas. We hope to have news to share soon about an 'Open Day' for parents to come and share our new outdoor learning spaces. Special thanks to our PA who continue to work hard to provide the much needed funds for these areas of the school. In particular, for our willow structures that are on order.

## TERM DATES

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	INSET Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Children return to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	PA Spring TAG Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Book Week begins
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Dress Up Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Lent Breakfast & PJ day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parents Evenings
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Gardening Club TAG Day – Green Theme
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	School Parish Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Break up for Easter Holidays at 2.30 p.m.

## 02 Young Voices

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 28 children from the school choir joined almost 8000 other children from schools across the area for the Young Voices 2018 concert. The event was a great success enjoyed by family and friends of our talented choir. A huge 'thank-you' to both Duncan and

Miss Gallagher for the tremendous effort in preparing the children for this event.



## Imps

The Imps impressed us all with their confidence in their class assembly. It was great to see so many of their grown-ups there to watch them. The Imps did lots of research to find out about our class saint, St Nicholas and have really taken to heart the stories of kindness from the life of St Nicholas and how these stories relate to our whole school values of Love, Care, Share, Trust and Respect.

Our Enchanted Forest area is beginning to take shape. The fire pit has now been installed and after the half term holiday, the parachute canopy will be put up. This will finish off our outdoor classroom and make our Forest learning experience even more special. This has all been made possible by the Groundworks grant money, which we won through the tokens that you all put into the Tesco charity banks in local stores.



## PIXIES

The children's topic of 'Pick Up a Penguin' really gripped them from the moment the giant ice block containing an Antarctic surprise landed at the door of the Pixie's classroom! As a result much learning has happened: Science, History, Drama – the children have loved it all. Finally, and undoubtedly most excitingly we adopted our very own penguin 'Kizzy' and took a trip to Wingham wildlife centre to see him being fed with his friends. A fantastic time was had by everyone and the children behaved impeccably, doing Stella Maris proud. All in all a thrilling topic and the Pixies have earned themselves a very well deserved break before we begin our next exciting adventure together next term!



## ELVES

The Elves have had a fabulous term learning lots about space! We've had so many highlights including: an alien landing, moon buggy crafting, a visit from the Astrodome and a visit to Kidz Planet! It's been wonderful to see how this project has captured the children's imaginations and this was particularly evident in the Elves TASC Day with the Imps. They worked amazingly well in pairs (supported too by the Unicorns!) to make their own space rockets suitable to fly a toy animal into space. It truly was a wonderful time to see our learning and core values at work as the children supported each other to create impressive

intergalactic vehicles! You make us very proud :)

## HOBBITS

Well what a term! The Hobbits have been baking every week ready for the judges on a Wednesday afternoon for our British Bake Off Topic. So far we have seen cupcakes, scones, chocolate brownies and cheese straws, each with a different flavour or extra special ingredient. We have seen thirty one little bakers all trying to work as a team, follow instructions and produce their best for the judges. As the weeks have gone by, the children have definitely grown in determination, patience and cooking skills, and we look forward to seeing what wonderful creations next term brings!



## DRAGONS

Dragons had an amazing trip this term to Temper Temper near Tunbridge Wells.

The children learnt about the journey of one cocoa bean and learnt some interesting facts – did you know that cocoa beans that grow near orange trees take on an orange flavour?

They also made lots of tasty treats to take home. The children wrote brilliant heart-felt letters. These are on display in the corridor so please read them if you get the chance.

## GRIFFINS

It has been a very exciting term in Griffins Class. Unfortunately a tragic robbery occurred. A chocolate bar was stolen between the 18-19th January.

Key suspects include; Martin, Miss Gallagher, Mrs Houtari, Mrs Tidd, Mr Langley and Mrs Welsh. Our determined CSIs have been examining evidence and are suspicious of Mr Langley. Visits from Detective Sergeant Devon, PCSO Sam and Magistrate Christine has been immensely helpful to our on-going inquiries.



## UNICORNS

This week, our Unicorns have had quite the adventure at Arethusa Venture Centre. All children have taken part in this trip and have experienced bushcraft, den building, woodland walks to name but a few.

This has proven an excellent opportunity to prepare the children with a little more independence ready for their transition to secondary school life.



## FOLKESTONE MUSEUM

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ON FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, FOLKESTONE MUSEUM IS CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR. JOIN US FOR FACE-PAINTING, LANTERN-MAKING, LIVE CHINESE MUSIC, AND TWO FREE DANCE WORKSHOPS, BOOKABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.FOLKESTONEMUSEUM.CO.UK](http://WWW.FOLKESTONEMUSEUM.CO.UK). WE ARE ALSO HOSTING TWO 'YOUNG ANIMATORS' HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR 8 YEAR OLDS+ ON 14TH AND 15TH FEB, ALSO BOOKABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

