



Friday 6th March 2020

Enjoying our new lunchtime equipment!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed a productive and busy week in school, with children experiencing different learning opportunities here and in other places! With so much to report, share and celebrate, we really struggled to keep the newsletter file size within the limits of our emailing system, which takes a lot of staff time to edit, re-arrange and re-constitute the document into a suitably small package.

This week, we are experimenting with changes to content and communication, so our parents/carers will receive an email with links to the newsletter and any other communications we need to send. Newsletters will be posted on the school website as usual. We hope these changes will be helpful, but ask our readers to bear with us as we look to find solutions that work for everyone. This week you will find news from Classes R, 2, 4 and 6. Next week Classes 1, 3 and 5 will feature. Picture News and PTA news will be sent separately as attachments to our families.

Thank you to our PTA team for managing this week's Book Fair. Hopefully, everyone managed to find something to whet the reader's appetite! The Spring Ball will be taking place soon, so the team are seeking donations of treats (chocolates, biscuits, wine, candles, etc.) towards a raffle prize basket.

Please make sure you have read our recent email about online safety. Whilst the school's internet filtering prevents children from accessing social media here, home access can be more open, which means our children need to keep safe and behave safely online.

With best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

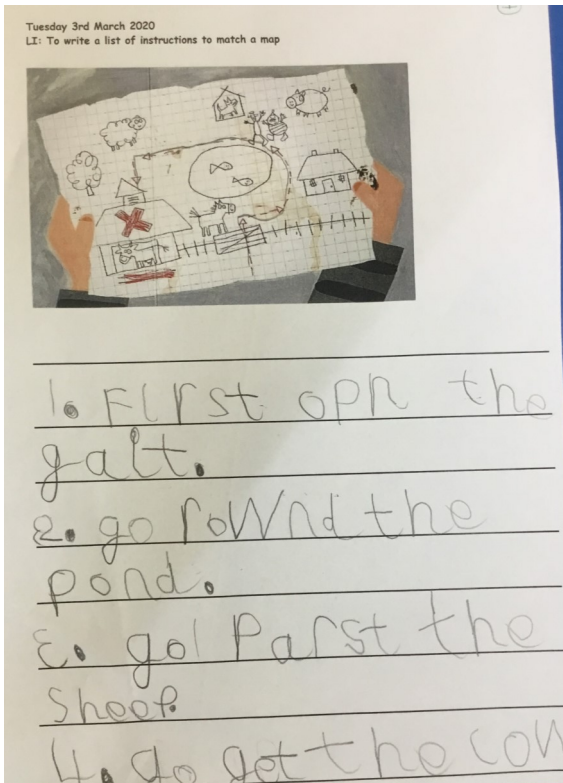
Christian Values

Our values are centred on God and acknowledge some characteristics modelled in the Bible: **LOVE, FAITH, FORGIVENESS, PERSEVERANCE, COMPASSION, HONESTY, RESPECT, COURAGE**. This week, we are recognising these children for upholding particular values:

Luca H COURAGE	R	For believing in himself and trying his best when writing instructions
Jaike-Jos B PERSEVERANCE	1	For not giving up when writing up a tricky Science experiment this week
Seth M PERSEVERANCE	2	For working through some tricky work and not giving up
Emily P RESPECT	3	For always showing such consideration towards other and all within our classroom
Matylda W PERSEVERANCE	4	For working hard on her multiplication even when she
Ana B PERSEVERANCE	5	For working through a challenging maths problem
Flossie T LOVE	6	For showing love for our class in her imaginary island idea

Class R

Class R have explored a variety of maps during World Book Week. They noticed lots of different symbols on the maps and used the map key to help them identify what each one represented. Our key text this week was 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julie Donaldson. The children wrote some instructions for the characters Hefty Hugh and Lanky Hen to help them follow the map to steal the fine prize cow!



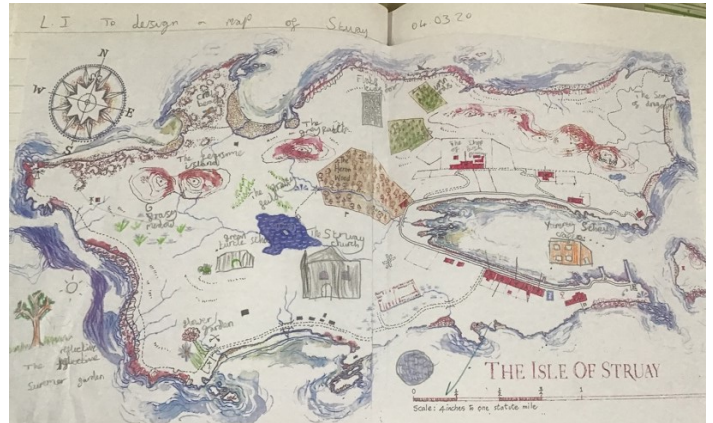
Class 4

Class 4 have been studying Georgia O'Keeffe this week in Art. They observed the way she paints flowers and had a go at recreating their own.



Class 2

Class 2 have been busy this week looking at Katie Morag and the Isle of Struay. The children have been planning an exciting day trip to the Isle of Struay, as well as designing their own map showing what their own island would look like.



Class 6

Class 6 have, as part of Book Week, been writing our own descriptions and stories based on our choice of map from 'Archipelago - A map of imagined islands'. After a bit of editing, we then shared our writing with each other in reading circles.



Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

	Weekly Attendance	Year to Date Attendance
Class R	93.9%	96.8%
Class 1	96.7%	97.2%
Class 2	92%	96.6%
Class 3	95.9%	97.4%
Class 4	97.7%	97.5%
Class 5	94.2%	96.7%
Class 6	93.8%	96.3%
Whole School	95%	96.9%
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Online Safety

Please use the image below as a reminder for your family about how to stay **'SMART'** when online.

Safe—don't share personal information.

Meet up—Don't meet up without your parent/ carer being involved.

Accept files only from people you know & trust

Reliable information? Or fake news....

Tell a trusted adult if you see something worrying.

Clicking on the image below will take you to school's Online Safety webpage.



Dates Ahead

Date	Event
11th March	Water Polo Match - Sevenoaks School
11th March	Hearing and Vision Screening YR
20th March	Class R Leeds Castle
22nd March 10:30 - 11:30 am	Mothering Sunday School Service at St Botolph's Church
23rd March 5 - 8 pm	Parent Consultations School Hall
24th March 5 pm	Westerham Music Festival Y3 - Westerham Church
26th March 3:30 - 6 pm	Parent Consultations
30th March	Love2Dance at the Stag Theatre
31st March 2pm	End of Term Service - St Botolph's Church
1st April	Inset Day - No children in school
2nd - 15th April	Easter Holidays
16th April	Term 5 Begins

40Acts for Lent

This week, we've swapped books, started scrap paper saving systems, smiled at people, helped to clear up after lunch and made thank you cards for office/ lunchtime staff....

For tomorrow, watch out for us making cards/writing letters to others to show we are thinking of them!



Here's a special thank you to Emma who leaves Principals and Chevening today! Thank you for helping look after us at lunchtime. We wish you well in your new job.