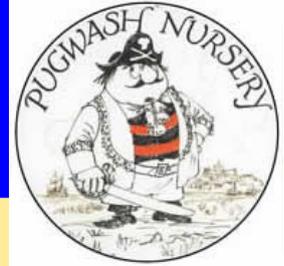




MARCH

NEWSLETTER 2017



Hello,

What a month of celebration we have had at Rye Primary!

Our first ever swimming competition; in which our team took first place and Rye Cluster Indoor Cricket Tournament, where our children also worked as a team to achieve first place. We also excelled in Netball, with a tightly fought second place. Well done to our Sporty Stars!

As you know, we encourage our lovely learners to develop their independence. Since we are now in Term 4 of the school year, we would like to see all children saying goodbye to you at the main doors and coming into their classrooms ready for learning. Every teacher and TA has a planned timetable of Early Morning Learning, which starts promptly at 8.30am. Disruption to this means lost learning time, so please do support us in this. If this is particularly difficult for your child, then please speak to myself or Miss Martin.

We would like to have a 'Book Amnesty' as we are very low in our reading book stocks, particularly the coloured book bands. Please could we urge you to look in all the corners at home and bring any school books back to your class—no questions asked!

Our hard-working PTA hope to see you at our Spring Fair on Thursday 23rd March, starting at 2.30pm with an Easter Bonnet Parade. Come along and join in the fun and crafting events.

Enjoy stepping into Spring!

Jane Howard

Headteacher

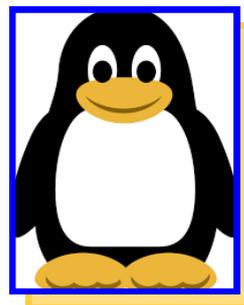
Unauthorised absences:

Minnows	5 sessions
Sardines	12 sessions
Clownfish	63 sessions
Seahorses	61 sessions
Sea Turtles	51 sessions
Lobsters	23 sessions
Barracudas	29 sessions
Cuttlefish	15 sessions
Killer Whales	28 sessions
Stingrays	88 sessions
Marlin	75 sessions
Jellyfish	55 sessions
Sharks	44 sessions
Dolphins	48 sessions

The school doors are open from 8.30am, we encourage children to come in for early morning learning. This helps the children settle and be ready for a good day of learning.

Late Marks since beginning of this academic year:

Minnows	16	Killer Whales	34
Sardines	58	Stingrays	49
Clownfish	97	Marlin	157
Seahorses	45	Jellyfish	80
Sea Turtles	142	Sharks	24
Lobsters	74	Dolphins	84
Barracudas	50	Cuttlefish	65



Book Day Blast!

World Book Day was amazing at Rye Primary and Pugwash Nursery! There were so many brilliant costumes, thank you to all our parents for your support!

There were lots of Book Day activities going on throughout the school including children making up their own stories and re-telling them. The Nursery made up their own game of 'Where's Wally?' The children had great fun searching inside and out for their teachers, who were dressed as Wally and Wenda.

The whole school enjoyed DEAR, or Drop Everything and Read, when the gong announced to everyone to stop what they were doing and settle down with a book. An excited 'buzz' filled the corridors, with children discussing their favourite characters and enjoying lots of 'book talk'.

Each class had a best book character costume winner which was celebrated in a very colourful assembly.

Each class had a winner who was announced in assembly:

- Minnows - Mary
- Sardines - Seren
- Clownfish - Felix
- Seahorses - Harry
- Sea Turtles - Miles
- Lobsters - Dinah
- Barracudas - Lacey
- Cuttlefish - Violette
- Killer Whales - Lewis
- Sharks - Tyler
- Dolphins - Elle
- Stingrays - Harley
- Marlin - Adi
- Jellyfish - Molly

Well done to everyone who took part!



Victorian Times

Rye Primary Y6 children from Sharks and Dolphins were transported back in time last week to the Victorian period. The children came in sporting some excellent Victorian outfits and experienced the life of a scholar first hand. The children got a taster of how different life at school was back then and quickly learnt how strict Victorian teachers were...they were certainly not people to mess with!

They were able to handle real life Victorian artefacts and also created some beautiful art work inspired by William Morris. A great time was had by all and the children were positively beaming with knowledge.

By the end of the day the children all agreed that they are very lucky to be part of Rye Primary in the modern day.



Scrummy Pancakes

Minnows and Sardines had a yummy Shrove Tuesday. They all made batter then helped to cook their pancakes! There was a selection of toppings including honey, chocolate, golden syrup, lemon and sugar as well as banana and kiwi.

We are sure you won't be surprised to know that chocolate was their favourite!



Christmas Stamp Competition

We are calling all our talented Rye Primary children to design the 2017 Christmas Stamp!

Children can collect an entry form from their class teacher or the school office. Return completed entries by Tuesday 14th March. Details of the competition are on the sheet. The image must be bright and fill the space available.

Please make sure you have written your name and age on the sheet. Miss Shackel will be sending them off on Wednesday 15th March. Good Luck! We hope to be sending our letters with a Rye Primary Winning Stamp!



Foster Carers Needed!

Have you ever thought about fostering?

East Sussex County Council needs more foster carers to secure futures for children of all ages and all backgrounds

Could you offer respite, short term or permanent placements or short breaks for children with disabilities?

Could you provide supported lodgings for older children of 16+?

Your home = Their Future

East Sussex have children waiting for placements, could you help?

For more information:

01323 464129, fostering@eastsussex.gov.uk or text FOSTER to 80806



Dates for your Diary

13th March	Cooking for the Outdoors—parents course 9.00—11.00a.m.
14th March	Jellyfish & Marlin visiting The Mermaid
16th March	Minnows and Sardines—swimming
16th March	Y3 visiting Rare Breeds Centre
20th March	Cooking for the Outdoors—parents course 9.00—11.00a.m.
23rd March	Minnows and Sardines—swimming
23rd March	Spring Fair
24th March	INSET Day
27th March	Cooking for the Outdoors—parents course 9.00—11.00a.m.
27th March	Y3 visiting Jerwood Gallery
30th March	Minnows and Sardines —swimming
31st March	Break up for Easter Holiday

Don't forget to check the School Calendar on the website:

<http://www.ryeprimary.co.uk/calendar>

