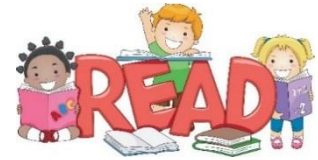
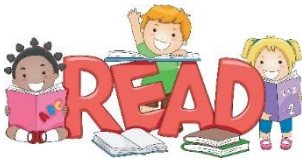




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## Newsletter No 7

### The House Cup was won by Neptune

#### Please don't park on the verge in Saunders Road



Please could parents be careful when they are parking that they are not damaging the verge or obstructing driveways. Thank you!

#### PTA Xmas Cards

Thank you for supporting the PTA in this event. There were some wonderful designs. The order has now been placed and we would expect the cards etc. to be delivered to the school the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November.



#### Administrative Assistant

We have just placed an advert on Kentteach for an administrative assistant in the school office on Mondays and Fridays. If this would be of interest to you please do have a look on Kentteach where you will find all the details including the job description, person specification and application form.



#### Quicksticks Hockey

A massive thank you to the children who represented the school in the Hockey tournament at TWGGS this Wednesday, as well as being extremely well behaved they showed great sportsmanship and effort in all of their games. Although we didn't make it through to the finals the children did win some matches and scored some great goals.

A special mention to Oscar who won Player of the Pitch - Well done!

#### Cross Country Club

Mr Dungate has run the club for many years, with his retirement in December we are looking for new adults to run this club from January 2018

and wondered if there were any parents out there who would like to put on their running shoes and take over the running of the club. The club can be run on an afternoon to suit you, and volunteers would need to be DBS checked.

### Early Years Forest School and Sports Skills Friday!

We are very excited to announce that from next term, Early Years children will start Forest School and Sports Skills sessions. These will take place during school hours every Friday afternoon (1pm-3pm). Collection time remains the same - collect at 3:05pm from the Early Years gate.

Mrs Evans and Mrs Parry will be taking 15 children to do Forest School activities in the wooded area at the bottom of the field. All children, over the course of the year, will have the opportunity to experience 6 sessions of Forest School.

While Forest School is taking place, the remainder of the children will have Sports Skills coaching with Henry, our sports specialist. For this session it would be helpful to have some parent helpers, if you are interested in helping please let the office know as you will need a DBS check.

From the first week of term, all children will need a pair of Welly boots, a warm waterproof coat and a pair of trainers (no lace-ups please) in school. Please ensure all items are labelled clearly with your child's name. These items can stay in school on your child's peg.

Forest School will go ahead, regardless of the weather, so it is extremely important that the children have the appropriate clothing and footwear.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

Many thanks, and have a happy half term break. The Early Years Team

### A walk to Sainsbury's – EYFS



Early Years have had an exciting couple of weeks reading a book called Biscuit Bear, a story about a biscuit bear who comes to life and has lots of adventures. To enrich the children's learning we all had a trip to Sainsbury's. We looked at the biscuits they sold in the bakery,




taste tested some cookies (all in the name of learning!) and most importantly bought the ingredients to make our own biscuit bears back at school. The children really enjoyed it and it was lovely to hear comments from people who were shopping about the beautiful behaviour of the children. We now have to hope that we are able to eat our biscuit bears before they come to life and run away!

### Daily reading and Good Book certificates

Congratulations Farnham, so great to see so many of you reading 😊



Class	% daily readers last week	% daily readers this week	Good Book Certificate 
Yr 1 Arundel	65 - amazing	57	<b>Morris</b>
Yr 1 Bodiam	55 - amazing	52	<b>Riley</b>
Y2 Leeds	7 – 2 children	31	<b>India</b>
Y2 Pevensey	18 – 4 children	28	<b>Grace</b>
Y3 Lewes	45	45	<b>Keiran</b>
Y3 Deal	20 😞	38	<b>Imogen</b>
Y4 Dover	40	45	<b>Valeria</b>
<b>Y4 Farnham</b>	57 - amazing	<b>65</b>	<b>Kashish</b>
Y5 Hever	19	57	<b>Samuel</b>
Y6 Rochester	56 - amazing	56	<b>Toby</b>

## Great news from La Jolie Ronde French club at St Mark's!



For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year La Jolie Ronde Languages for Children has been crowned Best National Licensed Activity for 5-12 year olds in the prestigious children's awards "What's On 4 Kids Awards 2017", this year beating 3 other language learning activities (Lingotot, Kidslingo, Spanish Amigos).

Learning a second language comes easily to young children therefore it's the ideal time to familiarise them with sounds and patterns of a new language and culture. La Jolie Ronde classes are designed to encourage a positive approach to language learning as the emphasis isn't on reading and writing the language but on speaking, repetition and simply having fun. So, the children are much more relaxed, less inhibited and better at imitating sounds and pronunciation.

La Jolie Ronde is committed to offering your child not only the best possible start but an opportunity to develop an enthusiasm for languages that they will take with them to secondary school!

La Jolie Ronde French club runs on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes and Wednesday after school and a few spaces are still available!

Please contact Sinead McCurry on 07702 507140/  
[sinead@french-tastique.co.uk](mailto:sinead@french-tastique.co.uk) if you would like further details.

Merci. A bientôt!

### Dates to remember

#### **October 2017**

30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Back to school  
30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Tours for EYFS 2018 9.30 and 11am – book at office

#### **November 2017**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Thur) 9.10 Year 3 assembly  
3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) Jolly Jam jars in  
24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Non- Uniform day  
29<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale 3.15 in the library

#### **December 2017**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Sat) PTA Xmas fete 12 – 2.30  
7<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) EYFS Xmas Production  
8<sup>th</sup> (Fri) KS1 Xmas Production  
13<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Xmas Dinner KS1 & EYFS  
14<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Xmas Dinner KS2  
15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Xmas Jumper Day  
15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 9.10 Rock Steady Concert  
18<sup>th</sup> (Mon) KS2 Xmas Church Service 6pm – St Mark's Church  
20<sup>th</sup> (Weds) Last day of term

#### **January 2018**

5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) children return to school

### Attendance 9/10/17 – 13/10/17

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	% whole year
EY Camber	96.9	96.9	0.0	96.9	96.9
EY Windsor	95.7	95.7	0.0	95.7	97.8
Year 1 Arundel	96.6	96.6	0.7	96.6	97.8
Year 1 Bodiam	92.0	92.0	0.0	92.0	94.4
Y2 Leeds	92.8	92.8	1.4	92.8	96.0
Y2 Pevensey	97.1	97.1	1.1	97.1	96.5
Y3 Lewes	96.7	96.7	2.5	96.7	92.8
<b>Year 3 Deal</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>98.1</b>
Y4 Dover	97.5	97.5	0.0	97.5	97.8
Y4 Farnham	96.5	96.5	0.0	96.5	97.7
Y5 Hever	97.7	97.7	1.8	97.7	93.8
Y6 Rochester	90.8	90.8	0.0	93.2	96.2
Totals	95.6	95.6	0.7	95.8	96.3

Well done **DEAL**, topping the table for the third successive week, and over the seven week term you have been top for four weeks. Amazing!

Have a fantastic break, and we look forward to seeing you all back for term 2 on 30<sup>th</sup> October ☺

Mr R Dungate – Headteacher