

# SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Enjoy, Achieve and Celebrate Together in Faith*

**NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 Issue 8**

## SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

We ask that you would bless us in our school, give us the strength to learn, to be kind, to be fair and to look after others. We are thankful for all your gifts.

Amen



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As we reach the end of our first week back I would like to say how proud I am of all the children who without exception came in on Monday with huge smiles on their faces. It is so lovely to hear the classrooms full of excited voices again and see the playgrounds full of children. This week has been so much fun! Each class has been operating the recovery curriculum and there have been lots of team building activities, discussions about feelings and getting back into routines. I have seen a few tired faces around school in the afternoons but all the children have done really well to re-adjust to the expectations of school.



As part of the return to school routines, we have been discussing our three school rules. The children have remembered them and were able to talk about them which is fantastic.

**Be Safe    Be Respectful    Be Ready**



**Ready:** We are READY to listen, READY to learn. We are READY for new challenges. We show each other how we are READY every day.

**Respectful:** We are RESPECTFUL to everyone we meet in school. We use kind words and welcome everyone. We listen to other's opinions and share ours in a respectful way.

**Safe:** We are SAFE and keep each other SAFE. We have kind hands, feet and words. We think about where we are and make thoughtful choices with our actions.

It can be challenging for little people to adjust to being back in a classroom learning situation rather than at home and at times some may make mistakes with their behaviour. At school we think it is really important that children understand when they have acted in a way which might have upset someone else and that they say sorry. As a staff we always support children to say sorry and have a time of reconciliation and repair. This restorative approach is really important to staff and children and means that when children get to the end of the day although we might have to talk to parents about incidents in the day they are finished, dealt with and the children are ready to start afresh.

Next week we will continue our recovery curriculum in the afternoons and we will be running some assessments in the morning to see where children need further support and catch up. Letters will be coming out to you shortly about interventions.

Over the remaining terms we would like to begin work on redesigning and updating our garden reflection and pond areas. The FOSS have done a fantastic job to ensure that we are a COOP local cause, please see more information about this on our Instagram page. The children have been discussing their ideas for these areas and creating designs and I am sure that as lock down eases we will be asking for keen gardeners or anyone willing to use a spade to come in to school to help us!

Volunteer readers will also be beginning again, being able to start to open our doors to families is very exciting and if you would like to help in this way please contact your class teacher via the school office

Finally, I would like to welcome Mrs Rebecca Hill and Miss Vanessa McDowell to our team and welcome back Miss Holly Wells our student teacher who is placed in Elephant class this term.

I hope that you will have a very relaxing weekend with your families.

Mrs Langton

# LION CLASS



"I have been so impressed with all of Lion Class this week, they have returned to school really happy and settled straight back in to all of our usual learning routines."



We had great fun working as a team in our P.E lessons playing parachute games together. We have also got some frog spawn that we are eagerly watching and waiting to see what happens next."



**Mrs Lyon**





# GIRAFFE CLASS



"Giraffes have had an amazing first week back. It is lovely to have a full classroom again with the addition of two new Giraffes. A big welcome to Johnathan and Freddie!

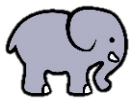


The week has flown by as Giraffes have been kept super busy... as you can see!"

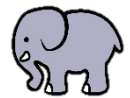
**Mrs Macfarlane**







## ELEPHANT CLASS

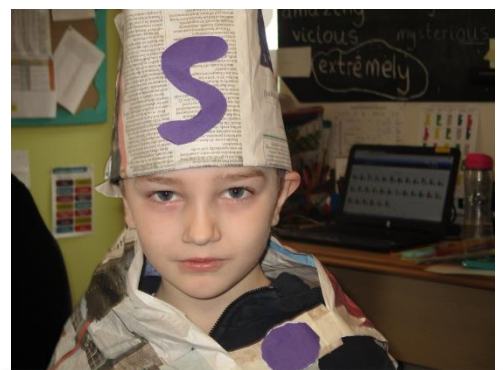




"We made a 'Welcome Back' sign in chalk with Miss Wells and took a photo of ourselves with the rainbow of balloons at the school gate.

We had team building activities in the playground. We made outfits from paper and then held a fashion show - it was great fun! In English, we are learning a report about 'The Storm Unicorn' with actions - why don't you ask your child to perform it for you?"

Mrs Delorie





# ZEBRA CLASS

We have had a brilliant first week back together in Zebra class!

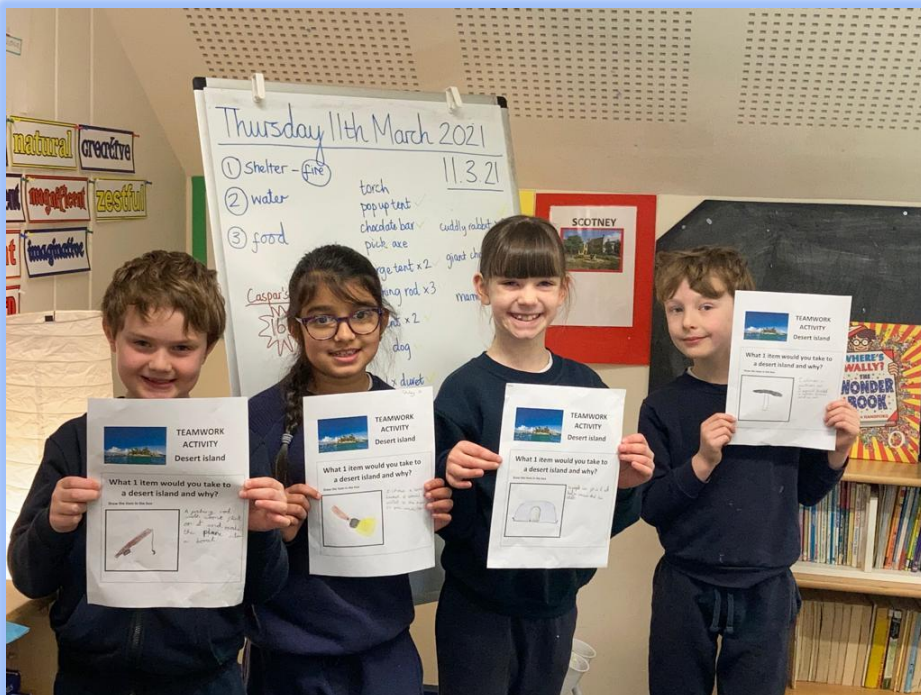
This week as part of our recovery curriculum we have been doing lots of activities that involve TEAMWORK.

On Wednesday, Mrs Clark set us out in teams on a nature scavenger hunt.

We collected items on the list and raced to see who would find everything first! Our winning team was Sophia H, Caspar, Callum, Olivia and Sienna S who showed EXCELLENT communication skills during the task. Well done team!



One of the other fun activities Zebras have taken part in has been a Desert Island task, where we had to decide what items would be best to take. Unfortunately, many of our items were swept away by the tide, or destroyed in a tropical storm. We very nearly survived but... we ran out of fresh water! Poor Zebra class.



Here are some of our ideas shown by Seb, Freya, Krushika and Harry D.

Well done for a super week!

Mrs Clark and Mrs Ridgway





## EAGLE CLASS

"Eagle class have really enjoyed the week doing lots of activities. These included:

Team building activities where the children had to work collaboratively to make a costume for a member of their team using newspapers. We were really impressed with the creative designs and the talent. They also had to follow instructions to draw a picture, as a team, without talking!!

Riley Barnes inspired us and led a fantastic art lesson based the art work by Marta Minujin."

**Mrs Desai**



## LEOPARD CLASS

"It has been fantastic to see all Leopards back in their classroom this week."

**Mr Boyles**





# FOSS News



Hello! We're back! It's nice to see you! And it's lovely to be able to start planning events and activities again.

Thank you for your continued support through the lockdown, whether by playing the school lottery, using Amazon Smile or supporting us as your Coop local cause. We have some new events lined up already, starting with...



## Easter Trail

FOSS will set up an Easter trail around the school grounds for all the classes to enjoy on the last day of term. If they can crack the clues there will be an (spoiler alert) egg-stra special treat for each of them.

## Virtual Balloon Race

On Thursday 25th March we will release a cloud of digital balloons - all online, no real balloons will be hurt in the making of this event. From now until 23rd March you can buy balloons for £3 each from the race website, selecting the shape/colour/design you'd like from a range of 36, with the option to attach a customised message. After the race begins the virtual balloons move a random distance every hour until the race finishes at midday on Thursday 1st April - last day of term, whoo!!

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of vouchers for local businesses, and of course you'll win the crown of Sissinghurst Balloon Champion 2021 - making you a pretty big deal. Plus, you'll also be raising funds for the benefit of school and the outdoor projects this year, which is the big win for all of us.



Our race has a dedicated website here:

<https://www.balloonrace.com/foss>

Click on 'Buy a balloon' to get started - follow the instructions and then wait for the race to begin! No limit to the number of balloons you can buy, so if you want to get one for everyone in the family you can. Plus, anyone can play anywhere, so if your Great Aunt in Australia absolutely loves computer generated balloons, and wants to support our school, then she is more than welcome, as are all friends and family.



Happy racing, and we'll keep you posted on more FOSS activities coming up soon.

Jen - FOSS Chair



# Spring Dates

## Term 4

8 <sup>th</sup> March	All children returned to school
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Recovery curriculum
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday. See Church Website for information on services
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Recovery curriculum including assessments
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic relief day. Children invited to wear a red nose in school.
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Interventions begin for those invited to attend. Easter services (details to follow)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Term 4 ends
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 5 begins
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Parents evening held virtually



# Timetables

## Drop-off and Pick-up

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Lions	8.55am	2.55pm
Giraffes	8.50am	3.00pm
Elephants	8.50am	3.00pm
Zebras	8.45am	3.05pm
Eagles	8.45am	3.05pm
Leopards	8.55am	3.10pm



***P.e***

Please remember that children should either wear a navy tracksuit or a royal blue or navy PE skirt/shorts with a school PE shirt. If you do not have one, nor wish to purchase a new one, you can purchase one second hand or children can wear a plain white t-shirt for the remainder of this term. Hair must be tied back and children must take out their earrings or be happy to cover these with tape, for health and safety.



Class	Day
Lions	Wednesday and Friday
Giraffes	Tuesday and Friday
Elephants	Tuesday and Thursday
Zebras	Tuesday and Thursday
Eagles	Thursday (double session)
Leopards	Tuesday (double session)





## Forest School – KS1

Teachers will advise which group your child is in

Monday	Class
15.03.2021	Lions
22.03.2021	Lions
29.03.2021	Lions
19.04.2021	Giraffes
26.04.2021	Giraffes
10.05.2021	Giraffes
17.05.2021	Giraffes
24.05.2021	Elephants
14.06.2021	Elephants
21.06.2021	Elephants
28.06.2021	Elephants
05.07.2021	Lions
12.07.2021	Giraffes
19.07.2021	Elephants



## Forest School – KS2

Teachers will advise which group your child is in

Friday	Class
19.03.2021	Zebras
26.03.2021	Zebras
23.04.2021	Eagles
30.04.2021	Eagles
07.05.2021	Leopards
14.05.2021	Leopards
21.05.2021	Zebras
28.05.2021	Zebras
11.06.2021	Eagles
18.06.2021	Eagles
25.06.2021	Leopards
02.07.2021	Leopards
09.07.2021	Zebras
16.07.2021	Zebras



# March

## BirthDays



Maja



Cooper



Margot



Lottie  
George  
Jamie



Sophia



Bill



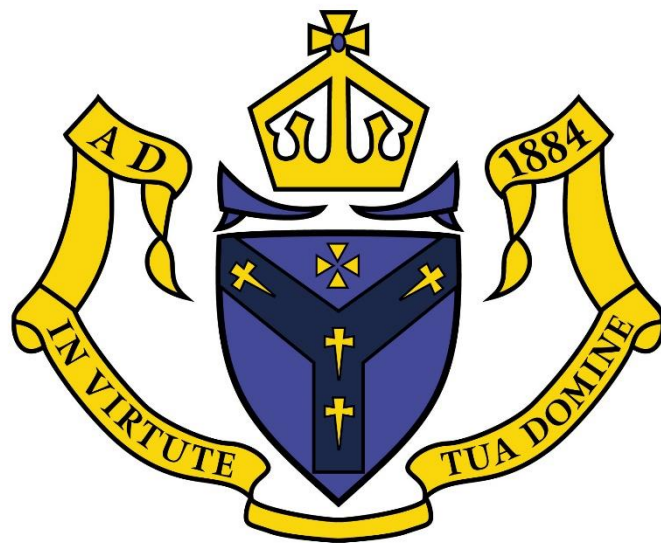
Wishing you all have/had very happy birthdays!

### A message from Rev Pete

A message from Rev Pete who hopes everyone is well, is praying for you especially as you return to school next week, and looks forward to seeing everyone soon...

Families Together has been having a blast this term looking at some of the amazing Superheroes of the Bible! It's been fun and games joining together on zoom for craft, stories, and singing our hearts out for our theme song 'All Through History' and other action songs. Zoom of course isn't as good as meeting in person, so we're delighted to tell you that on Sunday 28th March we'll be getting together at 4pm for our next Families Together Superhero! We'd love to see you - at the moment each family has their own separate table and resources - so please book your space ([deavesclaire@gmail.com](mailto:deavesclaire@gmail.com) or call 01580





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