



Learn, Discover, Achieve

Friday Flyer – 29th March 2019

Joint Activity Day with Amberley School

Future rocket scientists, bridge engineers and pizza chefs were in action at school last week as we combined with Amberley School for a hugely enjoyable and successful science and technology day.

The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 designed, created and cooked some delicious pizzas (pizza boxes kindly supplied by Dominos Pizza in Pulborough) which they all enjoyed for tea. Years 3 and 4 were given the challenge to design and build bridges which had to support a 1kg weight over a given distance; the children researched, designed, built and amended their bridges working collaboratively in small teams; all teams' designs were unique and imaginative and they all succeeded.



Yew Class designed and created moon buggies and space rockets. The day ended with a rocket launch using air and water pressure, some reached heights of over 10 metres.

Science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) has been the focus of learning at both schools this year. The children actively learn through first-hand activities and everyone experiences success in their learning through our exciting and innovative curriculum.



InSET Day

Please note in your diary that Friday 24th May will be an InSET day. The children will not be in school on this day.

Elm Class visit to Wakehurst Place

Elm Class enjoyed a very informative trip to Wakehurst Place last week. They learned which plants come from a rainforest and discovered what would not exist if we did not have these plants. They crushed spices and found out where chocolate comes from and they enjoyed a close encounter with a duck that had strayed from its usual habitat!



Rother Valley Dance Festival

Congratulations to Miss Barnes and the Dance Club who took part in Rother Valley Arts Festival this week. The group performed magnificently to a packed Midhurst Rother College on Thursday evening; they danced beautifully and should be very proud of themselves.



Football v Ashurst

A combined team from St James' and Amberley schools played Ashurst School; the team played well despite finishing on the losing side.

Mother's Day Service

There was uplifting Mother's Day Service at St Giles' Church today culminating in the children presenting their mums with a pot of daffodils. Thank you to the parents to helped prepare the daffodils after school on Thursday.

Cyclone Idia - bake sale on Friday 5th April

As you may be aware, the children have a partner school in Malawi and regularly write and receive letters from their pen pals. Malawi was struck by Cyclone Idia earlier in March and we have heard that many of the villages who feed the school were badly affected with homes being destroyed and crops washed away. The children have been thinking of fund raising ideas to help support our Malawian friends and will be holding a **bake sale on Friday 5th April** in the school playground at the end of the day. Please



donate / bake cakes for this event and bring plenty of spare cash to help us; the money will go through our contact DIRECTLY to the families in need.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Gilbert
Head Teacher

Important Dates for your diary:

Fri	29/03/2019	Yew Class Dark Skies – Night Session - at Amberley School from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend with their parents.
Mon to Fri	01/04/2019 to 05/04/2019	Year 6 Bikeability at Amberley School.
Tue	02/04/2019	Year 6 Trip to Horsham Junior Citizen Workshop
Fri	05/04/2019	Easter Service at St Giles' Church. 9.00am
Fri	05/04/2019	Term ends
Tue	23/04/2019	Summer term starts
Mon to Thurs	13/05/2019 to 16/05/2019	Year 6 SATS Week
Fri	24/05/2019	InSET Day
Mon to Fri	27/05/2019 to 31/5/2019	Half term
Tue	04/06/2019	Class and whole school photos
Thurs	20/06/2019	Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Mon	01/07/2019	Gardening Club to Hampton Court
Tue	02/07/2019	Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral 10.30am
Wed	03/07/2019	Year 6 Transition Day to Midhurst Rother College. Whole school Transition Day
Thurs	04/07/2019	Joint Sports Activity Day at Amberley School
Tue	23/07/2019	Leaver's Service at St Giles' Church 9.00am Term ends