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In our worship we have been hearing the Bible's account of God's creation; how He separated the land from the sea and filled the ocean with all manner of creatures. The children found out about pollution and thought about what God might want us to do about it. They were clear about reducing our use of plastic as a good way to start!

1st March 2019

Atlantic Avengers Arrive in Antigua!

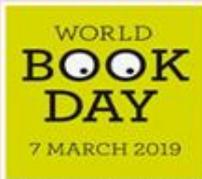
I am delighted to announce that The Atlantic Avengers – Ricky Reina and John Wilson – arrived safe and sound at the Caribbean island of Antigua during half term after rowing across the Atlantic Ocean in an unpowered two man boat. We send huge congratulations to Ricky (a parent at Saltwood) and John on their truly amazing and inspiring achievement. The Atlantic Avengers brought their boat into our school last year and several of our children had their personally designed motivational posters printed on to the hull of the boat, so some of our children's work has now also battled enormous waves and crossed the Atlantic.



After the men have had a well-deserved rest, we hope to welcome them into school so that we can hear about some of their adventures and experiences on their epic journey. Who knows, maybe they will inspire one of our pupils to complete their own amazing adventure now, or in the future.

For more information or to make a donation look at www.atlanticavengers.com or find them on Facebook.

Book Week next week!!

 <p>Celebrating Book Week 4th – 8th March 2019</p>
<p>We are going to enjoy a wonderful week of STORYTELLING!</p> <p>Our special storytellers will include our children, our parents and carers, our grandparents, teachers, year 6 librarians and visitors</p>
<p>Thursday 7th March is World Book Day</p>  <p>WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2019</p> <p>Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character to help us celebrate!</p>
<p>Exploring Storytelling through Music</p> <p>On Friday each class will explore storytelling through music by taking part in a STEEL DRUMMING WORKSHOP! This will culminate in a whole school assembly for pupils at the end of the day.</p> 
<p>Librarians' Section</p> <p>Watch out for lots of special Book Week competitions! If you are in Class R, 1 or 2 please come along to Little Librarians on Tuesday and Wednesday for lots of fun!</p>

Do parents want a Summer Fete this year?

As we are still Chair-less, we are requesting a team of volunteers come forward to organise the Summer Fete please. Without this help, the Fete will likely not go ahead this year! All of the children enjoy the event so much, it would be a great shame for them to miss out. If you are able to be part of the organising group, please get in touch at sec.foss@outlook.com



Fortunately, we have enough volunteers to ensure the **Summer Ball** will go ahead as planned so save the date!! The 2019 FOSS Summer Ball will be on 10th May (7pm-midnight) at the beautiful Lympne Castle. Tickets to go on sale soon so get those babysitters booked in!



Herald Cup kicks off

We opened our Herald Cup account with a well-earned draw against Stella Maris – the team who knocked us out of the tournament last year.

Playing together for the first time, the team showed great grit and determination to keep their heads after going 2 nil down. We managed to score a goal just before half time and came out a different team in the second half, dominating the play. Our persistence paid off when we scored an equaliser a few minutes from time. Well done to the whole team and a large thank you to all of the supporters who voiced their support from the side line. Next Wednesday, we play Harcourt at home.

Year 4 Open Lesson

Parents are invited to come along to Year 4 on Tuesday where they will be able to take part in Mr Hunt's open lesson this year. During the session, children will be learning to make Greek pots with their parents' help. The lesson starts at 9.30am, please come along to learn with your child if you can!



Come and Play with Year R

Parents of Year R children are also invited to come into class to work alongside their children. Mrs Weatherly is holding a 'Stay and Play' session for parents at 2.30pm on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. Mrs Ongley will also be in class that day so mums and dads will have a chance to meet Class R's new teacher who will be taking over for the rest of the year when Mrs Weatherley starts her maternity leave in the middle of March. Come along and say hello!

Keeping Children Safe Online – concerns in the media

Parents may be aware of recent concerns in the press and on television of worrying reports of online videos and messages aimed at children. We have received very clear advice from online safety experts at the Local Authority that such concerns are being exaggerated by over-sharing and media speculation. I have published a letter to parents on our web page that will guide you to reliable ways to fact check such reports and information on how to talk to your children if you are worried at all.

www.saltwood.kent.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safeguarding/



Lost Property Now Easier to Find!

We have moved the Lost Property box to the main foyer so that parents no longer need to ask to come into school to rummage for those missing gloves or PE shorts! If items have name labels then our staff will endeavour to return mislaid items to their rightful owners, so I'd encourage you to put your child's name in everything! Please can parents look out for a black North Face Jacket

(Worn Monday 25.02.19) and a red jumper as well a whole P.E. Kit that did not come home at half term and is not in lost property. All items are named either with a label or in writing so should be easy to spot if they have gone to the wrong home!

Year 6 score touchdown on behaviour

Our Year 6 children took part in an afternoon session of American Football with the Shepway Sports Trust this week. I am really pleased that the children are able to experience these new and exciting sports but equally pleased with the comments from the coaches as they left. They said that the children's behaviour was exemplary and they were a delight to teach – well done children!



If any children are interested in developing their skills, a local team is the East Kent Mavericks based at the Langton School, Canterbury - <http://www.ekmavericks.co.uk/index.php/the-teams> who would be happy to welcome new members.

Yours sincerely

Paul Newton
Executive Headteacher

SALTWOOD DIARY DATES**Terms 4,5,6****2018-2019****Friday 1st March 2019**

MARCH	
1st	Year 2 – Cake Sale
4th-8th	Book Week
5th	Year 4 - Open Lesson - 9.00am -12.30pm
6th	Herald Cup Football Match - Home to Harcourt
7th	World Book Day
12th	No Elite Football Team Training due to Herald Cup match
12th	Herald Cup Football Match - Away to Greatstone
15th	Red Nose Day
19th	Parents' Evening - 4pm - 7pm
21st	Parents' Evening - 5pm - 8pm
APRIL	
2nd	No Elite Football Team Training due to Herald Cup match
2nd	Herald Cup Football Match – Home to Lydd
3rd	Year 1 - Open Lesson 9.00 - 11.15am
4th	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm School Hall
5th	Easter Service 9.30am (Church)
5th	End of Term 4
8th-22nd	Easter Holiday
23rd	Start of Term 5
29th	FOSS AGM – All welcome
MAY	
10th	FOSS Summer Ball
24th	Year R Assembly
24th	End of Term 5
27th-31st	Half-Term Holiday
JUNE	
3rd	Start of Term 6
4th	Sports Day
7th	Reserve Sports Day
11th	Kittle Photographic - Class Group Photos'
12th	Year 6 visit to Saltwood Care Home
14th	Year R Cake Sale
27th	Year 1 visit to Balgowan Care Home
28th	Year R visit to Hythe View Care Home
JULY	
19th	Leavers' Service 9.30am (Church)
19th	End of Term 6



1 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that all school meals must be paid at the **beginning of the week and in advance of the meal being taken.**

If your child has five meals a week the weekly cost for this term is **£10.25**. Term 4 is 6 weeks so the total payable for Term 4 is **£61.50**.

If your child has meals twice a week (Wednesdays & Fridays) the cost will be **£4.10** a week or **£24.60** for the term. If your child has meals once a week (Fridays) the cost will be **£2.05** a week or **£12.30** for the term. If your child has meals three times a week, the cost will be £36.90 for the term and for four days a week, the cost will be £49.20 for the term.

PLEASE NOTE ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE OR NO MEAL WILL BE SUPPLIED.

Yours sincerely

Pauline Bailey
Cluster Manager - Caterlink