

We are having an exciting second half of term helped by the good weather. Book week was fantastic and the children have been really inspired and are enjoying a great variety of books. We have also had some sporting success, please see reports below.

### **Holiday's in term time**

I'm sure many of you are aware of the recent comments made by The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan Education Secretary, in respect to holidays during term time. She wrote about the detrimental effect this can have on children and how this can then affect them throughout their whole school life. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Book week**

What a fantastic week we have just had. We had illustrators and writers, the library service, children reading to each other and fantastic costumes on World Book Day. Many thanks to all of you who came and read your favourite book to the children, to Mrs Worsley for arranging for Corina Fletcher to talk to all the children about how to make a pop-up book, to Mrs Enright for organising for the author Sheila Rance to run writing workshops, to Mrs Johnson for making some fantastic props for our book nook and finally a special big thank you to Mrs Killick for arranging all the exciting events. Do look at all our photos on the website.

### **A great APP to help your child with spellings and maths**

Thank you to Mrs De Sallis for suggesting the 'squeebles' App which is excellent for spellings and maths. If anyone can recommend any other great websites or Apps please let the office know.

### **Using the field**

We are hoping the children might be able to use the field at lunchtimes now the weather has got a bit better. However, they will only be allowed on the field if they have wellies and over trousers to wear. This will save both the mud on their clothes and in the school.

### **Partial eclipse**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March the country will experience a partial eclipse of the sun. It is due to begin at 8.23am with the maximum eclipse being at 9.29am and the eclipse ending at 10.38am. Although this is a fantastic event to witness we do not have appropriate eye protection for the children to wear therefore for Health and Safety reasons during the maximum eclipse we will keep the children inside.

### **Sporting News**

#### **Netball Tournament**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, a few children were selected to represent Twineham in a netball tournament as part of the Sainsbury's School Games award, hosted at St Pauls Catholic College. These children succeeded in their mission to do the best they could. Not only did they try, but they won all matches. The first was against St Augustines, resulting in the scores Twineham -15, St Augustines -1. In the second match, competing with Balcombe, the final scores were Twineham-10, Balcombe-3.

They had a mini mascot supporting Twineham team called Ollie (an English pointer); he gave the Twineham netball team a lot of team spirit! Another thing that helped them gain success in the tournament was Jen and Charlie's (the coaches) supportive biscuits and hot chocolate.

Team: Holly, Maud, Evie, Rainy, Bear (the captain), Finn, Jas, and Ella

*Written by Holly, Maud and Rainy*

### We are the champions!

Many congratulations to the netball team who have won their league and have now been invited to compete against much larger schools at the Mid Sussex large schools tournament. A very special thanks to the team coaches Jen, Charlie and Tina for all their expertise and hard work. Please see report and photo below.

### League Netball Match!

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 the Twineham netball team consisting of the captain Bear Nugent Harvey, Holly Brook Nash, Maud Brook Nash, Evie Tighe, Rainy Jordan Hayes, Jasmine Byne, Millie Killick and Ella Spearing played in a match competing against St Marks. Fortunately, the Twineham team won leaving St Marks with one goal after our school scored seventeen goals! Our team played pleasantly in a sportsmanlike way. The whole group competed thinking positively and working hard! Throughout the game the children enjoyed themselves and used good teamwork to create success in the contest. Pleasingly, the Twineham team won the small school league resulting in an invitation to compete in the Mid-Sussex large schools tournament. Overall, the team gave it their best and received the best!

*Written by Evie, Holly, Maud and Rainy*



### Cross Country Event

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> March, Maud Brook-Nash represented Mid Sussex in a cross country event. This particular competition was hosted at Windlesham School, who had kindly offered to hold the event there. One hundred and forty six girls took part in this race. Maud Brook Nash came exactly half way in the event, (seventy third.) Although it was an extremely hard race, Mid Sussex persevered, and the boys group came first out of Central Sussex, South Sussex and West Sussex. The girls, however, tried their hardest, but it was an extremely tough race, seeing as it was 2km in length, unfortunately, none of them received a placing in the top fifteen.

All of the team were determined, and followed all of the rules. One boy on Mid Sussex team won his race, and will be going on to run at a higher and harder level. Also, a couple of other boys managed to reach the top fifteen, and therefore will too be going to compete elsewhere.

Our Twineham representative gave her largest amount of effort. To conclude the experience, Maud had a fantastic, yet challenging time and behaved in an impeccable and sportsmanlike manner

*Witten by Maud Brook Nash*



### Football Match

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Twineham football team competed against a strong team of year 6 boys from Bolney. The captain, Bear Nugent Harvey was in goal, playing his best to not let any goals in.

The whole of the football club played in a very sportsmanlike manner. The scores were 21/0 to Bolney but we all did have a brilliant time at the match.

*Written by Dominic*

## Christs Hospital Maths Challenge

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March Harriet Birkby, Ethan Amaya, Archie Rowe and Zoe Cohen went to a maths challenge. We went in pairs Harriet and Archie and Ethan and Zoe. Our favourite challenge was Dicey Dicey. It is where you have a mat with dice numbers on and you had to match them with the dice.

Written by Harriet, Ethan and Archie



## Dates for your diaries

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 11.00am Easter Service in the Church, all very welcome

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: **2.30-3.30pm only** (please do not come in after this time) - please come in and look at what your child has been doing this term.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 2.30 – 3.00pm Y5/Y6 Choral singing show for the parents

## Summer Term dates

20<sup>th</sup> April: Parents maths information session – we have recently completed a maths calculation document which is now available on our website. There will be an opportunity for you to come and talk to your child's class teacher about the content of the booklet on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May: SATS week Year 6

8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June: Science and Technology week Year 5/6

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June- outdoor education week – more details to follow

3<sup>rd</sup> July: FOTS Summer Fair 3.00pm

8<sup>th</sup> July: Sports day –all day, reserve date 21<sup>st</sup> July

10<sup>th</sup> July- whole school trip- more details to follow

14<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Leavers service at Worth Abbey 1.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Leavers Service in Church: 9.15am

### **Message from the Friends of Twineham**

Dear all,

Tomorrow 26 parents/friends will be running 5k from the school to the Royal Oak Pub in Wineham. Please, if you're able to, come along to the pub from 9.30 to cheer them through the finish line! At the pub there will be bacon rolls, hot and cold refreshments and Bloody Marys. For the children there will be a bouncy castle & tattoos. We will also have some flowers to sell, so if you haven't thought about Mother's Day yet we can help!

Any assistance you can offer on the day would also be gratefully received!

Good luck to all the runners & see you at the finish line!!

Annette

FOTS chair

### **Message from Helen Swift**

Dear All

WE WELCOME YOU to our MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE at Christs Church, Sayers Common this Sunday at 10.00am.

The children will be doing various activities especially for all Mums that will make them smile :-). The Singing Club have learnt a very famous song from a popular film for everyone to enjoy so please come and make a fuss of Mum and support the children in all their efforts. EVERY MUM WILL RECEIVE A POSY OF FLOWERS. There will be homemade cakes and refreshments after the service.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. Helen.