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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

## World Book Day

The children had a great time sharing their love of books, stories and authors.

We started the day with an assembly to share all the fantastic costumes that the children were wearing.

In the afternoon, Richard Dijkstra, the author of the Tigeropolis book series, shared his love of tigers with the whole school and talked about what inspired him to become a writer. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting with him and asking him questions about being an author; I am sure this will encourage all the fantastic writers in our school to keep up the hard work!



Thank you for your support in making this fantastic day happen by purchasing books **from the Tigeropolis series. The children learned a lot from Richard's visit** - he truly inspired them with his passion for wildlife and stories.

## Author Visit, Mr Angus Kennedy

Today we had our second author visit of the week from Mr Angus Kennedy, aka the real life Willy Wonka! Angus has gained this chocolate name by having a long career in being a **professional chocolate taster. Whilst some children may think that's the best job on the planet, Angus** gave the children food for thought about their aspirations to dream about who they want to be as they grow. He inspired children to always have a dream and to be focused on that **dream. The children were once again appreciative of any visitors' views and even more appreciative as Angus left them all some chocolate to kick start their weekend! I'm sure they will** reflect on the stories he shared as they indulge. The adults also present in the assembly also

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felt they had been given food for thought with regards to Angus's presentation - thank you Angus!

## Car Park

Thank you again to all the parents that support the safety of almost 200 children and their parents, carers and toddler siblings who exit the school from one gate at 3.15pm by not driving onto the site. However this week we have had two incidents occur - one where a **parent's car had to be banged on by another parent in order to warn them that there was a child behind their moving car.** The second incident was a grandparent hitting a wall within the car park whilst trying to manoeuvre and park in the small space where many other cars were already parked, whilst children were leaving the school. In addition to this, we have one parent parking on the drive, at the gates, waiting for their child and blocking the access for anybody else with permission to enter. These are all accidents waiting to happen, involving a child. Mr Harding, our site manager, has now put a padlock on the staff car park chain so that parents can no longer park in this area and attempt to exit whilst children are moving about on foot when leaving school. Next week, when I can, I will be standing at the vehicular entrance gates to put a stop to unauthorised cars from entering the driveway.

## Travelling Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair has arrived in school today and will be open to children and parents throughout most of next week. If you would like to pop in and have a look, or purchase a book or two for your child(ren), please come to the school hall between 8.30am and 8.55am before school, or between

3.15pm and 3.45pm straight after school. The book fair will be open every day, with the last session being Friday morning so please note that the book fair will not be open on Friday afternoon.



## Marden Cricket Club - Registration Day and Fundraiser

Marden Cricket Club are holding a Junior Registration Day plus 12-hour cricket match on Saturday 27th April in aid of the charity Bloodwise. Is your child interested in cricket, or do they already play? If so then do pop along and take part. There are different times for different age groups - please refer to the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.

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## Lambing Weekend at High Weald Academy

The High Weald Academy annual Lambing Weekend will be held this year on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. The farm is self-funding and the Lambing Weekend is an important **part of the Academy's fundraising activities; all proceeds from the Lambing Weekend go** towards supporting the farm. The event is lots of fun and is open between 10am and 4.30pm each day. Entrance is only £2, children under three years old can enter free of charge. The site is fully accessible and refreshments and free parking are available.



## Recycle With Michael

Hopefully by now you will be in the process of stuffing the provided recycling bags with any unwanted and/or outgrown clothes and shoes that you may have. This project is also aimed at educating children about the importance of reusing and recycling, as well as the environmental impact of waste and ways to overcome this issue, so please do chat to your child about this. There are more bags available from the school office should you need them! The school that fills the most bags across Kent will receive a special visit from Michael, the recycling mascot, to present a trophy and certificate.



## PTFA Corner

The next PTFA meeting is going to be held on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm at The Queens Head pub in Sutton Valence. Please join us if you can - all are welcome.

Uniform Stall - There will be a stall in the playground after school next Friday, 15th March, where you can help yourself to second hand school uniform in return for a donation to the PTFA. If you have any uniform that you would like to donate to this stall then please hand it in to the school office week commencing 11th March. Anything that is left over will be bagged up and donated to the Recycle With Michael scheme for the Salvation Army collection on 29th March.

Mothers Day gift - The children will have the opportunity to decorate a flower pot for a loved one during the school day on Thursday 28th March, which will then come home with them on Friday 29th March. The cost is £1.50 per child - you should have already received the flier, please return slips and payment to the school office.



Bingo - tickets are still on sale for the Bingo night taking place on Wednesday 27th of March. Tickets are £6.00 each which includes Fish & Chips! Bingo cards will be on sale on the night and there will be plenty of CASH prizes. Ticket requests via the PTFA post box please.

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Easter Egg Hunt - The school egg hunt is taking place at 3.15pm on Thursday 4th April on the school field. Tickets are now on sale at the cost of £2 per child which includes a chocolate egg. Ticket requests via the PTFA post box please.

Can you help at our Summer Fair? We are busy organising our Summer Fair and are in need of volunteers to help set up on Friday 5th July between 3.15pm and 7pm and/or to run a stall for an hour on the day. We currently have gaps on the following stalls - welly wanging, raffle, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, tea and cakes, and on the bar. If you can help, please let a member of the PTFA or Mrs Jack in the school office know.

Other upcoming PTFA events for your diary:

6th June, 3.15pm - Outdoor Disco

6th July - Summer Fair

14th/15th September - Welcome Back Camping

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

## Diary Dates

11th-15th March Book Fair in school

11th-15th March Science Week

15th March Red Nose Day!

18th March Year 3 Pupil and Parent Conference

19th March Year 4 Pupil and Parent Conference

19th March Years R, 1 and 2 - Parents Evening

20th March Year 5 Pupil and Parent Conference

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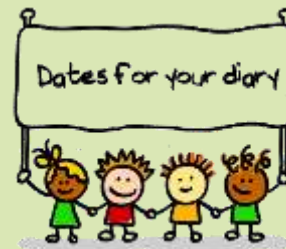
22nd March Year 6 Pupil and Parent Conference

26th March Year 5 - Medieval drama workshop

25th-28th March Return filled Recycle With Michael bags to school

Have a good weekend

Miss Terry  
Headteacher



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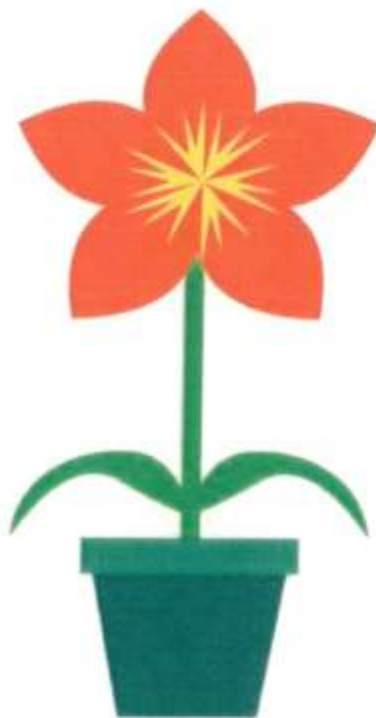
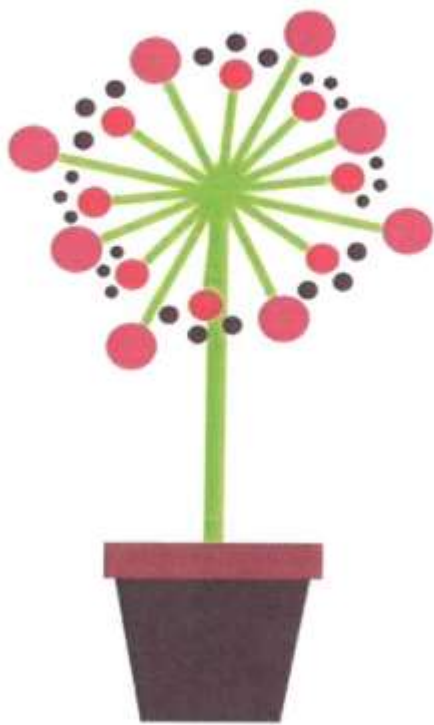
# A Mother's Day Gift

decorate a flower pot to take home

Thursday 28th March (at school)

To come home with child on Friday 29th March with potted flower

£1.50 per child



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Please can I have ..... tickets

Child's name/s and class .....

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Please find enclosed £.....

Please return to school office

Tickets: £6 per person (includes fish and chips)

bingo cards can be purchased on night

CASH PRIZES!

# BINGO

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

7-10pm Sutton Valence School hall

bring a bottle!

Please can I have ..... tickets

Name: .....

Childs name and class ...../.....

Please find enclosed: £.....

Please hand into office or PTA letterbox

(Deadline for tickets 22nd March)

THURSDAY  
4th APRIL

3.15pm school field



Easter  
**EGG HUNT**

Tickets £2 (includes chocolate egg)

Please can I have ..... tickets

Child's name/s and class ...../.....

Siblings who do not attend the school are welcome to buy tickets

Please find enclosed: £.....

Please post in the PTA letterbox or office by 1st April

Please advise if your child has any dietary requirements/ allergies

# RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

- 1 DONATE YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING & SHOES
- 2 RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY
- 3 RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL



BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT  
[www.recyclewithmichael.co.uk](http://www.recyclewithmichael.co.uk)



MARDEN CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS  
**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY PLUS**

**WIN**  
MEMBERSHIP  
FOR A YEAR!

# **12 HOUR** **CRICKET MATCH**

**IN AID OF BLOODWISE**

**27 APRIL 8AM - 8PM**

8 - 10AM U9, 10 - 12PM U11, 12 - 2PM U13, 2 - 4PM U16,  
4 - 8PM SENIORS, BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!

**AT THE MARDEN SPORTS GROUND**

PENTANQUE COMPETITION, BOWLING COMPETITION,  
SOAK THE COACHES, RAFFLE, BBQ AND MORE...

Contact Kate - [lancaster.kate@googlemail.com](mailto:lancaster.kate@googlemail.com)  
to register or for more info