



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

1st April 2021

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the Easter break after such a strange term. I really hope you manage to enjoy some quality family time and that we get some good weather to enjoy outdoor life some more. Our few weeks in school since March 8th have felt like a treat; I am delighted and proud of how well the children have settled after such a long period of remote learning. They have obviously been thrilled to see all their friends again – It felt nearly normal!

After-School Clubs

It is so great that we are now able to offer a couple of after-school clubs. Sports Factor (you might know it as Games with James) will be running on Wednesdays and Thursdays after the Easter break, so look out for the booking information; and a new Football club runs on a Tuesday after school. Let's hope the weather will be kind to us after Easter, as these clubs will always take place outside and will have to be cancelled if that is not possible!

Parents' Evening

I am mindful that many of you have done a wonderful job at home supporting your child with their learning and have now suddenly found yourselves needing to be much less involved. I hope you are not feeling too bereft! I am hoping that parents evening provided a good opportunity for you to feel more involved and exchange thoughts about your child's learning.

I hope you found the online parents evenings helpful and easy to use again this March. I know last Thursday evening worked more smoothly from a technology point of view, with the teachers connecting from home. We are in the process of looking at securing a better and more consistent Broadband system for the school, which we hope will help with many of our connection issues. We may continue with online parents' evenings in the future, or at least for the Autumn/November one!

Homework Club

The survey appears to have worked well and we will have managed to offer places (today or tomorrow) to most children who asked for one. If you do have a place, please let us know asap if you no longer require it so we can offer it to another child. If you would like a place during the summer term, please do not hesitate to email the office so they can look at the bubbles and let you know if there is room.

Competitions

The Y6 competitions have been very exciting this term. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners.

Putnams' Baking Competition

KS1 1st - Amber (R)
2nd - Florrie (Y2)
3rd - Arlo (R)

KS2 1st - Senuki (Y4)
2nd - Emily (Y3)
3rd - Theo (Y3)



Dinnets' Colouring Competition

KS1 1st - Amber (R)
2nd - Maya (R)

KS2 1st - Julia (Y3)
2nd - Eve – (Y5)

Happy School Bag Collection

We are delighted to announce we are holding another textile collection for the Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme. A letter has gone out to parents and each child should have collected a bag from their classroom, but black bin bags can also be used. The Happy School Bag van will collect from school on **Wednesday, 21st April at 9am**, so please bring all your bags to the patch of grass next to the pond before 9am and help us have an amazing collection.

Easter Service

We had two lovely Easter services yesterday, led by Andrew Patterson. The weather was kind to us, so they both took place outside on the mound. It was a really nice end to a very unusual term.



End of Term

Please note the staggered collection times for today's last day of term.

- Reception - 1.40pm
- Year 1 - 1.45pm
- Year 2 - 1.50pm
- Years 3 & 4 - 1.55pm
- Years 5 & 6 - 2pm

Good News

After quite a long time without one, I am delighted to inform you that we will have a new vicar after Easter, which is so exciting. I'm sure you will join me in giving Reverend Chris Haywood a very warm welcome to our lovely school.

Finally, have a very happy and restful Easter break and don't forget to keep reading and holding a pencil! See you on Monday, 19th April.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher