



Weekly News

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents,

Class Trips

We are delighted to share the exciting adventures our Year One and Year Two pupils embarked on during their Spring Term class trips on Wednesday. It was a day filled with exploration, learning and unforgettable experiences for all involved.

Year One had a fantastic time exploring the picturesque surroundings of Bocketts Farm. From exhilarating tractor rides to cheering on their favourite pig during the thrilling pig racing, the children were immersed in the wonders of farm life. They also had the opportunity to interact with a variety of animals, creating lasting memories of their visit.

Meanwhile, Year Two pupils went on an awe-inspiring journey through the wild botanic garden of Wakehurst Place. Home to the renowned Millennium Seed Bank and spanning over 500 acres of diverse landscapes and plant species from across the globe, Wakehurst provides an enriching and immersive learning experience for our young explorers. The children marvelled at the beauty of nature and gained valuable insights into the importance of biodiversity and conservation.

Sharing our Learning

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us for our “Sharing Our Learning” morning on Tuesday. The event was a resounding success, filled with joy, pride, and cherished moments. It was a joyous occasion as our pupils eagerly showcased the remarkable progress, they have been making in their learning journey. From academic achievements to personal growth milestones, each child had the opportunity to shine. Thank you to everyone who could come along and join us!

Pre-Reception Assemblies

The Pre-Reception children captivated us with their delightful assemblies yesterday and this morning centred around the theme of growing up. Through their lovely dance performance, melodic singing, and charming retelling of Jasper’s Beanstalk, they shared their excitement and wonder about the journey of growing up.

Our young stars shared their dreams and aspirations for the future. From aspiring doctors and explorers to zookeepers, veterinarians, and firefighters, their imaginations soared as they envisioned the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Well done children!

Year One News



In Literacy, the children completed their alternative version of the story Avocado Baby. They showcased their creativity and storytelling skills, putting their unique spin on this class tale. Meanwhile, in maths, the children delved into the world of measurement by exploring the lengths of different objects. They engaged in hands-on activities, honing their measuring skills and gaining a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

Our trip to Bocketts Farm was nothing short of spectacular! The children particularly enjoyed cheering on their favourite pig during the pig race and had the opportunity to pet Hazel the rabbit, and interact with horses, guinea pigs, sheep, and goats, fostering a deeper appreciation for animals and nature. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who accompanied us on this unforgettable journey.

Year Two News



Year Two have been tapping in to their creative side by crafting beautiful spring poems. They have been experimenting with various literary devices such as metaphor, alliteration, adjectives, and even personification to bring their poems to life. In maths, our focus has been on symmetry. The children have been challenged to plot vertices on squared paper to create symmetrical shapes. This hands-on activity not only strengthens their understanding of symmetry but also enhances their spatial reasoning and geometry skills.

We wrapped up our fascinating journey into Tudor history by looking at the lives of rich and poor Tudors. Through engaging in discussions and activities, our pupils gained valuable insights into the social and economic disparities of that era.

Our science experiments have provided valuable learning opportunities as they have learned about the importance of providing the right conditions for seeds to thrive. However, our visit to Wakehurst Place proved to be an enriching experience for all. From holding magnificent seeds from around the world to exploring the microscopic world of seeds, the children were captivated by the wonders of nature.

Easter Activities

St Christopher's Easter Eggstravaganza is nearly upon us, to celebrate the end of a very busy spring term all the children will take part in an Easter-themed hunt followed by a visit from the Easter bunny!

The PTA has kindly arranged for every child in school to receive an Easter egg from the Easter bunny.

Before this exciting event, all children will take part in our '**St Christopher's Easter Bonnet Parade**'. Please bring your lovely creations in on Wednesday 27th March, the children will showcase their hats during the day.

Maths Timestable Stars in Year 2

Huge congratulations to Henry D, James C, Karen L and Jack W for achieving their Bronze Stars.

A reminder that we will be supporting Age Concern who are holding an Easter Egg Trail at Rosebery Park this Saturday between 10 am – 1 pm.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Ford, you have impressed the kitchen this week by twirling your spaghetti on to your fork . Well done Ford!

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total **1620** of House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

In Year 1 Science, we have been learning about the parts of the plant that we eat. This is Grace's informative fact file about carrots!



Vegetables



My vegetable: carrot

What does it look like?

it is stick
and it
is thin
and long

How do you plant it?

Put in
seed in
the soil
to plant it

What does it taste like?

It is crunchy
it is ^(raw) not
and it is
sweet

What meals can you make with it?

you can make
carrot soup?
schiro and
carrot
bunghs... with!

Where and when does it grow?

It grows
in the
soil
and
ground

Draw Your Vegetable



What a wonderful
fact file about carrots!

Disclaimer: The nature of this resource requires independent, directed research. It is advisable to use only pre-selected, child-appropriate sources of information and websites that are appropriate to their age. Please also be aware that there may be aspects of a topic or individual's life which may be controversial or upsetting to some. Due to this, we highly recommend that you carefully consider all research activities before undertaking them with children.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It might be the end of our final full week before Easter, but we are still working hard, being inspired, and learning lots and lots! Our Nursery was a hive of Easter activities this week. We have been busy baking delicious hot cross buns in the Kitchen, delivering Easter eggs for the Easter bunny using the bikes, and having an Easter egg number hunt in the garden. On Monday we had a maths hat parade in Nursery to celebrate the end of maths week. Congratulations to Annabel for winning the Nursery maths hat competition, and another huge congratulations to Asparuh and Iris for their amazing counting skills and winning the counting competition. On Tuesday, Nursery were so excited to invite their grownups in for sharing our learning, they showed them their favourite areas of the Nursery and their favourite activities to do. Thank you for all our grownups that could make it. We ended our week with two fabulous assemblies from our Pre-Reception children; they blew the audiences away with their loud clear voices, their singing, dancing, and enormous smiles. The Nursery teachers were bursting with pride, well done Pre-Reception.



Reception News

As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, our little explorers in Reception have been on a delightful spring adventure. Armed with their trusty checklist, they've scoured the school grounds to confirm that spring has truly arrived. Our garden is beginning to burst with colour and we discovered some bright and cheerful daffodils and found evidence of other bulbs about to spring to life. The trees, too, are waking up from their winter slumber, adorned with tiny buds and beautiful blossoms.

Last week, the children planted cress seeds, and the excitement was palpable. Over the weekend, these tiny green wonders sprouted and we couldn't believe how much they had grown. We scarcely needed the magnifying glasses that were set up in our plant observation station! Some curious taste testers couldn't resist sampling the fresh cress right in the classroom!

Our maths focus this week centered around growth and measurement beginning with their own feet, the children traced around them and measured how many cubes long their feet were. Then, they organised their foot outlines by size—a fun way to explore measurement! Eager to explore greater measures and explore use of different measuring tools, Reception children each crafted their own beanstalks. Once again, we ordered them by length. Finally, outside we combined all the beanstalks to create a ginormous one, which was very long.



The Foundation Team

Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 27th March– Easter hat parade
Children please bring in your home made Easter Hats



Wednesday 27th March - Last day of term
Nursery & Pre-Reception - 12pm finish
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - 12.10pm finish



Wednesday 17th April - Term commences

