



# Newsletter

## Spring term

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**26th March 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers

The last couple of weeks have shown lovely signs of Spring emerging, the trees are beginning to blossom and the beautiful spring flowers have brightened our days. I am sure the generous donation of daffodils from Cotton End Baptist Church, to mark your Mothering Sunday weekend, were well received, thank you very much to them.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have all of the children back in school, they have settled down really well and have been working hard. Our whole school assembly on a Friday morning is still held remotely but it is an opportunity to share exciting news from each class about some of the activities the children have undertaken during the week. I am immensely proud of how confident and eloquent the children are when sharing their news. The teachers are really pleased to have everyone back in their classes and returning to face to face teaching. With this in mind, could I please ask that you now email the office with any queries so that teachers have less emails to respond to, particularly outside of school hours. If your query is urgent, please call us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are now getting back to having lots of fantastic fun learning activities for the children to take part in:

Book week was so much fun with extreme reading challenges, dressing up day and of course the hat competition! It was really popular but Mrs Thacker, our Chair of Governors, found it very hard to judge! Well done to all of the entrants and particularly the overall winner, Amelia in Year 1, with a creation of The Sorting Hat from Harry Potter.

We are marking British Science Week with our Science Day; activities this week included an online chat with an engineer, investigation activities and the children were asked to create a poster about their idea of 'innovating for the future'.

The children were very lucky to have some special visitors in school last week; Mrs Gormley brought in two baby lambs that were only a few days old. The children learned that they had been rejected by their mum and were being hand reared and were able to feed and handle them throughout the day.

Our Red Nose Day, with children wearing red to school, was very well supported and we raised a fantastic £260 which will be shared between Comic Relief and school projects. Thank you for your generosity.

As a school which promotes outdoor learning, we are constantly finding ways to keep the children fit and active. Thank you to those parents who have registered their children for Bikeability training and keep a look out for further information on other travel initiatives that we will be promoting. Please remember that we have fabulous scooter and bike racks which can be used if your children are scooting or cycling to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 13th April.

Karen Headland

### Free School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals. If you would like an application form please ask at the school office. Thank you



### Food donations

If you are finding you are struggling in these unprecedented times please get in touch with Mrs Chesters-Lewis via the school office.

We have been given some food items donated from a local supermarket that we can pass onto you. Thank you.



**Feeding the Community**

We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements.

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### Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am.**



There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card ,copy of prescription , consultant letter etc.

### Attendance

A big well done to Owls class last week with 100% attendance and to Owls and Willows class this week with 99.2%



Whole school attendance is 96.5% but we are aiming for 98%!

### Diary Dates

**26th March-** Last day before Easter holidays

**12th April-** Teacher training day school closed to all pupils

**13th April-** First day back to school for all pupils

