



Newsletter

Spring Term



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1st April 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

We have come to the end of another fabulous term in school. I have enjoyed having some special time with children who have been nominated by their class teachers to take part in my postcard picnic. It is something special for the children to receive a real postcard delivered to their house and a lovely opportunity for me to get to know the children well.

The children have had some amazing learning opportunities this term with visits and visitors back in school with Year 6 having a WW2 experience day, Year 1 Great Fire of London experience and yr4 going off to the Anglo-Saxon village at Stow. Our outdoor learning week has also been a great success as you can see from the photos.

I was delighted to be invited to the Year 2 Royal Banquet today where I was treated like a Queen! The children and staff shared their banquet and entertained me with their regal costumes and dances -thank you very much!!

Our PTFA worked really hard to organise a great Easter raffle; the prizes looked absolutely amazing. Over £200 was raised for PTFA funds; thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this.

We have had some staff changes for the end of this term-We are saying a fond farewell to Mr Preece and Mrs Matthews who are moving on to pastures new and welcoming Mrs Pryor and Mrs Johnson to our team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Easter; I hope you enjoy the break with your families and look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 20th April.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

- Wed 20th April—Back to school
- Wed 4th May—Class photos
- Mon 9th May—SATS week Yr2 & Yr6
- Fri 27th May—Last day of half term



Attendance

- A big well done to Kingfishers class this week with 97.6% attendance and Eagles last week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 94.8% but we are aiming for 98%!



PTFA Easter Raffle

Our PTFA raffle was a massive success and we would like to offer our sincere thanks and huge appreciation to all those parents who donated a gift—so very kind. Thanks also to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of the event. The draw took place via zoom into all classrooms so the children had the opportunity and excitement of witnessing it live. The lucky winners went home with some amazing prizes to enjoy over the Easter break and a whopping £258.90 was raised!!



Friday Care Club

The Friday Care Club for working families is still available to book for Friday 22nd April - Friday 27th May. This needs to be booked and paid for on ParentMail in advance. Please note the bookings close on Wednesday 20th April.

We are unable to take any late bookings.



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Purple Day

Purple Day is an international day dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th we invited the children to wear purple to acknowledge this cause.

Thank you to all those who supported this cause and wore purple in recognition of this condition.



Uniform

During the Easter break, please would you take this opportunity to ensure all your school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. We are constantly finding lost clothing which we are unable to reunite with its owner. Just a simple permanent marker hand written would suffice. There is no need to make special purchases.



Sunflower Competition

Today your child will be bringing home the sunflower that they started to grow as part of science week.



Please plant and continue to grow your sunflower at home. This is a good opportunity for your child to learn how to look after a plant.

I will be running a growing competition throughout the

Summer term to see who can grow the tallest sunflower!

History off the Page: The Great Fire of London

The children in Year 1 enjoyed taking part in our immersive Great Fire of London day as a fantastic finish to our topic! The children spent the morning making bread, candles, clay pots and leather book marks. They practiced their handwriting with handmade ink, and re-enacted key events in the Great Fire of London. The children then spent the afternoon undertaking an archaeological dig to find out more about the people who lived during 1666. We loved seeing the children dressed up in their historical outfits!



Royal Banquet

Year 2 had a great time at our Royal Banquet this morning. A feast fit for a king was devoured and the children wore their crowns and handmade outfits. They did some royal dancing and played musical statues. We even had a visit from Mrs Headland who sat on our



throne and we were able to entertain her with our dancing moves. Thank you to all parents who contributed some food towards the occasion.

Outdoor Learning Week

We have had the most amazing Outdoor Learning week! Over the past few days, the children have participated in a variety of outside activities linked to this term's History topics. These have included local village walks, a Great Fire of London day, a World War 2 experience day, archaeological digs, outside singing and cooking in both the Food Tech room and over an open fire. Years 3 and 4 have also been making roundhouses on the school site.

Well done everyone - a brilliant week with lots of learning beyond the classroom walls!

