## Newsletter

# Spring term

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31st March 2023



#### Dear Parents / Carers

We have come to the end of another really busy term. We have had lots of visits and visitors in the last couple of weeks; what a great end to the term!

This week Year 4 class, Eagles, visited Verulamium to enhance their history knowledge as part of their Roman topic. They explored the Roman museum and looked at different mosaic designs. Year 1 had a great learning experience with a Great Fire of London workshop in school which included activities relevant to the time of candle making, creating clay jewellery and weaving to make baskets.

Reception children in Oak and Willow class had a fantastic day out at Woburn looking at different animals from around the world. For some of these children, it was their first experience of going on a coach to explore the wider world and visit an animal park. The children all learned lots and behaved really well-we are really proud of them all!

Yesterday Year 5 experienced life in Victorian times with visitors in school. The Victorian school teacher was very strict but made the experience very enjoyable for everyone. I am sure the children prefer school without a threat of the

As you appreciate, these events take a considerable amount of planning and preparation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff here for all their hard work in making the learning experiences for your children enjoyable and memorable. Thank you too for supporting us with making these events so successful by providing packed lunches, making donations and helping the children to bring their learning to life by dressing up. We couldn't do all these things without you!!!

The Forest School ambassadors have worked really hard to organise the Easter events today-naming a bunny, counting eggs in a jar and creating a great raffle-well done!!

Our celebration assembly today was really lovely too; spelling bee certificates, merits and pen licences were awarded across the school. I had also given the teachers an unenviable task of nominating the pupil of the term for their class- The teachers explained to the whole school how they had reached their decision- what a difficult job!. The children who were awarded these accolades were all very deserving. Well done everyone.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy some time with your families. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 18th April.

Mrs Headland

#### Diary Dates

31st March—End of Term

17th April—Teacher training day

18th April—Return to school

18th April—Premier after school club begins KS1

19th April—Premier after school club begins KS2

19th April—Yr 3 Performance 3pm

19th April—Year 6 SATs information meeting 3.45pm

20th April—Gamebuilding Club begins KS2

24th April-Ninja Academy begins

24th April—Gamebuilding Club begins KS1

25th April—NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshop

Yr5 and Yr 6

1st May—Bank Holiday

8th May—Bank Holiday

w/c 9th May-Yr6 SATS

15th May—Walk to School Week

22nd May-Class Photos



#### Attendance

A big well done to Ospreys class this week with 99.2% attendance and Wagtails last week with 97.7%. The whole school attendance is 93.7% but we are aiming for 98%!

#### Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from

public health, we have incubation period for the

decided to continue the 48 hour foreseeable future. Can we also remind you that if your child has chickenpox that they can return to school once the last spot has scabbed

over. We would also appreciate for our records that a confirmation of any doctor's appointment, hospital appointment, any medicine prescribed or even a picture of spots (face doesn't have to be visible) is sent over to:

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#### Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum

On Monday this week, year 4 went on a trip to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. The children began the day with a walk over to the hypercourse, which also had a large play area! After lunch, we attended an artefact handling session, which also included additional history learning about the city of Verulamium and St Albans. The children learnt more about life in Roman times and tried to identify what the different objects were and what they would be used for, this was interesting and fun, especially the Roman toilet paper!!

The final part of the afternoon was spent in groups in the

museum. The children had a range of activities and questions to answer, this also included time to sit and draw mosaics.

The experience was amazing and all the children represented the school brilliantly!



#### Calendar Dates

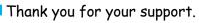
If you have any queries regarding what's going on in school please refer to our calendar tab on our school website for more

information. You will also find a list of the academic term dates for your reference.



#### School Lunches

The menu on School Grid is now available for you to pre order up until the May half term. Please could we kindly remind all parents and carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly.





#### Forest School Ambassadors

As a result of the massive efforts from our Forest School Ambassadors, we managed to raise £445.00 today to buy our new flag and other Forest School items. We are so proud of the hard work and integrity our ambassadors have shown.



The winners are as follows:Early Years Hamper—River
KS1 Hamper - Phoebe
KS2 Hamper—Ethan
Name the Bunny—Joey(Willows)

Number of eggs in the jar— Waleed (Kingfishers)

Feed the bunny a carrot— Reuben W (Kestrels)

1st Place Easter Bonnet Competition-Reuben C (Kestrels)

2nd Place Easter Bonnet Competition—Hallie (Owls)





#### Year 5 Historic Workshop

On Thursday, year 5 had the opportunity to experience life in Victorian times whereby they investigated a wide range of genuine Victorian inventions, such

as cameras, typewriters, sewing machines etc.



The children really got into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up in Victorian costume and looked absolutely amazing. Thanks to those parents for making such an effort.

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**Sport:** Summer Sports (activities include

Cricket, Tennis & Rounders

**Times:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Price: £27 for 6 weeks

**Ages:** Years 1 & 2

Dates: Tuesday 18th April – Tuesday 23rd May

2023

Ages: Years 3-6

**Dates:** Wednesday 19th April – Wednesday

24th May 2023

Additional info: Boys & Girls Welcome





#### <u>World Book</u> Week

We're delighted
to be able to report our
final total for our
Sponsored Book Read,
Book Sale, Cake Sale and
Scholastics Book Fayre:
We managed to raise a
whopping £2,435.00 for
school funds.

I Also, our Comic Relief
I fun raised an impressive
I £500 to be split between
I the school and Comic
I Relief. Thank you so
I much to everyone who
I supported
US.

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