



Dear Parents,

The Spring equinox has brought some sunshine to the village this week with Spring starting to show it's more colourful side.

I am delighted to announce Mrs Henderson's happy news; she is expecting a baby due to arrive this Summer. Mrs Henderson is planning on finishing the academic year before going on maternity leave and we have started the recruitment process for a new member of staff to join the school in September.

In our collective worship this week, we shared a traditional tale from Spain and an Islamic story both about forgiveness and the importance of recognising when we had done wrong and asking for forgiveness. In class, the children reflected on whether forgiveness should come with a consequence.

An update on our Forest School developments; Mrs Hatwell has planted a range of trees donated by the Woodland trust they will form part of our Forest School area and Miss Airey has started her training too. We are planning to start with some Forest School sessions in terms 5 and 6 for Year 3&4 before extending the sessions to the other year groups next academic year.

Thank you to everyone that came to the book sale on Tuesday afterschool. It is really great to know the books are being put to good use.

Year 1&2 visited the Cooper School on Thursday for a multi-skills event (which included and unexpected fire alarm). The children had a great time and were able to try out a range of activities including speed bounce, hurdles, foam javelins, basketball dribble and many more! The class also had a visit from Reverend Lisa that same afternoon to help them with their learning about leaders.

You may have noticed the sign outside school from the Eco Council promoting the Great Big School Clean 2023. Please help us reach our pledge of 20 bags. Please let us know when you have been so that you can be added to the chart!

The Eco council have also put together a walk to school survey that they would like all families to complete. This is part of their 2022/23 eco award. We would be very grateful if you would complete and return this questionnaire to help us. Please follow the link to complete the quick survey. <https://forms.gle/TWVRPkRT9RMWxb8x6>

Next week, we will end the term with an Easter service in school. The service will take place at 2:30 on Friday 31st at St Mary's church. Parents should then collect the children from church. To minimise the amount the children will need to carry, the children will not need to bring bags to school that day, other than lunch boxes and water bottles. Parents are also welcome to join us in our celebration too. Please let the office or class teacher know if you are able to help with walking to church.

Finally, this evening is the school's Easter Disco, I hope to see many of the children showing off their best moves!

Nadia Gosling

Headteacher Value Award

Blake— for recognising and celebrating forgiveness in others.



School Lunches

Update on Improving our Lunch Register Process.

Thank you to those that have selected meals for the coming week, please discuss the menu options with your child so that they know what choices have been made.

To Guarantee the parental choice of meal, please can these be inputted on-to School Money by Thursday each week for the following week. We will then be informing your class teachers what has been selected and they will then only need to ask those that have not had a lunch option added to the system.

ECO Council News

The Great Big School Clean 2023 is underway. Please support us by litter picking in any location over the next few weeks.

Let the office know when you've been, so we can add you to our tally. We have pledged to collect 20 bags.

School Dates

Diary dates

24th March 5:30pm-7pm PTA Easter Disco

29th March—Rags 2 Riches

31st March 2:30pm - Easter Service at St Mary's Church—Please collect your child from Church.

1st—16th April—Half Term

17th April—Return to School

1st May—Bank Holiday

8th May—Bank Holiday

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

97.38% attendance

Whole school attendance

96.29%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Nursery Spaces Available:

We have Nursery spaces available from September 2023 onwards.

Please contact the school office to place your child on our waiting list & to book a tour.

Our nursery is available from the age of 3



Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST mobile no: 07395182892

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only.

If you could [please try to get your clubs booked by Sunday for the week ahead](#), so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

Early Years

This week in FSU our core Rhyme has been Humpty Dumpty. Extending this theme we have learnt about hens and that they lay eggs. Children have exhibited team work building 'walls' inside and out, with Lego, wooden blocks, crates, bricks cups and sticks. They have also made egg sandwiches, practising their buttering skills!



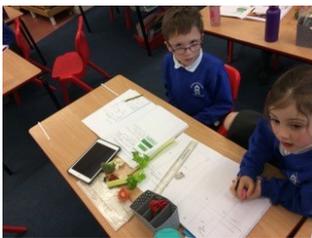
Year 1 & 2

We had a fantastic time at our Multi-skills event. The children behaved amazingly and I was so proud of them! Everyone worked well on their teamwork and tried really hard at every event, showing lots of resilience. We then had a great afternoon when Rev. Lisa joined us for RE to think about leadership. She told us about her role as a leader and her work helping people in the community. Next week we will be making our puppets!



Year 3 & 4

This week in science, Year 3 and 4 explored and sorted different food plants. We looked at a range of root, flower, stem, fruit and leaf food plants. We also had fun discussing plants that we knew and liked and ones that perhaps we did not like eating.



Year 5 & 6

This week, Year 5/6 practised and performed a dance routine inspired by martial arts to the song, 'Eye of the Tiger'. They had to make sure that they kept in time to the beat and worked together as a class to get in the right positions. The results were excellent - well done, Year 5/6!

Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Resilience	Corey—For super progress with his phonics
Year 1 & 2	Resilience	Mabel—For resilience and effort on our sports trip
Year 3 & 4	Love	Maison -For showing kindness by helping his friend with writing
Year 5 & 6	Kindness	Amelia—For encouraging others in PE and showing good teamwork skills

Safeguarding

Please contact Miss Giles, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.