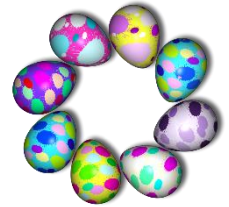




THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to thank you for all your support and wish you all a very happy Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 17th April. Our busy term has included some of the following highlights:



World Book Day – The children produced lots of good work and enjoyed exploring lots of different genres.



Parent Lunches – These have been very popular with the children and adults! Thank you for the enthusiasm and positive comments about the food and dining experience.



Online Safety Sessions for Parents – These have been very informative and well attended by families. Other classes will be invited into school next term.



Easter Bingo event organised by the Friends of School – This was a great family event which raised £600 by the Friends of School, which will go towards enhancing our curriculum. Special thanks to Kate and Oliver from 'Knockout Entertainment', who gave their time for free, along with the other members of the Friends of School. Thank you also to those that attended or donated Easter eggs. Thanks to the FOS for the Easter treats for the children.



Sports tournaments and events – Many children have had the opportunity to take part in a range of tournaments and sporting events this term. Thank you to Miss Cleghorn, our PE Lead, for organising these exciting activities and to the staff who have accompanied pupils. Well done to our Year 6 swimming team who came third in a local Gala event last week. In addition, a selection of Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic afternoon at a Physical Literacy event at Adventure Island on Wednesday of this week.



School vision and entries to the competition – Thank you to all members of the school community for the contributions, views and vision ideas provided. The winners in each category will be announced after Easter. Our next step is to collate the most popular ideas and get some draft designs for our new tree.



Children's Mental Health Week, including the mindfulness workshops in school to help pupils to relax and provide strategies to improve their sense of wellbeing.



Safer Internet Day – The children worked hard to learn how to stay safe online and enjoyed a range of activities to mark this day. Thank you to Mrs Bickers and Miss Stevenson for leading this day, including a special assembly.



Parents Evenings – It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers last week at parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you for your votes on our wonderful entries to the vision tree competition.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand
Headteacher



Congratulations!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Rev Rich Henderson who is moving on to a new position as Archdeacon of Suffolk. We have really enjoyed working with him over the recent years and we are very grateful for the support he has given to the school. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the school and wish him all the very best in his new position.

Farewell!

Thank you and goodbye to Isobel Mison who is sadly leaving the school at Easter after 30 years of service. Isobel has worked as both a mid-day assistant and also as part of the Squirrels breakfast club team. Isobel will be greatly missed but we wish her all the very best in the future.



On Thursday 29th March, along with several other schools, our Year 5 and 6 pupils were invited to the Sir John Leman High School for their music concert. A good afternoon was had by all.



Beccles Baptist Church are organising an **EasteRamble**, a free Easter Trail for families in the first week of the Easter holidays (from Saturday 1st April to Friday 7th April).

More information can be found here:

<http://www.becclesbaptistchurch.co.uk/what-we-do/easter>

Maps for the trail are available from outside the church building or free to download on the website.

Parking Update

We would like to thank all members of our school community for supporting and adapting to the changes to the car park. Following further meetings with the working party and members of Suffolk County Council, these arrangements are now being made permanent. Full details were in the letter sent to families on Thursday 30th March.



On Wednesday 29th March, a group of KS2 pupils attended an Easter Extravaganza sports event in Lowestoft. The children took part in a range of activities including tennis, dance, circus skills, curling, time challenges and target games. At the end of the event all the schools present came together to perform the dance that had been learnt. The children had a fantastic time, with the circus skills and dance being particular favourites.



On Wednesday 29th March, we enjoyed a wonderful music concert performed by our superb musicians and choir. We were treated to many individual and group performances on the piano, keyboard, flute, guitars and drums. The children showed confidence and enjoyed their wonderful performances. In addition, the choir sang three songs beautifully and were accompanied by some of our musicians.

Special thanks to Mr Eden for organising this event and Mr Marchand, Mrs Horsley and Mr Buck for supporting the performers.

Diary Dates



Friday 31st March – Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 17th April – First Day of Summer Term
Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday due to the King's Coronation
9th to 12th May – Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 19th May – Non-school Uniform Day
Friday 19th May – FOS Meeting/Cake Sale
Friday 26th May – School Closed to Pupils

Monday 29th May – Half Term Week
Friday 16th June – Non-school Uniform Day
Friday 16th June – School Fete
Friday 30th June – Sports Day
Thursday 6th July – Y6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 7th July – FOS Meeting
Friday 7th July – Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 11th July – Leavers' Production
Wednesday 12th July – Leavers' Production
Friday 14th July – Non-school Uniform Day
Friday 14th July – FOS Cake Sale
Thursday 20th July – Last Day of Summer Term