



Dear Parents & Carers

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday (a week late). The children (and adults) looked amazing. The costumes were well worth the wait. Children and staff dressed up as a range of characters from books and celebrated books and reading. Amongst the winning costumes there was an Oompa Loompa from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland and Lucy from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Thank you to all those who enabled the children to have such good costumes.

Staffing

We advertised internally for an acting deputy headteacher to replace Miss McGrath whilst she is on maternity leave. Congratulations to Mrs Morgan who was successful at interview and will cover the post, starting from after the Easter holiday. A separate letter has gone out to parents in 6M explaining the arrangements for the class. We will be welcoming back Mrs Rook after the Easter holiday. She will be teaching 6M for some of the week and then teaching across the school for the rest of the week.

PTA Easter Tea Afternoon, Friday 23rd March 3.00 – 5.00pm

Please do come and support the event on 23rd March and if you are able to help, please let Anna in the school office know and she will allocate a stall to you. Donations of cakes and biscuits to sell would also be very much appreciated – please send these in on the morning of the 23rd. Thank you for the donations for the spring hampers, we had a great selection of items. **We have a non-uniform day on Friday 16th March** and we would like to ask for Easter donations; lower school chocolate and upper school full bottles for the tombolas.



Church

We are going to a service at St Lawrence church on Friday 23rd March, leaving at 10.30 am. We need additional adults when taking children off site, if you are able to help by walking to and from the church with the children, please could you let Miss McGrath know either by catching her on the gate or leaving a message in reception. When at the church, some children will be doing readings of the Easter story and the children will sing some Easter songs.

Easter Eggs

Children can bring in their decorated eggs (hard boiled) any time from Monday 19th March (no larger than a standard sized shoe box). Judging will take place on the morning of Thursday 22nd March.



Easter Assemblies

Each year group will be doing an assembly to show the events of Holy Week using drama, songs, and stories. Parents are invited to come and see their child's assembly at 2.40pm. The dates for these will be:

Monday 19 th March	Tuesday 20 th March	Wednesday 21 st March	Thursday 22 nd March
Year 4 Palm Sunday	Year 3 The Passover	Year 6 The Crucifixion	Year 5 The Resurrection

Whole School Easter Lunch

We will be having a whole school Easter lunch on Tuesday 27th March. Please look out for a letter which will come home with your child today.

Sport Relief

Look out for our Sport Relief letter this week. We are raising money for the charity by asking children to dress in a sporty outfit of their choice and bring in a donation.



Mothering Sunday Gift Sale

We hope you enjoyed the gifts that your child/children bought for you. The children definitely enjoyed buying them and I could see them really putting a lot of thought into their choices, thinking about what the person they were buying for would really like. Thank you to the members of the PTA who bought and wrapped the presents and the ones who came in over lunch times to help the junior PTA with selling them and putting labels on.

Libraries for Bush Schools

Over the February half term, Miss Thomas revisited a school in The Gambia where she had spent time teaching between 2002 and 2005. She has come back with a passion to improve the libraries of 2 village schools she visited where hundreds of children have just a handful of books to share. This morning, she shared her experiences with the children in an assembly. So far Miss Thomas has raised over £1000 and that money has been spent on a reading scheme which is on its way to the schools. She would love to raise a further £500 in order to buy more books, shelves and chairs for these libraries. If you are interested in finding out more about the project, please follow the attached link to the 'Libraries for Bush Schools' fundraising page.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmilyThomas12>

Times Tables

This week the children in years 4 - 6 will be tested on their 6 and 7 times tables as part of the rock star challenge.

Sam the Frog

Congratulations to 4W who achieved 99.7% attendance last week and will have Sam the Frog this week.



Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised in the Gold Book during celebration assembly:

3B	4M	5C	6L
Hannah	Grace	Willow	Charlie R
3S	4W	5W	6M
Thomas	Aaron	Albert	Jamie

Letter Alert!	
The following letters have been sent out today/recently ...have you received them?	
March	
Fri 3 rd	Year 6 America Day letter
Thu 9 th	Child:Parents:School meeting letter
Tue 13 th	6M teaching arrangements letter
Tue 13 th	Sport Relief letter
Tue 13 th	Whole School Easter Lunch letter

March	
Fri 16 th	Non-uniform Day – years 3&4 to bring in chocolate and years 5&6 bottles for tombolas
Mon 19 th – Thu 22 nd	Decorated Egg Competition
Mon 19 th	Year 4 Easter Assembly 2.40pm
Tue 20 th	Year 3 Easter Assembly 2.40pm
Wed 21 st	Year 6 Easter Assembly 2.40pm
Wed 21 st	Sport Relief – children to wear sporty attire and donate £1 to the cause
Thu 22 nd	Child:Parents:School meeting 6.00 – 7.15pm
Thu 22 nd	Year 5 Easter Assembly 2.40pm
Fri 23 rd	Easter Church Service (pupils only)
Fri 23 rd	PTA Easter Tea Party 3.00 – 5.00pm
Mon 26 th	Year 6 America Day
Tue 27 th	Whole School Easter Lunch
Wed 28 th	School closes for the Easter Holidays for children
Thu 29 th	INSET day for school staff

With all best wishes to you and your family,

Jenny Jones
Headteacher