

March 12th 2021 Newsletter

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It's been so good to have everyone back in school! Attendance this week has been **excellent**. The children are **happily re-connecting with friends** and members of staff and re-adjusting to learning in school. During these few weeks until the Easter holidays the children will have **plenty of opportunities to be outdoors**, to take part in **co-operative and creative activities**, to build **resilience and well-being** and to revise **key skills and knowledge**. We have timetabled three outdoor physical activity sessions daily, so **it's essential that children have waterproof coats and plimsolls (for indoor wear) in school every day**.

This week's themed assemblies for **Waste Week** provided some startling facts about food wastage. We learned that

- Every year, a typical UK household puts 1/5 of the food they buy in the bin
- The main reason we throw away food is that it is what was left on the plate after a meal.

As climate change becomes an ever-growing concern, we are keen to take steps to support a healthy environment for the future. We recycle all school food waste via the OCC scheme. Please help us to help the environment by providing fruit snacks for your child to eat at breaktime as these are healthy and environmentally friendly. **We do not permit breaktime snacks with non-recyclable packaging.**

I am delighted to report that a number of premises projects were completed during half term; these included a long overdue re-decoration of one of the classrooms which was postponed until a roof repair was completed. School governor Steve Lisansky did lots of good work behind the scenes to secure funding for re-decoration and we are very grateful to CHIPP, the Doris Field Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Parish Council, the Pig Breeders Supply Company and the Wickens family; this project was only possible because of their generous donations. Thank you all!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Dates for Your Diary

Panda Class Victorian School Day	16 th March
Comic Relief Non-School Uniform	19 th March
Last Day of Term 4	30 th March
First Day of Term 5	19 th April

Pictures of the Week

Spring has sprung outside Owllet Class!



Lara's fabulous daffodil painting.



More Information

Happy Birthday to **Sam** who is 9 today!



Comic Relief: Red Nose Day– 19th March 2021

To celebrate Comic Relief: Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March we will be having a non-uniform day. Children can come to school in their World Book Day costumes, wear a wig or cool hairstyle, a funny mask or hat or just wear their normal clothes. All children will be asked to think of a joke and can decide if they would like to share it with their class. During the afternoon physical activity break, classes will remain in their bubbles to take part in red-nosed themed races and team challenges. Join in the fun to raise money for this very worthy cause!

You can help us raise money for this great cause by donating directly to our fundraising page - <https://www.justgiving.com/checkendon-church-of-england-a-rednoseday21>. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Comic Relief: Red Nose Day and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

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Clubs to Re-start!

We are very excited to announce that clubs will begin again after Easter ☺ More details will follow shortly but we are expecting to offer you at least the following clubs: Music, Art and Running Club and, all being well, we hope to reintroduce additional clubs over the coming months.

Guitar Lessons

Russ Payne will be in school on a Friday afternoon offering guitar lessons. For further information, please refer to the attachment.



CH.I.P.P Meeting Monday 15th March 2021 @8pm

Please join the meeting to discuss CH.I.P.P's latest fundraising efforts and help them plan for the future. Listen, share an idea or even joining the committee – everyone is welcome. Please email chippcommittee@gmail.com for a Teams invitation.



Mothering Sunday

Did you know that Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent? Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name. Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Worship for Mothering Sunday 12th March 2021

11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. The most famous verse in the Bible, and some classic hymns. Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.

And Finally....

Why did the tap dancer give up?
He kept falling in the sink!

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In PE Owlet Class have been really active.

Here is **Harry** practising for the next fitness challenge and playing lots of team games.

Hattie, Marley and Arlo from Owl Class were excited to begin their D.T project; designing and making a wheeled vehicle.



Sophia, Coco, Livi and Ellie catching up after lunch.