

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome / Accogliere

The last five days have passed in a flurry of activity especially in the foyer with the nine furry chicks! Sadly, they left us today but we had such fun petting them, watching them change and some of us even wrote about them.

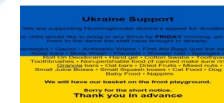
Today, was bright in school with all the children celebrating an supporting **Red Nose Day**. A **HUGE** thank you for all the donations, we raised over £150.

I took all the donated items for **Ukraine** to Hinchingsbrooke School today, everyone very much appreciates your support.

You should have received your **Spring Term Parent Consultation Targets** today via email. Please have them to hand for next week's phone call with the teachers. Following the meeting, please engage with our **survey** to give us feedback: <https://forms.office.com/r/MNQdB6373Z> [please note the link will be active from 3.00pm on **Tuesday 22nd March** until **Monday 18th April**].

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Rae Lee [Headteacher]



### Pre School / Scuola Materna

**Preschool** have continued being marvellous mark makers this week, using the daffodils as inspiration, they have used glue and sand to create marks and were inspired by an interest in 'Sonic the Hedgehog' to explore drawing spikes. **Next week**, to support their learning about 'Keeping ourselves Safe' we will follow the children's instructions on how to be safe near roads and we will also have a tuff tray dedicated to looking after our teeth.

### Year R / Anno R

This week in **Class 1** and **2** the antics of the 'Evil Pea' inspired some wonderful **writing** linked to our 'Supertato' story! We wrote speech bubbles and captions for the characters and enjoyed sharing our ideas. Our **maths** learning has centred on using the part whole model to find pairs of numbers that make a total of 10 and learning more about 'teens' numbers, using a range of hands-on equipment. In our **enquiry** learning we have been comparing wild and domesticated animals and have explored mark making and improving our drawing skills in **art** sessions. **Next week**, we will be getting ready for our special **Easter Concert**, creating self-portraits using pencils in **art** and sorting a range of animals into groups, discussing the similarities and differences between them.

### Year 1 / Anno 1

In **Class 3** and **4**, we have been finding out all about Scotland this week on our journey around the UK for **geography**. There was lots of debate about whether there is actually a monster in Loch Ness! We have been writing sentences in **English** about 'Gerald', focusing on using capital letters and full stops. In **maths** we have been representing numbers, with tens and ones, using lots of different resources. We have also been doing lots of counting in 2s. **Next week**, we are focusing on joining words and clauses with the conjunction 'and' in **English**. In **maths** we will be comparing numbers to 50 and comparing lengths and heights.

### Year 2 / Anno 2

Along with the rest of the school, **Class 5** and **6** were very excited to watch the chicks grow and were incredibly gentle when they held them this week. The children planned a sequel to 'The Pea and the Princess' by Mini Grey which they will be writing next week in **English**. We have been making animal habitats in **forest school** linked to our learning and working hard in **maths** to read scales. **Next week**, we look forward to learning in **geography** some interesting facts about England in the last of our series on countries in the UK and partitioning 2 digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones in **maths**.

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*Dates for Diary/Date per il Diaric*

Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th March	<b>Spring Term Parent Consultations</b>
Week beginning 28th March	<b>YR [Class 1 &amp; 2] Easter Concert</b> [on video via YouTube to be released]
Friday 25th March [change of date]	<b>Easter Fete</b> [in school Easter Activities including a visit to see the Hartford Easter Bunny, £3 donation for goodie bag and sweet treat]
Friday 1st April	<b>Term ends</b> and <b>Easter Bonnet Parade</b> [children bring in Easter bonnets from home and parade in them at the end of the school day] <b>YR at 2.30pm</b> on the <b>front</b> playground, <b>Y1 at 2.45pm</b> on the <b>front</b> playground and <b>Y2</b> on the <b>back</b> playground at <b>2.45pm</b> .

*Easter Tombola/Tombola di Pasqua*

We would love more **Easter Egg donations** for our Tombola, the children love bringing them in, estimating and counting the total and of course winning! To be in with a chance to win, tickets will be on sale for **50p each** or a **strip of 5 tickets for £2.00**. Please send money in a **clearly named envelope** to the school office. The Tombola will be drawn during the last week of term. **Good Luck!**



*Year R Easter Concert/ Anno R Concerto di Pasqua*

Parents of children in **Class 1 and 2**, please look out in book bags for information on the **Easter Concert** costumes needed by **Monday 28th March**. Please sign to give permission <https://forms.office.com/r/YvnAd8aCWc> for your child to appear in a recorded version of the performance on **YouTube** and agree not to share the link with anyone outside of your family. Thank you for your continued support.

*Tree Planting/Piantare Alberi*

**Newnham College**, Cambridge is celebrating its 150th anniversary. To mark the anniversary, former Newnham students are planting trees, as symbols of their encouragement for pupils to go on to become university students. They have adopted the lovely ancient Greek proverb which says, 'Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit under'. Because of our links with the college we were chosen and on Wednesday, despite the rain, we managed to plant a Cercidophyllum Japonicum or Katsura tree. This tree was chosen because it is robust, likes shade but has amazing colour in the Autumn and smells like candyfloss! The children wore our school waterproof suits to ensure they were dry throughout the short ceremony. We hope to see Jerome from Newnham College again in the summer when we can find out more about the Katsura tree and receive a special plaque to commemorate the occasion.

*Velvetiser*

We have been kindly donated a brand new **Hotel Chocolat Velvetiser** and chocolate sachets from Lorenzo and Sofia's family to raffle this week. Tickets for this are on sale for **1 for £3** and **2 tickets for £5**. I am told these machines are in high demand and are worth over £100, we are very lucky to have such a superb prize. We have 2 runner up eggs worth £10 each as well.

Every penny we raise from our activities such as the raffles and fetes is ploughed back into supporting the curriculum. So for instance the chicks cost us over £200 which is a super investment of school fund money, I'm sure you would agree. This weekend, I will be, with the help of my mum, creating the Easter Goodie bags - wish me luck!





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