

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello/नमस्ते

I thought last week was strange but this week was even more so! The **Infant and Preschool** had a long awaited OFSTED visit. They have not been into the school since 2008 which was 15 years ago and there has been a lot of changes to both the school and their handbook which they use to support their judgments. We are not allowed to share the outcomes until the final report is published in a few weeks. All I can say is that EVERYONE within the school and those that support the school in various ways such as the Cam Trust and Governors and even those of you who went onto ParentView have helped to make the experience positive. The children were delightfully honest with the inspectors, the teachers demonstrated why your children make the good progress and do well in their short time with us and the support staff were their usual amazing selves. What Team Work Tigers they are!

Meanwhile in the **Junior School** life continued and we had a **Pentathlon** event for the children on Thursday with Mr Harry Stent, one of the fabulous PE teachers who work in the Junior school from St Peters. This was a success and the children enjoyed an array of events including football, tennis, and cricket and finished in 5th position! The children in **Year 3 and Year 4** have been singing and making the props for their performance next week, so the school is buzzing with excitement and of course singing.

Thank you to everyone who came in to see the **Year 1 and Year 2 children** present their knowledge on the UK in our **Work Share** assemblies.

The first **MHST** [Mental Health Support Team] event was well attended and we hope to organise more in the near future.

Our teachers across both schools were present for all the **Parent Consultations** on Tuesday and Thursday and despite some technology glitches were able to talk to the parents that also tuned in. It was lovely to hear the positive conversations taking place. As you know it is the partnership between school and home that will enable children to make the best progress. If you missed your appointment please contact the school to see if we can arrange another one.

So once again thank you to everyone who has helped us this week, we had lots of cards and some amazing gifts [a fruit platter with oranges and melon all peeled and cut was one of the highlights of the staff room and everything helped the infant staff].

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes/शुभकामनाएं/ Rae Lee [Headteacher]



THANK YOU - YOUR DONATION IS ON ITS WAY!

Your gift of **£619.60** plus **£154.90** in Gift Aid will go towards funding UNICEF's work to help protect children affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye.

Easter/ईस्टर

We are excited about our **Easter Celebrations** happening next week. See overleaf for further information on what is happening.

All Infant and Preschool children have another **colouring competition** in their book bags today. Thank you for all the eggs. **We will always welcome more next week if you forgot today.**

Our **Easter Bonnet Parade** will include our Preschool children this year too. We look forward to seeing you on the playground at **2.30pm on Friday** for the parade and you may take your children home afterwards including those that have siblings in the Junior School.

Uniform/वर्दी

We have a **uniform policy** at both schools to keep the children safe by wearing appropriate clothing and footwear and to help them feel a sense of belonging to a community. Recently children have been coming to school with clothing that hasn't supported their learning. For example, sequin t-shirts can be very distracting for children, crop tops in a gymnastics session can restrain movements and trainers believe it or not can cause arguments. Please ensure that leggings and hoodies remain at home. We appreciate that school logo clothing isn't always appropriate, however please ensure the children are wearing the school colours of **black** or **grey** trousers/skirts, white or **blue** tops and **navy blue** cardigans and fleeces. **Thank you for your support.**

Red Nose Day Competition /

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Mrs du Toit and the **Infant School Council** judged the excellent entries for the **Red Nose Appeal**.

The winners are: Preschool: Amelie E, Class 1: Evelyn, Class 2: Phoebe, Class 3: Kuba, Class 4: Pola, Class 5: Connor and Class 6: Vivienne.

The **Junior School Council** will be judging the Junior entries next week. How exciting! We raised **£130** across both schools. **Thank you!**

Dates for the Diary/ डायरी के लिए दिनांक

Easter Concert	Reception	Tuesday 28th March	Parents and Carers of children in Year R [Class 1 and 2] are invited to listen to the children's Easter Concert from 9.15am
Musical Production	Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 28th March	Year 3 and 4 perform, 'A Medley of Musicals' at 2.00pm and 6.00pm . Please note Year 2 children in the Infant School will see this production
Cake Sale	All Schools	Tuesday 28th March	After school from 3.00pm donated cakes to be sold on front playground. Any parent helpers would be much appreciated [you can collect your child early if you are helping us on the stalls and we really need helpers to make this stall work successfully]
Easter Fete	All schools	Thursday 30th March	Easter Fete [similar to the Christmas Fete], £3/child [see ParentPay for how to purchase your child's entry] for a bag of goodies, an entry to the colouring/quiz competition with separate prizes and an entry ticket for the Easter egg tombola. The raffle will be drawn after school at 3.30pm in the Infant School hall for the prizes- you are welcome to pop in to hear the draw
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant and Preschool	Friday 31st March	Please bring in home made Easter bonnets to school and the children will parade these outside on the front playground at 2.30pm
Last day of term	All Schools	Friday 31st March	All children return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.45am
Summer Term begins	All Schools	Tuesday 18th April	All children welcome into school at 8.45am for YR-Y6 and 9.00am for Preschool children
Australia Day	Infant School	Tuesday 18th April	The Infant School Sparky Start Day will be a celebration of Australia , look out for the poster that children can engage with over the Easter holidays if they wish to. On our Sparky Start Day the children can share their posters and there is a prize for the most interesting facts collected. Children can collect pictures, draw or write facts about this fascinating country. On the day we will offer the children a range of Australian delights! If you have any resources or can support with our work do let us know.

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Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have enjoyed expanding their fine motor skills including some threading, they showed great concentration, perseverance and determination in achieving their aims! We have seen some lovely mark making and so many of the children can now recognise and make marks for the initial sound/letter of their name as well as recognise their own name card at registration and snack times. We have been playing some turn taking games some of which have involved rhyming words which the children are starting to recognise - amazing work! Thank you to the parents who have added to our weekly phonics activities on **Tapestry**, we love to see the children extending their skills at home.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, children have explored outline and infilling as part of our enquiry learning in art. They have enjoyed sketching daffodils as well as using these techniques to create a self-portrait with coloured pencils. In maths we have been recalling doubles to 5 and representing them on our fingers and with a range of practical resources. **Next week** in our Religious Education sessions, we will be learning about special books and sharing stories from both The Bible and The Quran. We are all really looking forward to welcoming you to our **Easter Concert at 9:15am on Tuesday 28th March!** If you haven't sent in your child's costume, please send it in to school in a named bag by Monday at the very latest, ready for our dress rehearsal. Thank you!

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been using the conjunction 'and' to join words and clauses in our writing. In maths we have been counting in 2s and 5s and comparing lengths and height. We were very proud to show our enquiry work to our parents on Thursday morning. Next week, we will be independently writing a description of Gerald from 'Giraffe's Can't Dance', remembering to use capital letters, full stops and the conjunction 'and'. In maths we will be measuring length and height in centimetres.

Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we have started the beginning of our sequel based on the text, 'The Pea and the Princess'. Where will the pea go next? In maths we learnt how to read and draw arrays so we could solve multiplication problems. What a lovely art lesson we had on Wednesday when we were all able to apply all of the techniques we have been learning, such as stippling and blending to our own self portrait.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, the Year 3's finished their NFER tests and we are proud of them for trying their very best and completing them! In English, they have been preparing to write their non-chronological reports. They will choose an animal, research it and then write up a report with all the key features they learned about in class. In geography, the children learned about London and all the facilities it has. We have been working extremely hard to prepare for the production that will happen next week. They participated in a dress rehearsal, and it was sensational. We can't believe the time is almost here and we are eager to perform for the Year 2's, 5's, 6's and parents!

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been busy with our assessments, but we have still managed to learn about using questions about animal characteristics in a branching database to help classify different animals. In English we have been writing our diary entries from Charlie Bucket's perspective for when he entered Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Next week, we have our musical performance and in computing we will be learning the coding to create different shapes.

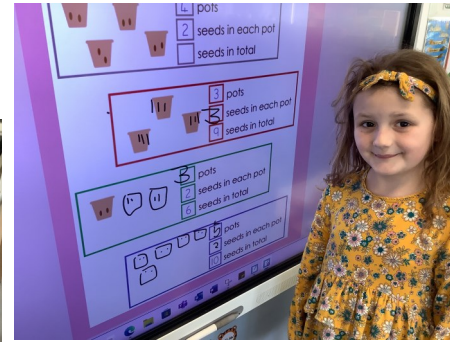
Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children had a wonderful opportunity, in between their assessment papers, to complete an Artscapers session with two wonderful, professional artists! Their task was to explore all the resources that nature has to offer us, to be used in a collaborative art piece. We ventured into the woods, wound through the willow and scoured the pond for any materials that could be used to make maps of all the different zones. The children contributed some fantastic pieces of art, ranging from sculptures to watercolour paintings. They ended the day beaming with pride at the work they had played a part in creating.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, the children have produced some great writing in their non-chronological reports in geography lessons and have identified the features of an explanation text in English lessons in preparation for writing an explanation text next week. Willow class had a visitor from St Peter's this week who led a dissection session looking at the structure of the heart in mammals. The children were able to cut open the heart and see the strings holding the valves in place, the vena cava plus see the chambers of the heart and notice the difference in the thickness of the walls. Holly class will have their session next week. Also on **Wednesday 29th March** we will take part in an art day working with an artist.

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