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Easter Echo



“Egg-tastic Activities”

All the children had great fun on Tuesday taking part in an Easter egg hunt and lots of other Easter related activities. Thank you for supporting the children with the writing challenge and the blown egg decorating - they look amazing. We chose a winner from each class and the winners are:

Year R: Xander Ellcome, Grace Illiffe and Orlah Wallace. Year 1: Saffron Brett, Isla Hale and Lenny Wells. Year 2: William Barron, Sophia Cork and Willow Kennedy.

These children were presented with an Easter Egg in our special assembly today. All the children who entered either the writing or the egg decoration competition received a certificate.

Returning to Normal Drop off and Collection Door: Eagles, Doves and Woodpeckers Classes

We are delighted that the Year 2 toilet refurbishment has been completed and we can open up the South Door. Please can you therefore return to dropping off and collecting your children pre the change of arrangements.

Forest School Round up – Spring 2022

We have enjoyed a fantastic term of Forest School this Spring and have been really lucky with the weather which has allowed us to run all of our sessions outside. Year R have enjoyed making bird feeders and watching the Robins and Great Tits who very much enjoyed eating their seeds. Year 1 have been learning the first steps of carving by using peelers to make natural paintbrushes. Year 2 have been learning knot tying and using their skills to make rafts and explore how and why they float. We are looking forward to and planning some exciting sessions for the Summer term which will include: games, tool work, camp fires and some interesting exploration of what owls like to eat for dinner!

Although the weather might be milder and even hot (hopefully) we would like to remind you that at Forest School children should be wearing long legs and sleeves even in the summer as this helps to prevent them from getting scratched or bitten by insects and this is in our risk assessment. If the weather is very hot, we will adjust our session to ensure that the children are in the shade and kept cool. At all times we do ask that they have a waterproof/coat with them as the weather can be changeable.

Finally, if there are any parents, grandparents or carers that would like to come and help at a Forest School sessions please contact the office, extra help is always welcome and if we know in advance we can plan, particularly for camp fires, biscuits will be provided!

Covid Update

Following the relaxation of the Covid Guidelines on 01 April, please treat any Covid symptoms as you would any illness. Children should not be in school if they have a temperature and if they are generally unwell, they should remain at home until they are well enough to return to school.

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

Year R: Eleanor Chadwick and Elias Khamellah. Year 1: Harper Moran, Isla McFawn, Bobby Smith, Amelia Walters, Skylar-Mai Weeks and Effy Wells. Year 2: Jacob Leither, Bradie Mayhead and Blue Stedman

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: *Harry Boyes, Katie Collins and Alfie Wilkinson.*

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Wagtails' Class
- Doves' Class
- Kestrels' Class

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions:

Timetable for next term has been sent out with this flier. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link [Summer A Timetable](#).

Please note that there will be a new menu when we return after the Easter Break.

When we return after the Easter break we will be on: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Finally, as we close for the holidays after a busy, and successful term I should like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. I do hope that you can all enjoy spending some time relaxing with your children. Let's hope that we have some dry, warm weather so that we can all make the most of the holidays and spend some time outdoors

School closes today at 3.15pm and at 6.00pm for those children attending Beehive. The school reopens on Monday 25 April 8.45am and 7.45am for children attending Breakfast Club.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher