



Friday 1st April

Dear All,

It is a very strange end to the term as we say goodbye to three much-loved members of the team. Mr Jones, who retires as Caretaker, Mrs Utting, who is leaving for a different position and Miss Page who is moving on to a new teaching assistant position. We will miss them all very much and the school will feel different without them. Special thanks especially go to Miss Page who has been so dedicated to the children in Acorn class over the last 6 years. Her positivity and enthusiasm will be incredibly difficult to match and she will be much missed.

There are adverts out for all three positions with the deadline soon after the holidays. Whilst we wait to appoint a teaching assistant for Acorn class, we will ensure support is there for the children with Mrs Hibbins, Mrs Wright and myself working hard to ensure consistency. We know this will mean they continue to make good progress as we move into the summer term. We also welcome Mr Bishop, who has provided some supply cover over the last few weeks, who will be covering whilst the teachers have planning time. If you have any questions just ask.

I hope that you are all able to enjoy a wonderful Easter break and that the weather improves again for us all soon! Stay safe and we will see you on Wednesday April 20th. Happy Easter!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: Preschool have been thinking about and identifying different sounds that they can hear this week. We played a game where they had to identify the instrument that their friend had chosen to play whilst hidden from view. They all did well at the game and went on to play their own version later. Early writing has also featured quite heavily this week - the children have used wet brushes outside, practiced colouring within the lines and begun to perfect their pen-grip. Shark in the Dark and Chocolate Mouse for Greedy Goose have been the favourite stories this week.

Acorn: Acorn had a very creative end to the week as they finished their work on Lubna and Pebble. The children all finished their pebble friends and created houses to keep them safe and warm. We talked about what the house would need and how important it is to feel safe and sound. We will all be very sad to see Miss Page leave but know she will be amazing in her new role – good luck!

Oak: Oak Class have had a fun last week of term, recording their Presentations of Learning in the form of short drama clips about ancient Egypt. They have thought about their scripts, what props they can improvise from the classroom and how to perform these. In maths, they have been looking at telling the time using analogue, digital and 24hr methods. The children loved to see so many of you at the parent book look on Tuesday and it was nice to see lots of them talking to you all about their work. We are all ready for another well-deserved holiday! Happy Easter.

Forest School News We are loving making our own pizzas in the woods! All sorts of exciting toppings came out including BBQ sauce! We have also been busy whittling and sawing all sorts of sticks and realising that wood has different densities! We spent some time extending our dens and collecting things around the wood to trade with. Have a lovely break everyone and see you next term.



Dates for your diary

Y3/4 Forest School – Fridays 29th of April and 13th and 27th of May

Y5/6 Forest School – Fridays 22nd of April and 6th and 20th of May

Y3/4 Swimming – every Monday afternoon

Back to School - Wednesday 20th April

Oak & Birch Gymnastics – Tuesday 26th April

Oak & Birch reward trip to Bewilderwood – Wednesday 27th April

Acorn Gymnastics – Tuesday 3rd May

Acorn Forest School - Wednesday 4th May

Y6 surfing – Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th of May and 16th and 30th of June

Family Learning afternoon – Wednesday 11th May – all welcome!

Acorn trip to Hall Farm – Tuesday 17th May



Family Learning On Wednesday 11th May we will be holding a Family Learning afternoon in school. There will be 3 activities and the children will rotate around them in mixed age groups. The theme for the afternoon will be Planting & Growing. We will start at 1.30pm and parents, carers and other friends or family are warmly invited to come along and join in with the activities. Preschool will also be involved and younger siblings are welcome.

Volunteers wanted! We are always looking for opportunities to get the children reading. Now that Covid has passed (hopefully!) we would love to invite parents, carers or friends to come into school to hear children read. If you or anyone you know would be willing to help out, then please let Mrs Watts know. You don't have to commit a lot of time and we can be flexible to suit you. It would be lovely to develop these links between home and school.

Owl fundraising Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Owl fundraising event on Wednesday and those hearty souls who braved the rain to watch us run. We got very soggy but the children raised a fantastic £127 in sponsorship as well as £49 at the bank sale. This is a really amazing effort and means that we won't only be able to sponsor a panda and an elephant but we will be able to choose more animals too. Thank you for your generosity!





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