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Friday 26th March 2021

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Easter wishes

As another interesting term draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our families well for the Easter break and to thank you all for your continued support during this time—we really appreciate your co-operation in keeping everyone safe in school and thus reducing the chances of us having to go back to home-schooling! The end of this term saw our Easter celebration, that would ordinarily be held in the church. However, we were of course keen to ensure that the children still had the chance to celebrate the story of Easter and to mark the significance of this across all of the classes. Years 3 and 4 sang for us outside, that was broadcast across the school, whilst Years 5 & 6 took on responsibility for readings, Reception, Year 1 & 2 showing pictures that matched these readings. All children across the school have made an 'Easter memento', be that a card, a clay model or an Easter garden, which they will be bringing home today to share with you as their 'gift of Easter'. Through making these, the children have looked at how Easter is symbolised, what new life means and how Jesus made sacrifices and how he rose again. These followed our themes for Collective Worship this half term. Below you are able to see the children proudly sharing their learning.

As you will have learned this week, I will not be saying a final farewell to Sutton until the end of the Summer term. I am delighted to be able to continue to support Sutton in a smaller capacity and to continue working with Mrs Garbutt to continue the improvements at the school. Happy Easter and we look forward to the children's return on Tuesday 13th April.

Mrs Jarman



Learning maths in the great outdoors

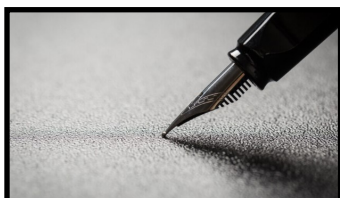
Children in Aquamarine and Tanzanite classes made the most of the spring like weather this week, as they had fun whilst learning all about odd and even numbers. They were set a challenge by their teachers to hunt for numbers and then to look at the shape they had found by that number and decide whether it had been divided equally or not. The children were certainly keen to beat the clock and here you are able to see our mathematical hunters in action.



Queen Mother's handwriting awards

This year we have decided to enter the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 into the Queen Mother's handwriting awards, a competition that has been running annually since 1977. This is a chance for our children to really show off their best handwriting efforts by copying a specific passage of writing whilst they are in school. Entries will then be submitted in the hope of winning a prize. The 1st prize winner will receive a Cross pen engraved with their name. The 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended winner will be awarded a certificate to commemorate their success. Prize winning schools will be invited to the Awards presentation.

Children will be completing their handwriting either this week or the first week back after the Easter break.



Headteacher roll of honour

Alfie in Carnelian Class—For being so inventive when thinking of games to play that ensure good social distancing with his friends. Thank you for thinking of your own safety, as well as that of others.

Sophie in Emerald Class—Sophie took her ABRSM Performance Grade 1 on descant recorder and gained a merit. Well done Sophie and we are very proud, as we know how committed you are!

Thank you for your donations

We have been overwhelmed by the donations of plants and flowers for our Reflection garden, including donations secured by a parent from the Twenty Pence Garden Centre. Our garden is going to look so colourful and will create a lovely, quiet space for children in our school. The planters have arrived and this week some children have been busily painting them to ensure that they are ready to be put into position after the Easter break. We look forward to updating you with our progress. Our planting beds have also been cleared by the children and are now ready for sowing. Hopefully we will see the fruits of our labour in the summer months after all of our tender loving care. Our final week of collection is week beginning 19th April, so if any one fancies planting and growing some seeds over the holidays then we would welcome seedlings and perhaps some sunflowers to add even more colour!



Golden Mile

KS2 pupils will need a pair of trainers and spare pair of socks to keep in school after the holidays as we will resume the Daily Golden Mile



Forthcoming Dates

29th March to 9th April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

12th April: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

13th April: Children return for the Summer term

11th May: Curriculum evening for parents re: handwriting (more details to follow)

w/c 31st May: HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

7th June: Science Week

18th June: Group photos (COVID restrictions permitting)

6th July: Reports sent home to parents

14th July: Reports drop in for parents (more details to follow)

21st July: Last day of term for children

22nd July: INSET DAY (school closed to children)