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**Newsletter 12**

Dear Parents,

Has another term already gone by? Our school year is racing by and we are thrilled that we have completed 2 terms without a break. The children's resilience is growing day by day and we can see that they are gathering the usual learning momentum that we would expect at this time of year. Our usual summer is always very busy and we are excited to be able to return to the many events that await us.

**Our value this half-term is Thanks.**  
*Chronicles 29:13 Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.*



**We are thankful for what we have and will look after our world.**

**World Events**

Thank you for all your contributions to the Ukraine support at the school. We will be sharing more information with you soon about future collections, and don't forget the upcoming walk!

**Easter**

Easter is a time of sadness and celebration. The children have been immersed in both of these aspects of the Easter story and have learned about it and from it. All classes participated in an Easter Pause Day and enjoyed a range of activities, including the year Rs, who listened to the Easter story, made Easter nests and thought about new life in Spring.



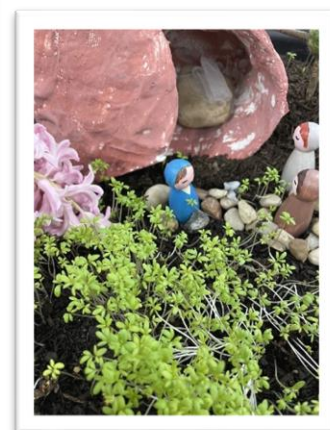
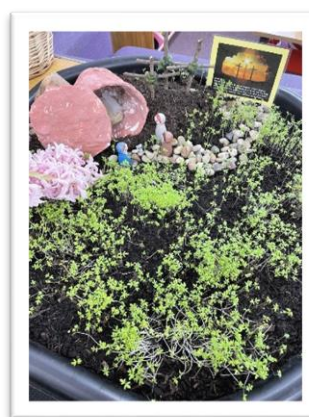
Year 1s made hot cross buns and reflected about the symbolism of the cross,



whilst the Year 2s re-enacted the Easter story and thought about it from the point of view of the witnesses.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rennles for her hard work putting together the Easter Service and making sure we opened our hearts and minds to the message within in such a creative way. It was such a pleasure to join together in worship as a community at the Church.

If you didn't get the chance to see our wonderful small world Easter Garden made by Hedgehogs with the help of Mrs Llewellyn, here is a glimpse. It is on view at St Peter's church over Easter.



**Mother's Day Tea Party**

A favourite occasion that we have not been able to run for the last two years. It was so wonderful to invite the Reception mums into the school to remind them how special and valued they are and give them a treat.

**FONS**

As a small school community, we rely heavily on the support of our parent group FONS to help us provide those extra-special times at school for our children as well as times when we can gather together and socialise. The pandemic has made life very difficult for us in so many ways, including FONS events, but we are now back on track and raring to go! WE NEED YOU! Without your help our children will not get the opportunities that make memories. FONS fund-raising helps us to buy vital resources, hold inspirational immersion days, invite theatre companies and visitors to the school, buy our

summer ice cream end of year treat and so much more! Please let us know if you can offer us support or team up as a partnership or group to take this on. Our school vision includes doing 'A Lot from a Little', so help us take on the challenge of keeping this group active and making a valuable contribution to the school. We will be sending you a flier shortly reminding you what it is all about.

### **COVID**

Given the changes to our approach to Covid, we no longer need to stagger our starting times at the start of the day so from the start of the summer term; **please can all Reception children in Hedgehogs Class arrive at the school at our usual starting 8.50 a.m.** We appreciate that it may take a few weeks for families to get used to this new routine, but it is important that we return to our previous arrangements and maximise our learning time. We would really appreciate it if you could get your children here as close to 8.50 as possible.

Once again we have entered a new phase of the pandemic response and have today received new brief guidance that comes into effect as of today, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a **high temperature or feel unwell**, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature*
- *children and young people who are **unwell and have a high temperature** should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. **They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.***
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.***

We continue to move away from using LFD tests in general. Regular lateral flow testing will only take place in high risk groups and PCR tests will only be used for hospital patients and high-risk people or settings. We will make no changes to our risk assessment and will continue to use the same protective measures we have used for some time as we are aware that cases remain high.

**Take care and have a wonderful Easter break.**

**Paula Bliss (Headteacher)**

INSET days – Wednesday 1st Sept, 22nd October, 4th January 2022, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July is our additional holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### **DATES – SPRING TERM 2022**

Term dates – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022– Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Half term dates – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

INSET Day – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

### **Diary Dates for Spring Term**

03.02.22	Phonics Forum for parents - "Phonics Screening Check – What you need to know to be successful!" 9am (Yr 1)
07.02.22	Multi -skills Sports event at the Ashcombe school – Year 1
11.02.22	Break up for half term
21.02.22	<b>INSET Day</b>
22.02.22	Back to School
24.02.22	SATS Talk – Yr 2 (5pm via Zoom)
03.03.22	World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character
09.03.22	Late Parents' Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
16.03.22	Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
25.03.22	Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
31.03.22	Easter Service - 2pm, all parents welcome
01.04.22	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
01.04.22	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm
<b>19.04.22</b>	<b>Back to School – Summer Term</b>

### **DATES – SUMMER TERM 2022**

Term dates – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 22 July

May Bank Holiday – Monday 2 May

Half term dates – Monday, 30 May – Friday 3 June

INSET days –Thursday 21 July (Platinum Jubilee) & Friday 22 July

MONTH OF MAY – KS1 Tests – NO HOLIDAY FOR YEAR 2 WILL BE AUTHORISED

### **Diary Dates for Summer Term**

19.04.22	Back to School
26.04.22	Class Photos
May 2022	KS1 tests for Yr2 commence ( see above note re: holidays)
<b>02.05.22</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
20.05.22	'Share a pencil' day
25.05.22	Year 1 & 2 – Trip to Guildford Cathedral
27.05.22	Break up for half term ( Queens Platinum Jubilee)
06.06.22	Back to School - Art Jubilee celebration activity



*In God's Hands We Learn and Grow*

w/c 06.06.22 Phonics testing  
 17.06.22 Parent Workshop – Reading  
 20 – 24.06.22 Science Week – ‘Growth’  
 22.06.22 Whole School Trip – Look Out Centre  
 23.06.22 Welcome Meeting for Parents of September intake 6.00pm  
 28 / 29.06.22 TBC Transition Day  
 01.07.22 FONS - Disco  
 04.07.22 Story session for new intake 2.30-3.00pm  
 06.07.22 Sports Day 1.30pm  
 07.07.22 Teddy Bears Picnic (Yr R and Pre-school)  
 08.07.22 Year R – bring your bike to school  
 09.07.22 Summer Celebration (May Queen) tbc  
 11.07.22 Story session for new intake 2.30-3.00pm  
 11 – 15.07.22 Reports to go out (all years)  
 13.07.22 Parent Drop-in – “Book Looks” 3.15-4.15pm  
 13.07.22 Rescheduled Sports Day (in case of bad weather) pm  
 19.07.22 Yr2 Leavers’ Service in the School Hall 2pm followed by  
 Yr2 Leavers’ Party  
**20.07.22 Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.00pm)**  
**21.07.22 Platinum Jubilee Day – Bank Holiday**  
**22.07.22 INSET Day**

#### **2022 - 2023**

**01.09.22 INSET DAY**  
**02.09.22 INSET DAY**  
**05.09.22 Back to School**  
**21.10.22 INSET DAY**  
**17.04.23 INSET DAY**  
**21.07.23 INSET DAY**

