



**Weekly Newsletter—No. 25**

Yesterday we had our ‘Fun Run’ around the playground in aid of Sport Relief. The children (and staff) ran as many laps of the playground as they could to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. In assembly, Miss Love showed the children where and how some of the funds raised are spent. The children stamped a sheet to show how many laps they completed with many of the children running more than 1 mile! Mrs O’Malley measured the circuit and 21 laps equals 1 mile.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Friends quiz night tonight at Bourton Village Hall. Many thanks to the Friends for organising this I know that they raise a lot of money for the school.

The nursery and reception staff have already put in requests for some outside construction equipment and both Class 1 and Class 2 now have visualisers which were paid for by the Friends.

A date for your diary – we are having our Grounds Day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We will be planting some hedging in our Wildlife Area as well as having a general tidy up. You can pop in and lend a hand anytime between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Do not worry if you are not ‘green fingered’ we just need your time and energy.

Don’t forget our end of term Church service at Leamington Hastings Church, 2.30 on Thursday.

**Early Years Easter Fun Morning – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.15-11.15 (parents welcome)**

We will be having an egg rolling race during our Easter Fun Morning so could all Nursery and Reception children please bring in a hard boiled egg for the race. All eggs need to be brought in on Monday morning. All Nursery children are welcome to join in our Easter Fun morning but a parent/guardian must stay with them if it’s not their usual Nursery day.

**Teaching Assistant Vacancy**

Mrs Moran is leaving us at the end of term so we have a vacancy for a L1 Teaching Assistant for approximately 22.5 hours per week 8.45-1.15 ish Monday to Friday, term time only. This role is to start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Further information and an application form are available on the Coventry Diocese MAT website <https://www.covmat.org/vacancies>. If you are interested please send in your completed application form to [admin3180@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3180@welearn365.com) by 10.30am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Moran the best of luck for the future.

**Music lessons**

We have had an enquiry about starting private music lessons in school to give children the opportunity to learn how to play a string instrument. The cost of these lessons is dependent on how many children share the lesson, so please let the office know if you would be interested. Depending on uptake, we will look into the cost and potentially starting lessons in September.

## **Nursery**

We have started our week off by thinking of Easter. It's hard to believe it's that time of year again! The children listened to a very simple version of the Easter story which was mostly picture cues. We then started to make some lovely Easter cards and a bunny headband for next week's Easter fun morning. They have all worked very hard using their cutting and creative skills. When it was dry we decided to use this opportunity to go on a spring walk around the grounds starting with the large playground. The children had a check list looking for different signs of spring which included daffodils, squirrels, green leaves and buds on bushes and trees. They were very fascinated with their outdoor environment! In the afternoon we carried on with the spring theme by drawing lovely spring pictures. What could they remember from the morning?

We did have fun on Sport's relief day! The Nursery children really enjoyed being a part of this important fun rising event. We went to the Sport Relief assembly learning about why it is important to support people who are less fortunate than us! In Nursery we spoke about a little girl from South Africa called Awande and her family. We learnt about what Awande likes to do, eat, play and her pet cat called Micky. It gives us an opportunity to develop an understanding of families and communities from other parts of the world. We were so tired after our sponsored run, walk and sometimes jumping! It was worth it!

## **Homework**

I will be sending home a small pack containing two small posters of an 'I Spy' game. This week we have been playing this during phonics and I am sure the children would love to share their learning with you! Have fun!

## **Class 1**

This week in class one we have focus our English around The Easter Story. The children have been learning about why we celebrate it, how we celebrate it and looked at the Easter Story in detail. We have done some wonderful writing retelling the story and explain what happened to Jesus during the story. We have made some wonderful Easter cards for our families as this is one of the things we found out that people do at Easter time and we also sequenced the Easter story to retell the story, so the children should be able to tell you all about what happened and why we have Easter.

In phonics we have been revising the sounds 'oa' and 'igh'. We have continued learning our phase 4 tricky words which the children have nearly mastered. We have been practising spelling our tricky words as part of our dictation.

In maths we have continued to look at measuring however we are now measuring length and height. We have been helping the Easter bunny order various things in height and length order, such as Easter eggs and her Easter bunny friends. The children have also been measuring items using various resources such as cubes.

On Thursday we had lots of fun taking part in our Sports Relief fundraising event. The children did an incredible job at taking part and nearly all of the class managed to run a mile in the 20 minutes which is 21 laps, some even did more!

We are looking forward to next Tuesday as we are holding an Easter Fun morning. This will consist of various Easter activities for the children. Parents are welcome to come along and join in with all of the fun things we have planned. This will be for Reception and Nursery children only. Overall a wonderful week in class 1, have a lovely weekend!

## **Class 2**

Well it is hard to believe that we only have one week to go until Easter. We have had a busy week as usual, the children were very enthusiastic to participate in Sport's Relief and they all did amazingly well. We measured the playground and estimated that 21 laps worked out at about a mile which many children completed in the 20 minutes. Well done children, what a fit lot you all are!

Our learning:

Phonics:- igh, i-e, ie, y, i      tight, might, night, like, bike, nice, pie, lie, tie, fly, sky, kind, mind

SPAG- plurals- s, es, ies, Contractions- n't

Maths: Time intervals, counting in quarters, estimating including round to the nearest ten, number bond work

Topic

PHSE- Going for goals, justice

History- Significant women – Florence Nightingale.

RE-Easter- Palm Sunday

Art- Designing crosses

Homework: Spellings, reading.

We noticed that the children are a bit rusty with their number bonds so please practise this over the weekend. Many thanks

Y1- phoneme spotter story

Y2- plurals sheet



**Thank you for all your donations and sponsorship money for our Sport Relief challenge yesterday.**

**Please can you send in any donations/sponsorship money on Monday and we will be able to give you a grand total next week.**

## Head Teacher's Awards

- Class 2 - Jimmy for his maths reasoning.  
Tyler – The Rabbit problem in his own time.  
Reading 5 times – Florence, Samuel, Anna, Jenny, Isaac, Noah, Robbie, Kara, Preeya, Jimmy, Owen & Adrija.  
PE Stars: Tyler, Amelie, Isaac and Jenny.
- Class 1 – Everyone in Class 1 for their efforts in Sport Relief and getting sponsored.  
Reading 3 times – Tom, Phoebe, Niamh, Henry, Nevaeh, Charlotte, Felix, Oscar, Holly, Annabelle & Emme.  
PE Stars: Tom, Annabelle, Henry and Niamh.
- Nursery – Lawrie and Florence for using their cutting skills when making their Easter cards.  
Aniyah for always being happy to join in new activities.  
Rory for sharing his ideas in the cafe.

### **Attendance Award**

Barn Owls – 100% attendance and no lates.

### **Prince/Princess of Presentation**

Noah for his report on Rosa Parks  
Oscar for a huge improvement in his writing  
Tom for working hard on his spring picture..

### **Out of School Achievement**

Alice – 5<sup>th</sup> cup in Tae Kwon Do and Stage 4 Swimming.  
Jenny - colouring competition.

### Dates for your Diaries – new dates in bold

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| Mon 26/03/18        | PM – PE ( <b>please make sure PE kits are in school</b> )<br>3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club   |
| Tues 27/03/18       | 9.15 – 11.15am EYFS Easter Fun Morning<br>Parents/guardians welcome.   |
| Wed 28/03/18        | 3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance Club   |
| Thurs 29/03/18      | 12.10 – French Club<br>2.30pm End of Term Service, Leamington Hastings<br>(Collect Children from School at 2.15pm.). Please<br>complete and return transport slips by Tuesday. |
| Mon 16/04/18        | Back to school   |
| Thurs 19/04/18      | FoLH Bingo   |
| <b>Sun 22/04/18</b> | <b>10.00-2.00 School Grounds Day</b>   |

### **Church Slips**

Church slips for next week's service have been sent out so if you have not already returned these, please could you send them back by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.