



*Do Everything with Love*  
*(1 Corinthians 16:14)*

April Newsletter 2019

### April Reflection

*"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."* Mother Teresa



This month's reflection starts from the above quote which is from an amazing, courageous, famous yet humble lady- St Teresa of Calcutta who has always been an inspiration to me and, I'm sure, many of you. She cared for children who were left with no one to care for them, giving them their basic needs - food, water, clean clothes, medical help and immeasurable love and kindness. After our mothers day service last week and the children's responses about their mothers selfless giving, it has made me reflect on the impact these basic needs have on our children today. Do we appreciate those who deliver these basic needs in today's ambitious society? The previous week, our CAFOD volunteer, Bea Taylor, shared with us her experiences of meeting children overseas who, unfortunately, are not having their basic needs met: clean water, nourishing food, warm clothes. Can we do more to support these people and others?

Lent has now passed the halfway mark and in school we are all thinking about what we can still do to help each other and ourselves. 'It's never too late to start' has been the message from our Gospel readings over the past few weeks. So let's start April with a refreshed mind, say goodbye to the failings and start again, remembering that God is always there to support us if we ask him through prayer. As we watch new life slowly emerge from the plants and fields, let us invite hope to join us on the rest of our journey through Lent culminating in the celebratory joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Have an contemplative April everyone,

Gerardine Christopher

### MRS BUCKLEY

**We say a fond farewell to Mrs Buckley on Tuesday 30th April. We will miss her greatly and thank her for everything she has done to support the children in our school. She has been a teacher at our school for 14 years and has shown great commitment and dedication to enrich and nurture the lives of the children in her care. Trips to London, Stonehenge and to see the Mary Rose have all been thanks to Mrs Buckley.**

**We will all miss her sheer determination and resolve to help others, especially in her role as SENDCO.**

**We welcome Mrs Rose who will be the Year 5 teacher starting after the Easter holidays. I am sure you will all make her feel at home in our friendly school.**

## HELPING OTHERS

Look how we're all helping in different ways:

We have knitted a hat for a premature baby- a cause which Mrs Kent supports.



We have brought in lots of material to help Mrs Kent who makes blankets for

homeless people.

We are displaying the Easter message of new life in a shop window with hand made chicks and messages.



## Violin Recital (Musicianship Programme)

Our violinist pupils showed off their musical talents at a recent recital in the hall. We were very impressed by their progress and ability to play together. Well done to them and thank you the violin teacher, Dorota Stenwalk! Our summer musical recital will be by Year 4 who will be learning to play the clarinet next term.



## BEECH CLASS TADPOLES!

Where we got them:

We got the frogs spawn from the pond in the Nature Garden. Beech Class were all really excited.

Where we kept them:

We have been keeping them in an old fish tank in our classroom, with pond weed and dead leaves to hide among and eat. After a couple of weeks the tadpoles hatched and we watched them nibbling the jelly eggs.

What we fed them:

Once they had eaten all their eggs, they ate some of the plant algae. When they were a bit bigger, we fed them special tadpole food that STANK!!

How they've changed:

They have changed from little dots, to being tiny tadpoles, then big tadpoles, then they grew back legs, then they grew front legs, then they lost their tails and had become tiny frogs. We noticed that when they turned into frogs, they no longer lived in the water as much because they needed to breathe air.



by Joshua and Mollie ( Y3 Beech Class)

Thank you to our PTFA and all of YOU!

£466



was raised at 'Movie night' for our school.

Your spending at Book Club has helped the school buy £150 worth of books for the classrooms.

THANK



YOU!!!



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Back to School!

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Don't forget to bring in your Easter Garden, Easter Bonnet or Easter poem for the PTFA Easter Event.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – **EASTER MASS** 9:15am in the church. Please join us and Fr Tim as we celebrate Easter.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Come and see the Easter gardens and Bonnets and read the Easter poems in the school hall at **2:30 -3:00 pm** You can also buy a raffle ticket for the Easter Cake raffle which will be announced in the children's assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> along with the other prizes. Our CEO Raymond Friel will be presenting the prizes to the children!

**NITS!**

*We have had a few cases of nits this half term. Could you please check your child's hair over the Easter holiday and if necessary treat.  
Thank you.*

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

*When the children return to school after the holiday they may wear their summer uniform. A.F. Joy in Wareham have the details of our summer uniform. Here's hoping that the sun will shine!*

### YEAR 5 ECO Group

This month's top tip the school Eco team  
(Amelia, Megan & Vaneska) :

**Don't leave the tap  
running when you clean  
your teeth!**



## TEAM CAREY CAMP

A group of children visited Carey camp last week on a venture with other schools. They did team building activities and had a fabulous time getting to socialise with other children. Mrs Merry said their behaviour was impeccable and she was very proud of them. Well done team Carey camp!



## Awe and wonder in creation

In March we had some unexpected visitors in the atrium- 9 chick eggs! We were able to observe closely over time how each one hatched and grew during the first two weeks of their lives. After that, one of our pupils was able to rehome them in a suitable chicken coop.

